

# Goa Anglican Centre News

(March 2020)

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this March edition of the Goa Anglican Centre News. It's an exciting time of year with lots going on and many things to look forward to!

In the last month I had the joy of making new contacts for our charity in Oldham and Portsmouth. Fr Richard Dashwood kindly invited me to join a chapter meeting of the Society of Catholic Priests in Manchester Diocese. This began with a Mass at St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, at which I was asked to speak. This was followed by an excellent curry and informal fellowship. It was a great chance to meet old friends and spread the word about the work of our charity. There was considerable interest in what we do, and a few people expressed an interest in volunteering. Please do pray that that interest develops, and we may soon welcome new volunteers from the Manchester diocese.

## Dates for your diary

Tues 17 March 7.30pm: Cheshunt Cell

Tues 24 March 7.30pm: Barnet Cell

Wed 25 March 7.30pm: York Cell

Thurs 2 April 10.30am – Bath Cell

Sun 5 April 10am: West Midlands Cell



Further south, Fr Bryan Hackett invited me to preach at the main Sunday Mass at St. Mark's, North End, Portsmouth (pictured). The service was well attended and there was considerable interest in the Goa Anglican Centre. Fr Bryan will be discussing ways forward with the parish and looking at whether they might be involved with fundraising. We give thanks for their enthusiasm, for Fr Bryan's support of our charity and for his ministry in Portsmouth.

Our new cell in Cheshunt has now had its first meeting and I look forward to attending the second. This will be on Tuesday 17

March at St Mary's, Cheshunt and will take the form of a Mass followed by informal conversation. Please do come and join us if you are in the area.

Our other cells all meet as usual this year, though I ask your prayers particularly for Emmanuel, Wylde Green and the York parishes as they are all now without a full-time priest. The next major event for us is the annual festival. Please see the separate poster and do join us if you can.

Thank you as always for your support in so many ways. Please do note the dates of our special festival this year and share the poster with your friends, family and church.

With all best wishes,

*Richard Lees*

Richard Lees,  
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# The Goa Anglican Centre National Festival 2020

## Mary Mother of God

24 April 6pm: Rosary, Fish & Chips (£6)

25 April 11am: Sung Mass & Lunch (£5)  
Talks/Discussions/Evensong/Benediction  
Tea & Cake

26 April 9am: Sung Mass & Breakfast



St. John  
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Bathwick

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# 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 the success of our annual festival.**

**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 Pernem and Bicholim regions, 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

<b>Tues 17 March 7.30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's, Cheshunt</b>	<b>Holy Communion with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre</b>
<b>Tues 24 March 7.30pm</b>	<b>St Marks, Barnet</b>	<b>Mass with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre</b>
<b>Wed 25 March 7.30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's, Bishopill Junior, York</b>	<b>Mass with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre</b>
<b>Thurs 2 April 10.30am</b>	<b>St John the Baptist, Bathwick, Bath</b>	<b>Mass with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre. Tea, coffee and biscuits after Mass</b>
<b>Sun 5 April 10am</b>	<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>

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