

# WORSHIP IN MARCH AND APRIL 2014

## ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, COPENHAGEN

*(All regular services at St Alban's take place at 10:30)*

Sunday 2 Mar at 1030	Parish Eucharist and Baptism, Canon Ulla Monberg
Wed 5 March at 1030	Morning Prayer, Verger Jane Passant
Wed 5 Mar at <b>18.00</b>	Ash Wednesday – Canon Ulla Monberg
Sunday 9 Mar at 1030	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, Parish Eucharist Canon Ulla Monberg
Wed 12 Mar at 1030	Morning Prayer
Sunday 16 Mar at 1030	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Parish Eucharist
Wed 19 Mar at 1030	Holy Communion (St Joseph) Canon Ulla Monberg
Sun 23 Mar at 1030	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Parish Eucharist, Canon Ulla Monberg, <i>Preacher:</i> Archdeacon John Perumbalath, Diocese of Chelmsford
Wed 26 Mar at 1030	Morning Prayer, Verger Jane Passant
Sun 30 Mar at 1030	Mothering Sunday Parish Eucharist <b><i>(Bishop David Coles' first Sunday, Parish "Ploughman's lunch afterwards)</i></b>
Wed 2 April at 1030	Holy Communion, Bishop David
Sun 6 April at 1030	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Parish Eucharist, Bishop David
Wed 9 April at 1030	Morning Prayer, Verger Jane Passant <b>Holy week begins</b>
Sun 13 April at 1030	Palm Sunday, Parish Eucharist Bishop David
Wed 16 April at 10.30	Morning Prayer, Bishop David
Thurs 17 April 18.30	Maundy Thursday, Bishop David
Friday 18 April 10.30	Good Friday – Bishop David
Sat 19 April 19.30	Easter Eve – Bishop David
Sunday 20 April 10.30	Easter Sunday – Bishop David
Wed 23 April	Morning Prayer, Verger Jane Passant
Sunday 27 April 10.30	Parish Eucharist – Bishop David <b>12.30 -Parish Annual Church Meeting</b>

**Sunday parish Eucharist is held in the main church and lasts a little over 1 hour, using Common Worship.**

*If you use a hearing aid, please use the T switch to connect to the loop system.*

- Coffee and tea is served after the Sunday service.
- The Sunday school starts at 10:25 except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month
- Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of each month.
- Our choir is led by Iain McLarty and his deputy organist Isaac.

## **ST ALBAN'S CHURCH IN JUTLAND**

The Anglican Parish of St Alban's covers the whole Kingdom of Denmark, with St Alban's Church in Copenhagen gathering for worship at 1030 every Sunday and Wednesday. We also have three English-speaking congregations in Jutland, in partnership with the local Danish Church, that gather on these dates;

### **VEJLE**

at Løgetkirke, Løget Center 2, at 1400  
9 March, led by Deacon Christophe  
Details from [chndi2011@gmail.com](mailto:chndi2011@gmail.com)

### **AARHUS**

At Møllevangskirke at 1900 on 13 April, 8 June, 28 September, 2 November, 21 December (led by Bishop David Coles).  
Details from Rogena Holst [palle.holst@mail.dk](mailto:palle.holst@mail.dk)

### **JELLING**

At Jelling Church, at 1400 on 23 February, 27 April, 29 June, led by Deacon Christophe  
details from [chndi2011@gmail.com](mailto:chndi2011@gmail.com)

All are warmly welcome.

# LENT

**On Ash Wednesday Christians begin the traditional season of LENT.**

Lent comes from an old English word meaning spring, a time of life and hope. For Christians to experience the resurrection life of Easter, we must look carefully at what needs putting right in our own lives. So, the Church calls us to a season of reflection and prayer, giving up some of our customary distractions.

The season of Lent used to begin on the sixth Sunday before Easter. Only the weekdays however were fast days, so in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, four days were added to make up forty weekdays of fasting, to parallel Christ's own fast and journey in the wilderness.

The beginning of Lent had from the earliest times been marked by the ceremonies of the catechumens signing up to be taught in preparation for baptism at Easter (as is also the custom here at St. Alban's), and the penitents asking for reconciliation at Easter.

Lent is not just for penitence and a review of life, but also a time for study and reflection. It is a time, for us to set our lives aright, a time for bringing into consciousness what is askew in our world – in our own lives and in the community far and near around us.

On Ash Wednesday we may receive the sign of the cross in ash on our foreheads, and as a Christian community we set off on a path, on an inward pilgrimage, through our own forty days in the wilderness.

Lent may include not only giving up some of our usual distractions, but perhaps even taking up something that could change our relationship with those around us.

It could mean extending that extra kindness to a neighbour, or looking with fresh eyes at the person who often seems so irritating, or perhaps letting go of a long held grudge against someone.

Lent is a season to focus on our call to be followers of Christ which is all about relationship and about transformation – of self and community.

It is a real source of encouragement that as we begin the journey through Lent, even at this early stage, we are firmly on a path that will eventually lead us to Good Friday and into the wonderful Easter celebrations.

As we move through Lent, you may find this prayer by Janet Morley helpful: “O God,

*you have made us for yourself,  
and against your longing there is no defence.  
Mark us with your love,  
and release in us a passion for your justice  
in our disfigured world;  
that we may turn from our guilt and face you,  
our heart's desire.”*

Revd. Canon Ulla Monberg

## LAYREADER GRAEME LEADS LENT GROUP 2014

During this year's Lent Group, we will be following the new York Course: "Build on the Rock" (from Matthew 7.24), which starts by looking at faith and doubt.

- Is it wrong – or is it normal and healthy – for a Christian to have doubts?
- Is there any evidence for a God who loves us?



We will be hearing from many witnesses, opinions and voices. At the heart of a Christian answer stands Jesus himself; we consider his 'strange and beautiful story', reflecting upon his teaching, death, resurrection and continuing significance.

There will be five sessions, all held in the upper room from 12:15 until 13:00 after the Sunday services:

- (1) Believing and doubting, 9th March
- (2) Jesus - our teacher, 16th March
- (3) Jesus - our Saviour, 23rd March
- (4) Jesus - conqueror of death, 30th March
- (5) Jesus - Lord and brother, 6th April

The course has been well-received elsewhere and the Church Times review (Jan 2014) stated: "With provocative quotations on every page and plenty of human interest, this course probes more deeply than its gentle, friendly style might suggest. It also makes things as simple as possible for those running it ... John Young wears his thoughtful theology lightly, and the recorded sessions offer an interesting range of insights."

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## FESTIVE FAREWELL TO CHAPLAIN JONATHAN LLOYD ON 23 FEB 14

The church was full that bright sunny winter morning. Many had come to say goodbye to our Chaplain of 4½ years. Revd Palle Thordahl from the Danish Lutheran Church in Kastrup joined Canon Ulla Monberg and Deacon Christophe from Vejle at the altar, and the choir was in wonderful voice, leading the congregation in rousing hymns.

Jonathan's sermon dealt with a impressive list of events and activities that he had found memorable in his time here. As the Churchwarden pointed

out in her speech of farewell and God-speed, many of these events had been initiated by himself – in his mission to move St Alban’s forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> C as a growing, inclusive, truly international church, where the people take priority over the building and God is in everything we do.

Before the final blessing, our African members, led by Grace Tetteh, a chorister, broke into a joyous and wonderfully and spontaneous gospel song.



As a surprise for the Lloyds, Ulla had organised a final all-inclusive blessing where those nearest to the family touched them and then linked up with those behind. As we all stood, in contact and sending love and blessings for the future, Iain led us in Thomas Tallis’s canon (with modern, appropriate words). The congregation really got going and the beautiful canon went round and round much longer than he’d expected.



Sarah Sørensen and her team provided wonderful snacks and Peter and Junior had organised sparking, white and red wine and soft drinks. The farewell ended in true “Danglish” style with a Danish “længe lever and skål” and “For they are jolly good fellows”.

Maja Martin had been commissioned by the Church Council to paint a painting of St Alban's for Jonathan, who had lost loved pictures by his father in the flood of 2011. The cost of the gift was largely covered by donations from the congregation.

In thanking Jonathan very much for all his care and work and effort for our St Alban's since August 2009, we all wish him, Sue, Emma and Sarah all the very best of health and happiness in their new home parish of Bridge, in the diocese of Canterbury.



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DIOCESE IN EUROPE

THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND



The Suffragan Bishop  
The Right Reverend  
David Hamid

## BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL, 2014

On Ash Wednesday, 5 March, we begin the 40 day journey of Lent when Christians, through the disciplines of prayer, fasting and self-denial, strengthen our relationship with God. We will seek to repent of the ways that mar God's image in us, and keep us from his purposes for our lives. But we will also hear the Prophet Isaiah's voice, "Is this not the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?" (Isaiah 58.6). Our repentance is shown in action to address human need, and to set free our sisters and brothers from the slavery of injustice and oppression.

This year the Bishop's Lent Appeal is in partnership with Christian Aid, to support the education and empowerment of over 1000 women in Afghanistan. Afghan women and girls, already at a disadvantage in a country devastated by years of conflict, have also been excluded from education and participation in community life under the oppressive rule of the Taliban. This project will help to set women free, through providing literacy and education, training in their rights, and providing funds in communities for small grassroots projects to benefit marginalised women and youth. The empowering of women in this ancient land is key to building the future of this country, which actually borders with our own Diocese in Europe.

Christian Aid has given over this project uniquely to us in this Diocese, and has secured 3:1 matching funding from the EU. So our own gifts will

be partnered with European international development money to provide substantial support to this work. I would like to challenge the faithful of our congregations to raise at least £15,000, which with EU matching funding will mean that a total of £60,000 will benefit this important project.

More information is in the accompanying flyer, on the diocesan website and available from Christian Aid itself ([christianaid.org.uk/partnerships](http://christianaid.org.uk/partnerships)). Please give generously to this appeal, and help to transform the lives of Afghan women and girls and build a generation of hope. With my prayers for a blessed Lent, Holy Week and Easter,

*David*

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## SOCIAL NEWS SECTION – St Alban’s Theatre Club

*That Theatre Company* presents:  
**“God of Carnage”** by Yasmina Reza

Director: Harry Burton

With: Ian Burns, Sira Stampe, Adam Brix,  
& Katrin Weisser

**19th February - 22nd March 2014**

Monday - Friday 8pm, Saturday 5pm

*KRUDTTØNDEN*

*Serrdslevvej 2, 2100 Kbh Ø*

**Tickets: [billetten.dk](http://billetten.dk) 70 20 20 96 or 7020 20 96**



credit: Sira, Sean & Thomas / That Theatre Company

“God of Carnage” is a viciously funny and biting comedy that takes place in the aftermath of a playground fight between two schoolboys. Their parents decide to meet to “talk” it out. What starts as a polite discussion soon degenerates into verbal warfare with all four adults revealing their own issues and true colours.

Winner of both the Tony and Laurence Olivier Award for “Best Play” — God of Carnage is a fast paced comedic satire described as a “comedy of manners...without the manners.”

**Performance begins at 20:00 and 19:30 for pre-drinks at the theatre.**

*And then for something completely different:*

## “WIT”

by Margaret Edson

March 6 - March 22, 2014

Bådteatret, Nyhavn 16, Copenhagen

Directed by Peter Dupont Weiss, with Sue Hansen-Styles, Andrew Jeffers, Bennet Thorpe, Miriam Yeager and Eira Pryce.



### **Funny. Brutal. Moving.**

How should we live our lives knowing that we will die? Is the way we live our lives and manage our relationships with others ultimately more important than our material and professional achievement? When we know that our days are numbered, what is really most important to us?

Margaret Edson’s Pulitzer prize-winning play tackles these issues in a forceful yet unsentimental way. WIT is a funny, sharp, life-affirming and enlightening piece about human relations, dignity, forgiveness, compassion and grace in the light of one woman’s imminent death.

## A RESTORATION RESUMÈ

The “Year of Restoration” has extended into 2014 but is winding up.

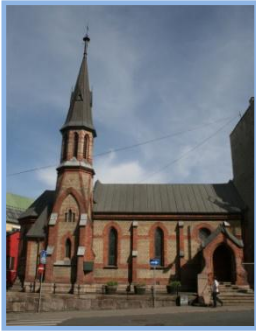
**Drainage:** You may not believe this, and you certainly won’t particularly even WISH to know this but we are now connected to the City Sewer! There is a new pump outside our toilets and another very close to Prince Charles’ tree. So after many years of trying – it has finally happened. Now all that is needed is the grass to grow on Churchillparken and no-one will ever know that one of the most expensive projects, donated by the Mærsk Foundation, is complete!

**Windows:** In February Devlin Plummer’s boys returned to clamber up onto Nils Oldenburg’s scaffolding to remove the last 5 windows to be restored. 2 on each side of the Princess Alexandra memorial and the Princess Viggo memorial are, at present rather badly covered wooden holes. BUT we are assured that probably just after Easter these will be restored to us in pristine shape, ready to withstand the test of time and weather for the next 75 – 100 years.

**The memorials restoration** work has been completed by Susanne Trudsoe of the National Museum restoration team and we now have a pristine WW I memorial at the back of the church and King Edward VII’s profile is as white as alabaster. CCC



## NEWS FROM THE DEANERY: NORWAY HAS A NEW CHAPLAIN



The Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway has 4 congregations, but only Oslo has its own church building - St. Edmund's. Each of the other 3 congregations, Bergen, Stavanger and Trondheim, has an Assistant Chaplain and an agreement to use local churches, while Oslo has a "Senior Chaplain for the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway". Only two weeks ago the new Senior Chaplain, Dr. Brian Russell, was licensed by Bishop David and many of the clergy were gathered in Oslo for the occasion (see photo). The Oslo congregation have had several months of

locums since the previous Chaplain, Janet Heil, retired last June to concentrate on working with pilgrims in the North of England, so they were very pleased to greet their new Chaplain and he has already started sharing his ideas on Oslo's mission.

On June 29th this year, it will be 130 years since the first service was held at St. Edmund's and a little longer (November 8th 1883) since the foundation stone was laid. They, too, have royal connections. Queen Maud, daughter of Britain's King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, was married to Danish Prince Carl who later



became King Haakon VII of Norway. She was a regular visitor to St. Edmund's with her son, Prince Olav, later King Olav V, and the altar cross and the candlesticks, which are used every Sunday, were a gift from her.

Oslo, as the capital city, has many English-speaking embassies and organisations about 80 of whom worship at St. Edmund's each Sunday. Since the Norwegian government gives scholarships to students from abroad, mainly Africa, there is a significant group of student worshippers. Apparently, it is not unusual to have representatives from 15-20 different countries in the congregation on a Sunday. There is also a Sunday School every Sunday for 10-15 children and they have recently started a children's choir, which sings on the first Sunday of every month at the Family Service. There is also an adult choir and a talented young organist,

Edward Dean, who organises concerts on Saturdays, which have brought new worshippers to the church.

They, too, have an annual bazaar, held in November each year and this brings in welcome funds to help maintain the church building. During Lent, they serve soup in church and people are asked to donate money for this lunch, which is used to support their outreach programme.

Other activities are a bible study group (which meets for breakfast and study on a Sunday), Lent and Advent groups and, something new, started by the new Chaplain, will be "prayer days" during Holy Week.

I am most grateful to Ingeborg Wörheide, who is one of the Deanery Synod representatives for Norway, for her invaluable help with this article. She asked me to tell you that, if you want some more information, you can "just take the boat from Copenhagen to Oslo" and visit St. Edmund's at Møllergata 30, where the Sunday Eucharist starts at 11 am. She says that they would be "very pleased to see you".

Pauleen Bang, Deanery Representative

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## **CALLING ALL GUARDIANS ... we need you!**

The pre-season meeting for the Guardians will be on

**Wednesday 2 April at 11.15**  
after the morning prayer service.

We are always looking for new volunteers so if you can give St Alban's a few hours a week during the summer on a regular or occasional basis, do come and join us. Sandwiches and coffee/tea will be served.

Please let Rosemary Bohr know if you can come, or if you have any questions, on [rosemary.bohr@gmail.com](mailto:rosemary.bohr@gmail.com), Tel: 45 88 31 32.

# CHRISTMAS “SHOEBOX GIFTS” BRING JOY TO NEEDY WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT THE ‘DANNERHUSET’ REFUGE



On 3 February 14 Claire and Michelle (St Alban’s contact people with Dannerhuset after Mary Pay left) received the following email and photograph. Dannerhuset is a refuge for women and children whose work St Alban’s Mother’s Union has supported at Christmastime. For several years generous people have collected shoeboxes and small Christmas gifts for children of all ages, and for their mothers. The Mother’s Union, led this last year by Michelle Hylands, wrapped the shoeboxes and lids in Christmas paper, and filled them with age-specific gifts, labeled them and delivered them a week or so before Christmas. Their wonderful work was

received by delighted staff, who now feel they have a close relationship with St Alban’s women. Here is one of the leader’s grateful responses:

*Dear Claire and Michelle,*

*First of all I want to thank you and the congregation for thinking of us again this year. All the children and mothers were very happy to receive the Christmas boxes and Christmas stockings you put together. It was clear they were made with great care and thought. I’ve attached a picture of the boxes under the tree. I got the impression that you’d like the stockings back. They are in my office, and you can pick them up anytime you like.*

*I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all the best for the new year.*

*With best regards, **Christina Filtenborg** Social Adviser*

Details for anyone wishing to give extra support are:

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Danner is a private organisation, working nationally and internationally to prevent violence against women and children.

# WORLD ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE

*Iain McLarty attended and reported in a Q&A-style sermon*

## **1. What is the World Council of Churches (WCC)?**

It is a community of over 350 different churches in more than 110 countries including most of the Anglican, Reformed Lutheran, and Orthodox churches. It encompasses most major strands of Christianity except for the Roman Catholic, Evangelical and Pentecostal churches. With its HQ in Geneva it is a true fellowship of churches and one of the most amazingly diverse gatherings of people you can imagine.



## **2. What does it do?**

This is where, every 8 years, an Assembly of churches meets to search for the visible unity that we believe the Bible calls on us to find. There are commissions who study theological questions together (Faith and Order), advocacy work at an international level, and programme work rooted in local churches such as HIV/AIDs work in Africa and the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine.

## **3. Tell us about the Assembly you attended last year.**

This was the 10th assembly, held in Busan in South Korea, the first to be held in Asia. Korea has one of the fastest growing Christian populations in the world, with churches with congregations of 1 million members, so this was a huge event for them. We had greetings from the Pope, the Ecumenical Patriarch and the UN Secretary General, and the Archbishop of Canterbury attended for a few days! But it wasn't all entirely positive. Some conservative churches are very opposed to ecumenism and so one feature of each day was walking past protestors chanting "No to WCC! No to WCC!". I was there as a delegate from the Church of Scotland, a young, lay person, one of many representing the broadest membership of the church, not just old male ministers.

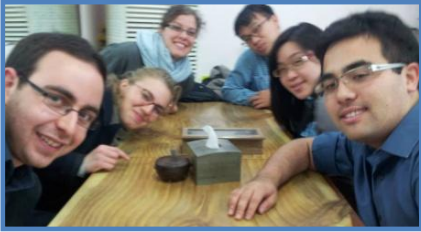
## **4. What actually happens at an Assembly?**

*Though* 6000 attended, only 800 were official delegates from churches. But there were staff, stewards, Korean hosts and many visitors. As a delegate I could vote in business sessions about WCC programmes and policy; we issued public statements on such topics as the rights of

stateless people and reunification of the Korean peninsula. Every day featured prayer time, bible study, large plenary presentations on overarching themes, and work in committees. There was a large hall where there were stalls set up by many ecumenical organisations just to wander around.

### **5. What was the best bit of the assembly for you?**

I think for everyone the true highlight is the people you meet and the connections you make. East different session gives you a chance to meet new people and allows you to take a step back from your own assumptions so that you go away enriched by the differences of other cultures but also realising how much you all have in common.



### **6. Were there difficult issues?**

There are always some tensions in any ecumenical context. One increasingly obvious thing was the issue of sexuality. The Orthodox churches were very disapproving and vocal and it felt as though some voices were allowed to be heard more loudly than others. However, what emerged was a WCC functioning as a safe space for these important discussions. Another difficult thing was the Korean context which was very prominent. Koreans still consider themselves one divided country and Seoul is only a short drive from the border. I travelled up to Panmunjeom, the negotiation village in the middle of the DMZ. The whole situation suddenly felt very real when I saw North Korean guards and sat at the negotiation tables.



### **8. How can we use this here in Denmark?**

We are a very ecumenical congregation already. We are people from all sorts of traditions other than the Anglican Church, and we are living in a minority context which means that our relations with other churches, through Porvoo for example, are very strong in a way a church in the middle of England might never experience. What ties us together is the same as the founding principles of the WCC - our faith in a Triune God and a desire to do God's work in our community. Focusing on that is the true spirit of ecumenism.

*Iain McLarty and Jonathan Lloyd*

## MUSICAL NOTES

*"Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may shew forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen."*

This prayer comes from the Royal School of Church Music, an organisation of which our church is a member and which has over 8000 churches, schools and individual members across the world. Every week it is used by the choir and clergy before the service, keeping the music of the church rooted in the spiritual life of the congregation and our place in the wider community we live in. I wanted to share this because it isn't something which only the choir can use but is relevant to everyone. It is important we remember that it is the whole congregation who contribute to the music of our worship, as however good or bad you think your voice might be doesn't matter, just that we can express our faith together.

In the wider musical life of our congregation we will be having regular concerts throughout the year and these are a great opportunity to welcome people into our church both as performers and as audience. We will have more information about the whole series soon but in the meantime some advance notice that on Sunday 18th May we will be welcoming "Redhot & Blue" to do a short concert after the morning service. They are Yale University's oldest co-ed a capella group and sing everything from traditional jazz to Broadway Hits and the Beatles. Mark this in your diary and tell your friends as it is sure to be a fun way to start your Sunday afternoon!

And finally a recruitment notice. We are always keen to hear from those who are interested in joining the choir and the only requirement is that you enjoy singing. We have singers from a wide range of musical and cultural backgrounds and we don't have any sort of audition or ask people to commit to being there every week as we recognise that everyone gives their time voluntarily. There is a short practice before the service each Sunday at 930 and a practice after the service once a month to look at the upcoming anthems. One of our members very helpfully puts files online where you can listen to your part and learn it by ear if you don't read music.

Please contact our Co-ordinator of Music Ministry ([music@st-albans.dk](mailto:music@st-albans.dk)) if you would like more information.

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## **BJØRN'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL** **ADVERTISEMENT**

**Bjørn's International School** is a small and friendly school in Copenhagen, offering a quality education for children from 6 to 16 years of age. Students from throughout the world attend Bjørn's International School and follow either an English or Danish curriculum.

Bjørn's International School is partially subsidized by the state and adheres to the national standards and qualifications for schools in Denmark. Those students who plan to live in Denmark for at least four years and enrol in the Danish-speaking Department will receive an education that follows the Danish School Curriculum.

Upon graduating from Bjørn's International School, students in the English-speaking Department will have followed the curriculum requirements of the IGSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education). The students will have had the opportunity of taking the IGCSE examinations in up to six subjects (English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, and Art and Design).

The Danish and English departments are frequently combined so there is constant interaction between the students in both departments.

Please feel free to contact the school and arrange a time for a visit. We would be happy to answer your questions and show you the school.

**Address:**

**Bjørn's International School**  
**Gartnerivej 5**  
**2100 Copenhagen Ø**

**Phone: (45) 39 29 29 37**

**School Leader: Pia Drabowicz**

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*For a smile:*

The new vicar was visiting some of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but there was no answer to his repeated knocks at the door. So he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the collection was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10. Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke in gales of laughter. Revelation 3.20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock". Genesis 3:10 reads "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

*MM - (giggling),  
Found in Tynemouth Church Newsheet*

## INVITATION TO FESTIVE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

### *Kastrup Kirkes 130 års Jubileum*



*Kastrup kirke (Tårnby)*

An invitation has been received inviting friends from St Alban's to a festive anniversary church service at Kastrup Church.

And we thought we were an old church...!

Kastrup can celebrate 130 years in the same building – well – the same site. Revd. Palle

Thordahl writes that he and his team of priests and “menighedsråd” would be delighted to welcome us to this service on:

**Sunday 16 March 2014, at 10.00**

There will be a reception after the service in their wonderful church hall called “Nordlys” – the northern lights.

## THE ELECTRONIC DIARY FOR CHURCH

We are starting on a project to have an "intranet" for St. Albans, where information can be shared by all groups that are part of the church.

The intranet site can be found at: <http://www.church.st-albans.dk/>

As you can see, if you visit this website, there are blank sides for a lot of the groups. If you would like to add some useful information to these pages, please contact me. If you think that a group is missing, again - please contact me. Please send an e-mail to:

[webmaster@st-albans.dk](mailto:webmaster@st-albans.dk)

On the intranet site, you can also find our SHARED ELECTRONIC DIARY.

This currently contains the service times, liturgical calendar, Danish public holidays, choir practice times, vestry times and discussion group times. If you want to add other items to this calendar, send an e-mail to:

[diary@church.st-albans.dk](mailto:diary@church.st-albans.dk)

Webmaster, John Mills



## THE ALTAR GUILD - THE UNSUNG HEROINES WHO KEEP THE CHURCH SHINING AND SPARKLING CLEAN



Have you ever gone up to the communion rail and thought – how lovely and shiny this is? Have you ever noticed how beautifully clean and starched all the linen used during the service is kept? Have you ever looked noticed how the old wood of the pews glows softly under your hands? And seen how the silver wear is always sparkling?

Well – there are people who do this. Week in and week out, with no trumpets or fanfares, a group of women, under the leadership of Carole Rasmussen (left), make sure our church and the Altar in particular is kept spotless. They have always been known as The Altar Guild - a guild being defined as “a medieval association, as of merchants or artisans, organized to maintain standards”.

We can hardly describe these active, energetic ladies as medieval, but they do maintain standards, and have been washing scrubbing, polishing, tidying and cleaning for many years.

We who just sit and appreciate their work, should sing their praises loud and clear. Thank you all for your quiet, hard work to keep our Altar and our church and chapel beautiful.

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# SYNOD SPECIAL

## **Women bishops: approval for July vote**

*(an article from InFocus March 2014)*

Synod voted to pave the way for the legislative process on Women Bishops to be completed this year. In a series of linked legislative and procedural items the Synod held four debates dealing with differing aspects relating to the process.

The first two debates covered the draft House of Bishop's Declaration, draft Resolution of Disputes Procedures Regulations; and with the Draft Bishops and Priest Measure and Draft Amending Canon No.33.

After debate, the revision stage for both the measure and the canon were completed in Synod without any amendments being made. The Synod then gave consideration to the draft Act of Synod to rescind the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993.

The measure was accepted by Synod; and the amending Canon no.33 was passed by 304 votes to 33 with 45 abstentions. The final debate in this session was a procedural motion suspending Standing Order 90(b) (iii) so that the reference of the draft Measure and draft Canon to the Dioceses can be concluded within three months rather than six.

After debate the motion, requiring a 75% majority of the whole Synod, was approved by 358 votes to 39 with 9 abstentions.

The legislation now goes to the Dioceses for approval. Provided a majority approve it by the 22nd May deadline Synod will be able to hold the final approval debate in July. If passed, the legislation would then go to Parliament for approval and could be in force before the end of the year.

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## **Approval given for draft legislation on safeguarding**

Synod voted that proposals for draft legislation to enable the Church of England to deal more effectively with safeguarding issues be brought forward.

Synod voted last July to endorse work on legislative and non-legislative changes to enhance the Church's safeguarding arrangements following on from the Chichester Commissaries interim and final reports.

The proposals take into account the recommendations of the senior advisory bodies and the intention is to introduce legislation this July.

Bishop of Durham Paul Butler, Joint Chair of the Churches National Safeguarding Committee said: "This is just one step towards the Church

making itself a safer place for all while acknowledging that effects of abuse on survivors can last a lifetime. We can never be complacent and we continue to urge any victims or those with information about church-related abuse to come forward knowing that they will be listened to in confidence.”

Here at St Alban’s our Safeguarding Officer is Elisa Hansen, formerly Church Council secretary. We had been looking for a while to find the right person for the job and we are so grateful that Elisa, who is a teacher and art historian, agreed to take on this sensitive task. Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is a vital task in any organisation and the Church of England takes it very seriously as we encourage groups of children and teenagers to attend Sunday School, bible study, confirmation groups.



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## NEWS ABOUT RICKARD – PAULEEN PAYS HIM A VISIT IN MALMÖ

In January, I went to Malmö to visit Rickard (see photo) and I know many would like news of him, so here is an update.

Despite many health problems (heart surgery and bowel cancer - 10 operations in all), he is still the hard-working and cheerful soul we all know. The last operation was to remove the cancerous part of the bowel (this is quite similar to a gastric bypass, which means he can't eat as much as before). He has lost 30 kilos in the last 3 months and expects to



lose more, but as you can see from the photos, he is still recognisably Rickard. Apart from getting tired more quickly than before, he is much better and still working full-time.

Two years ago, he was offered a job at Verdandi. This is one of the oldest social organisations in Sweden, formed in 1896 and belongs to the Labour movement. When Rickard joined, it was virtually non-existent in the Malmö/Lund area. Today Verdandi, again in the Malmö/Lund area (with

Rickard in leading it as 'ombudsman') it has 5 meeting places (3 in Malmø, 1 in Lund and 1 in Arløv) and 11 staff. The "clients" are the long-term unemployed and those suffering from depression, loneliness, drug addiction, etc. The organisation works closely with the unemployment agencies and the social services. The Labour movement is so pleased with what Rickard is doing, that they want him to open more meeting places.

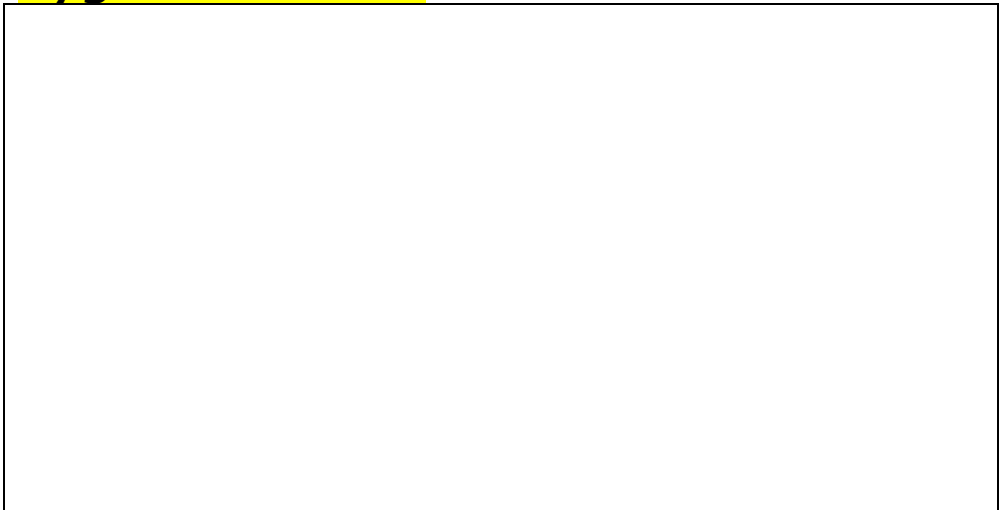
Although Rickard's job at Verdandi is full-time (at least), he also still functions as an Old Catholic priest. The Old Catholics do not have their own church but they are in communion with the Church of England (and they are working on being in communion with the Swedish Lutheran Church). This is why he was able to be a reserve priest for us at St. Alban's. He is not permanently attached to any church, but is called upon for weddings, funerals and baptisms for Old Catholics or others not attached to a church in Southern Sweden, who are in need of a Christian priest.

On the home front, Rickard has a wife and three daughters, a dog (Samoyed), 2 budgies, 1 parrot and a cat. His eldest daughter qualified as a dentist last year and the middle one will graduate as a dentist this summer. Daughter number 3 is not planning a career in dentistry - she is more artistic, but still at school (gymnasium) at the moment.

Rickard is also a member of our "Friends of St. Alban's" on Facebook, so you can send him a greeting there if you wish. I plan to make another trip to Malmø to visit him in the near future, so you can also send him a greeting via me.

Pauleen Bang

## **Rygaards School advertisement**



# WORLD WAR I CENTENARY POPPY CAMPAIGN



The British Ambassador, HE Ms Vivien Life, wrote to the Chaplain before he departed about what is planned in UK to commemorate the centenary of World War I. There is an initiative by the Royal British Legion in cooperation with B&Q to cover the UK with poppies to raise awareness of the Centenary and to commemorate those who lost their lives in the WW1. It is a national campaign (with money going to the Royal British Legion) and has the support of the Prime Minister.

The Embassy has been asked to consider ways to replicate this initiative in Denmark by sowing poppy seeds at the Embassy/ Residence or other appropriate places – like at St Alban’s. They are also looking for ways to involve young people in local schools.

Sowing in the UK is likely to take place at the end of March or in April so that the poppies will bloom in time for the official start of the Centenary Commemorations in August this year.



The poppy seeds (not opium poppies) have been supplied and the Church Council will be asked to find ways to take a visible part in this commemoration. There is scope for us to plant in planters inside our iron fence, in our garden and possible even in a “trench” in Churchillparken.

*(More on this, and a wonderful “Football Truce in No Man’s Land initiative”, in the next newsletter – Ed.)*

Meanwhile, here’s a link to the govt website on the commemorations:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/first-world-war-centenary>

## ST ALBAN'S HOUSE - **HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

After occupancy of 4½ years, the house is once again empty. We can now complete the installation of district heating, remove the old boilers and pipes and to make major repairs to the front wall and door. This will happen in early March along with a major clean-up. The poor house needs freshening and brightening for our new occupants – both the temporary and the permanent.

The Council would be really grateful to receive offers of reasonably good quality second hand furniture, and fittings, carpets, plants and some kitchen machinery. We have managed with some pretty poor quality, un-matching furniture for a long time and now it needs replacing.

If you have any of the following that you feel you could manage without, or that would work in the vicarage, it would save the church a lot of money:

- 1 woman's bicycle
- a large deep freezer
- an ordinary coffee machine
- a double bed
- 2 matching standard lamps for beside sofas
- a small sofa for TV room
- a single bed
- rugs for the floor
- a sofa table
- 2 arm chairs (preferably matching)

If you are able to help with any of these items could you please contact [churchwardens@st-albans.dk](mailto:churchwardens@st-albans.dk) or phone 28 12 01 28

## **STORAGE – moving back to the Vicarage**

**MORE HELP! On Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:30 – 13:30**

all the church belongings currently in storage in Amager are being moved to St Alban's house into the garage and basement. We need strong arms and willing helpers Male and Female.

If you can help please, contact [churchwardens@st-albans.dk](mailto:churchwardens@st-albans.dk) or phone 25 11 23 91

We will be arranging a GARDENING DAY shortly as well.

If you are available to help with cleaning up the garden, please let the Churchwardens know.