

WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2014

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, COPENHAGEN

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

Sunday 2 Nov at 1030	Parish Eucharist, Baptisms, Bishop David Coles
Wed 5 Nov at 1030	Holy Communion, Bishop David Coles
Sunday 9 Nov at 09.30	Short service of Holy Communion
Sunday 9 Nov at 10.30	Remembrance Day Service
Wed 12 Nov at 1030	Holy Communion,
Sunday 16 Nov at 1030	Second Sunday in Advent Parish Eucharist, Bishop David Coles
Wed 19 Nov at 1030	Morning Prayer, Jane Passant, Reader in Training
Sunday 23 Nov at 1030	Christ the King, Parish Eucharist Bishop David Coles
Wed 26 Nov at 1030	Holy Communion, Bishop David Coles
Sunday 30 Nov at 1030	Advent Sunday, Holy Communion & Baptisms - Bishop David Coles
Wed 3 Dec at 1030	Holy Communion, Bishop David
Sun 7 Dec at 1030	Parish Eucharist, Bishop David
Wed 10 Dec at 1030	Holy Communion, Bishop David Coles
Sunday 14 Dec at 1030	Parish Eucharist, Bishop David Coles
Sunday 14 Dec at 16.00	Nine Lessons and Carols (<i>see p3 for tickets</i>)
Monday 15 Dec at 19.00	Nine Lessons and Carols
Wed 17 Dec at 10.30	Holy Communion, Bishop David Coles
Saturday 20 Dec at 17.00	Carols and Poetry by Candlelight
Sunday 21 Dec at 10.30	Parish Eucharist, Bishop David Coles
Wed 24 Dec at 10.30	Christmas Eve Parish Eucharist
Wed 24 Dec at 12 noon	Children's Christingle Service
Wed 24 December at 23.30	Midnight Mass, Bishop David Coles
Thurs 25 Dec at 10.30	Christmas Day Holy Communion
Sunday 28 Dec at 10.30	Parish Eucharist & Baptism, Bishop David Coles
Sunday 28 Dec at 13.00	Baptism Bishop David Coles

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. All are welcome.
- The Sunday school starts at 10:25 except for the 1st Sunday in the month. As new practice at St Alban's, children wishing to join Sunday school will **meet at 10:25** at the Font. After opening prayers children be invited by the Chaplain to accompany the Sunday school leaders to the Upper Room, and afterwards return to their parents in time for communion.
- Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of each month.
- Our choir is led by Iain McLarty and his deputy organist Isaac Lee.

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;

AARHUS

At Møllevangskirke at 1900 on and on 2 November, 21 December (led by Bishop David Coles).

Details from Rogena Holst palle.holst@mail.dk

JELLING

At Jelling Church, at 19.00 on led by Deacon Christophe

details from chndi2011@gmail.com

VEJLE

at Løgetkirke, Løget Center 2, at 1400 led by Deacon Christophe

Details from chndi2011@gmail.com

All are warmly welcome.

PRAY FOR FRIENDS AND RELATIONS

Prayer requests (to be included in our intercessions) should be sent to prayer@st-albans.dk, with the name of the person to be prayed for, the reason and how long you wish them to be on the prayer list or you can contact Pauleen Bang in church.

CHRISTMAS AT ST ALBANS

Nine Lessons and Carols

Dates: Sunday 14 December 2014 at 16.00

Monday 15 December 2014 at 19.00

This year we will repeat the electronic success of last year and ask you again to book your tickets for the services of Nine Lessons and Carols on line.

During November people on the electoral roll can book entrance tickets to these 2 services. If you have given your e-mail address to the electoral roll officer, then you will receive an e-mail in early November explaining the process of ordering tickets together with 2 e-mails from www.eventbrite.co.uk containing your personalized invitation for these two services.

To book your entrance tickets, simply follow the instructions.

Print out your ticket, on which we will scan at the door.

We will keep the initial maximum to 4 tickets each but of course can be flexible.

If you find you cannot use your ticket please contact webmaster@st-albans.dk immediately so that we can release your tickets to others.

If you are on the electoral role, but do not have access to e-mail and the internet, and would like to attend, please let John or Chris or Claire know, either in church or by phone and we will book the tickets for you.

At the beginning of December the remaining tickets for these services will be made available via the church website.

John Mills - Webmaster

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

I have noticed there are already Christmas decorations and Advent calendars for sale in the Copenhagen shops. I also noticed that you can buy what to me look like Advent calendars, but on closer inspection they are called 'Christmas Calendars' with 24 days from 1 December and leading up to 25 December. The idea is to open a little door each day and find inside some treat in anticipation of the big day, Christmas Day. Some of these 'calendars' are produced by companies marketing their chocolates.

The idea of an 'Advent Calendar' was not so much to tempt us with chocolates. Surely we can wait until Christmas itself to eat such treats? And the 'marketing' of Christmas by the secular commercial companies is all about promoting retail trade. We can't blame the entrepreneurs for taking every opportunity to sell their goods, but for Christian people this time of the year is a time of preparation, a time of spiritual reflection on the incarnation, the 'enfleshment' of God in the humanity of a tiny baby, born of Mary. The one 'born to be king', Jesus, the Messiah who is Christ the Lord.

In some churches, there has been a campaign to 'put Christ back into Christmas'. I think there are many people in our community who have little idea what Christmas and Easter are all about. The classic example of confusion about these seasons was one I heard about in the window of a Tokyo department store in Japan. The window dresser had put together a display with Santa Claus nailed to a cross!

Jesus was not born into a world of commercial glitter and extravagant gift giving, except of course for the precious gifts presented to him by the wise men from the East. He was not born into a world of affluence, rich foods and expensive alcohol. He was born of a young woman from a small rural village called Nazareth. As the Christmas story reminds us, Mary and Joseph, travelled to Bethlehem for the birth because of government requirements for a census. The accommodation was all booked out, and so they ended up in a very rough shelter for farm animals. Not exactly the kind of place we would ever want to stay in when our children were born.

So during this season of Advent which begins on Sunday 30 November, let us use this time to focus on our journey with Christ. Let us take time to be more aware of giving than receiving. Let us use these weeks before Christmas to see where and how we can 'be' the hands and feet of Christ as we go out of our way to lighten the load of someone who is struggling. Or to make a real effort to visit some of our elderly

neighbours or others who are confined to institutions of care. People who often remain 'out of sight and out of mind'. This will be an offering of far greater value than all the elaborate Christmas parties which become such a feature of this time of the year. Sometimes, in our family, we spend gift money on assisting people who live in great poverty or those dealing with disasters like the Ebola crisis in West Africa. Then we send a Christmas greeting to our friends or relatives, saying this is what we have done. Sometimes, they take up the challenge and do the same thing in return.

*(Have a look at the Christian Aid website for some gift ideas:
www.christianaid.org.uk)*

I don't want to sound like a 'wet blanket' or a 'party pooper'. I love parties too and we will have some at St Alban's house, and there will be singing and gift giving and some joyful services at St Albans's Church and at Aarhus as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. You can read more about these events in this magazine. Our Choir is working hard to prepare some wonderful music for Advent and Christmas. And of course, there will be plenty of Christmas carols which we can all enjoy singing.

Joy and I are getting near the end of our 9 month locum appointment here as I have served as your Interim Chaplain since the end of March. We will be here through the Christmas period and on 13th January 2015 we will fly back to retire in Christchurch New Zealand.

We are delighted to hear the news of the appointment of your new Chaplain, The Revd Darren McCallig and his wife Annilese who I am sure you will embrace with the same loving support you have shown us.

The time seems to have flown by, and we have so much enjoyed ministering here in this wonderful Chaplaincy where we have made so many friends and been privileged to share our lives with you as we have lived and worshipped with you. Denmark has been an amazing experience, and we were lucky to share a wonderful summer this year! We give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve you here and we look forward to seeing many of you at some of the special Advent and Christmas celebrations.

May the Christ child bring you new hope and peace as we prepare for the celebrations of his birth.

+David
Locum Chaplain

WE HAVE A NEW CHAPLAIN

On 19 October the announcement was made of the appointment of our new Chaplain. He is Revd Darren McCallig, currently completing his 8th year as Dean of Residence at Trinity College Chapel at Dublin University. Bishop David had asked him to write a short letter to be read aloud to the congregation:



Dear Friends (old and new) at Saint Alban's,

I am thrilled, excited and not a little daunted at the prospect of becoming your new chaplain in early 2015. It is a great honour and I am very grateful to those involved in the selection process for the trust they have put in me.

Over the last couple of years, my wife Annilese and I have had the opportunity to get to know Denmark through Annilese's work with Den Jyske Opera. It has also been a joy to get to know at least some of you in Saint Alban's. I look forward to meeting all the Copenhagen

congregation - as well as those who gather for worship in Aarhus, Vejle and Jelling - in the months ahead.

My particular thanks to Claire, Chris and Nigel for all they have done - and continue to do - during the interregnum and throughout the selection process. I would also like to thank Bishop David and Joy Coles for welcoming us into their home during the recent 'formal visit' - it was very kind of them both.

I look forward to continuing in the long line of faithful priests who have served Saint Alban's so well over the past decades and I ask for your prayers as I make preparations to leave Ireland and my current role as Dean of Residence and Chaplain in Trinity College Dublin.

The fact that - as far as I am aware - I will be the first Church of Ireland priest to serve as Chaplain at Saint Alban's underlines just what a diverse and international congregation it has become - some 23 nationalities at the last count. My experience has been that Saint Alban's is a warm and welcoming "home away from home" for those who come through its doors, and my hope and prayer is that we can continue to be an inclusive, Christ-centred community which reflects the generosity and unconditional love of God.

So, until the New Year, "*Go mbeannaí Dia sibh go léir.*" That's Irish for "May God bless you all."

Love to you all.
Darren.

Darren will come to Denmark on Monday 19 January 2015, and will lead his first service at St Alban's on Sunday 25 January 2015. CCC

The Revd. Darren McCallig – currently Dean of Residence and Church of Ireland chaplain at Trinity College Dublin (TCD)

Darren holds undergraduate degrees in history (National University of Ireland, Galway) and theology (Trinity College Dublin) and a master's degree in ecumenics and interreligious studies from TCD. He is currently pursuing doctoral studies at the Theology Faculty of the University of Münster, Germany.

Ordained Deacon in 2005 and priest in 2006, he was curate in Monkstown Parish, Dublin until his appointment to TCD in 2007.

An elected member of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, he serves on various synodical committees, including the Synod's Commission on Christian Unity and Dialogue and the Synod's Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief.

His passions in ministry include ecumenical and interreligious dialogue as well as advocacy on behalf of those considered to be on the margins. In 2012 he was a founding member of the Dublin City Inter-Faith Forum - the first of its kind in the city; and, for ten years, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Dublin Simon Community- a charity working to prevent and address homelessness in Dublin.

During his time as Dean of Residence and Chaplain at Trinity College Dublin he has sought to sustain and grow the rich liturgical and choral life of the College Chapel while also developing fresh ways of engaging the university community. These initiatives have included: programmes of high profile visiting speakers at the Sunday morning Eucharist; innovative events organised in conjunction with the College Equality Office and the TCD Students' Union; the development of a chaplaincy journal; services in the Irish language and in Irish sign language; and various other outreach, faith development and mission activities.

Speaking of his seven years in Trinity College Dublin, Darren said, "In the TCD Chaplaincy we have sought to commend to others - and live-out ourselves - a Christian faith which is expansive, generous and exciting. Our hope and conviction has been that the Anglican tradition - with its combination of nourishing and beautiful liturgy allied with spacious and critical theology - can serve as a means of homecoming: bringing us home to ourselves, home to those around us, and home to God."

Darren enjoys travel, reading, movies, tennis, theatre, opera and all kinds of music, as well as spending time with friends and family.

NOTICES – for your diary

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

7 November at 18.00

BEER AT BREW PUB IN CENTRAL COPENHAGEN

Organiser Chris Parker encourages all our men to sign up for a men's night to sample some beers and have a few laughs :-). You are welcome to invite friends and relations to join in. He needs to know how many are coming, as he needs to book tables at the restaurant. parkskov@hotmail.com



HEART-STARTER TRAINING

We need able-bodied people to be able to save lives! Tryg Fonden has donated the defibrillator to the church but they need to be sure we know how to use it. (Particularly men, please sign up for a 2 hour training session at church on

11 November (Tuesday) 17.30 – 19.30

CONCERTS

Frederiksberg Kammerkor

will give a concert at St Alban's Church on

26 November 16.00

St Alban's is pleased to host the

Final concert in the 2nd Annual

Choral School Season. For more information

17 December 19:00



Carols and Poetry by Candlelight

(Come and relax for an hour after your Christmas shopping.

We will serve sherry/wine and a Christmas mince pie afterwards.

20 December 17.00

FUNDRAISING CLOTHING SALE 1st NOVEMBER

Warmest thanks to everyone for their help, contributions and good spirits on Friday and Saturday 1st November. We raised over Dkk 5000.- and kind souls delivered all left-over boxes to charity in Copenhagen. (Photos on the website and Facebook.)

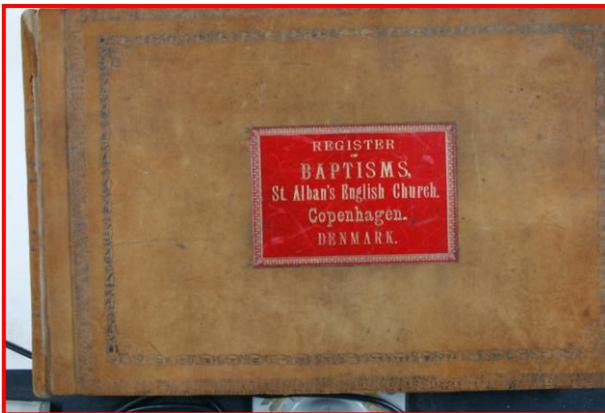
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ST ALBAN'S CHURCH REGISTERS and the DANISH REGISTERS

The earliest of St Alban's Church registers is a small leather-covered book ruled by hand, and contains 20 marriages, 44 baptisms and 32 burials covering the period 1835-50. I transcribed these more than 25 years ago and about 5 years later had the entire register photographed.

When I looked for this volume in the vestry a few years ago (when Jonathan Lloyd was Chaplain) it could not be found and appears to have been 'misplaced'. In October this year after a prolonged search at home I managed to find the negatives from the photographic session 20 years ago. From these I expect to print out two sets of positives at the original size; of these one set will form part of our 'official' archives and the second set will be bound and placed with our other St Alban's registers to replace the 'misplaced' register.

The second of our registers is a more substantial standard large printed register by Eyre & Spottiswoode. It covers the period 1851-87 and includes 150 baptisms, 42 marriages and 142 burials. Ceremonies were conducted by the Revd R.S. Ellis from 1851-83, and Revd C.A. Moore



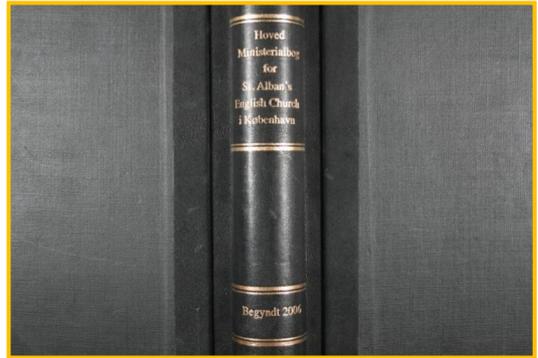
from 1884-1887. From 1887 our registers were very large especially printed volumes for separately baptisms, marriages and burials.

Most readers of this article will not be aware that St Alban's Church has kept a separate set of Danish Church registers since 1950 that duplicates the

entries in St Alban's own registers - it is perhaps worth placing on record how this came about. Up to 1950 all marriages at St Alban's had to be preceded by a civil marriage, usually at Copenhagen Town Hall. In 1901 there were only four marriages a year - by the 1930s this figure had reached seven and in the period from 1945-50 there were 16 marriages annually. Enquiries with the Danish authorities in 1949 led to the discovery that marriages and other ceremonies in the Church could be legally solemnised subject to recognition of St Alban's Church as an "acknowledged community of faith", and in particular that this would

mean that a civil marriage prior to a marriage at St Albans would no longer be required.

The procedure for formal recognition of St Alban's Church was initiated, and at the AGM in November 1950, the Chaplain was able to report that the Embassy and Foreign Office had accepted the terms of the declaration, that the Chaplain had then signed. The Chaplain also recorded that he had duly expressed the Council's gratitude to King Frederick IX for graciously granting the privilege to St Alban's Church. New Danish Church registers and official certificates had been received; the first of our Danish Church registers is dated 1 September 1950.



There appears to have been some confusion in the minds of our Registrars after the Danish Church registers came into use as to whether the Danish registers had replaced our own registers or whether both sets of registers should be maintained. As a result all St Albans registers were kept irregularly during the next 5 years – from 1956 the Danish and St Alban's registers (with all the missing entries added on loose sheets in 2014) have essentially identical entries.

Since all the registers in our archives have been photographed it is a fairly easy matter to examine what happened in the transitional period – however, the Danish custom of separating male and female baptisms and burials in the early registers makes this more difficult than it could have been.

In respect of BAPTISMS there are 33 baptisms in the DANISH registers NOT in the St Alban's registers and 31 baptisms in the St Alban's registers NOT in the DANISH registers.

For MARRIAGES there are 61 marriages in the DANISH registers NOT in the St Alban's marriage register and one marriage in the St Alban's marriage register NOT in the Danish registers.

For BURIALS the Danish registers have 17 burials NOT in the St Alban's registers while St Alban's registers have three entries NOT in the Danish registers.

The missing baptisms, marriages and burials in St Alban's registers have now been written out and inserted loosely in the respective St Alban's registers. It is planned to complete this process by adding loose sheets to the first Danish register with the baptisms and burials (and one

marriage) for the transitional period currently only found in the St Alban's registers.

For unknown reasons the St Alban's burials register was discontinued after 1964. When Jonathan LLOYD discovered this omission he requested that our Burials register be brought up-to-date. In early 2014 a total of 182 burials that appear in the Danish registers were added to the St Alban's burials register in the neat hand of Claire Jespersen, a former Registrar.

Tony Higgins, *St Alban's Church Historian and Archivist.*

Puns for educated Minds!



- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it....
- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection you know urine trouble.
- Broken pencils are pretty much pointless.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Shared by Stella Brøndum

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Kate K. Thomsen, our Registrar, has sent this report:

Baptism on 7 September:

Fiona Kassie Nat-George

Parents: Nathaniel Thomas Claudius Nat-George
and Henrietta Lyamide Beckley

Nadine Rosa Lutfi Suleiman

Parents: Lutfi Nicola Poul Salim Suleiman
and Berna Kasouh Suleiman

Baptism on 5 October:

Mathilda Bennett Grünberger

Parents: Ross Joseph Bennett and Pernille Freese Grünberger.

Wedding Blessing on 18 October:

Jesper Ditlevsen and Sarah-Jane Elsey.

Baptism on 2 November:

Zoey Daniel

Parents: Rabi Suleiman Daniel and Tina Daniel.

Bianca Kagisho.

Parents: Nare Geelbooi Mojela and Vivian Kagisho.

Baptism on 7 December

Hjalte Kvan Hocheim

Parents: Terese Kvan Mortensen and Stephan Hocheim

Christobelle Ogechi Ewerem

Darrell Chukwumaobim Enwerem

Parents: Scholastica Nwakageo Enwerem
and Michael Chukwuma Enwerem.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ST ALBANS COMMEMORATING THE CENTENARY OF WORLD WAR I AND 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II

On Sunday 9th November, we will join be many thousands of churches throughout the world commemorating the end of World War I – known to many as The Great War. Great were the losses, great was the economic ruin, great was the despair and grief that destroyed the lives of those left behind and greatest of all was the sacrifice of the millions of men who went to fight for their country and its freedom, and gave their lives in doing so.



This kind of dedication, brotherhood and loyalty is known best by our military men and women – it is they whom we honour on Sunday 9th November. It is they whom we will remember and pray for - both the living and the dead as we say – “at the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. We **will** remember them.”

Bishop David will hold a short Holy Communion at 09.30 – 10.00 that day, and at 10.30 he will welcome veterans, Ambassadors, military representatives and our own congregation at our annual Remembrance Day service.

Following the Service at 10.30am there will be a brief ceremony in Churchillparken close to the Church to unveil a new plaque from the people of the United Kingdom in honour of Private Thomas Dinesen and Captain Percy Howard Hansen who were awarded the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest award for gallantry, during the First World War. Similar plaques are being unveiled in other countries where the VC recipients came from. This marks the centenary of World War 1 this year.

As usual British Legion poppies will be on sale in the church and we hope we can continue to support the families of servicemen who have died for their country in all wars. Last year we were commended by the British Defence Attaché for our donation of funds to the British Legion.

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DEANERY SYNOD REPORT 2014



This year we met in Canterbury and stayed at the Cathedral Lodge, a stone's throw from the cathedral itself, and our new Bishop joined us. It was wonderful to meet him and to be part of the first Synod he attended as Bishop of Europe. There were lots of new faces, as this was the start of a new triennium. Six of the seven countries in our Deanery were represented at the Synod - Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Latvia. Unfortunately nobody from Estonia could make it. The delegation from St. Alban's consisted of our four Deanery Synod Reps (John Mills, Maria Kvan Mortensen, Victoria Wadsworth-Hansen and myself), our Diocesan Synod Rep (Nigel Rowley), Deacon Christophe and our interim chaplain, Bishop David Coles, who joined us as an observer. As always, the programme was full and, as usual, very

interesting. There was worship (in different parts of the cathedral), meetings, bible study, interesting news from various sources plus two extra special things - a Reader licensing and a candlelit tour of the cathedral.

We, the lay chapter, started on Friday afternoon, with the lay chapter meeting. Nigel was unanimously chosen as our Lay chair and yours truly was asked to be Deanery Secretary (our previous Deanery Secretary was Graeme, who had chosen not to stand again this year). Amongst other things, we discussed what our hopes were for this triennium, plus agenda points: Safeguarding (including planned training and the fact that we should be checking whether we are up-to-date), the Pilling Report (which we were asked to discuss at council level) and Trafficking.

After that, we gathered together with the clergy, for reports from Adrian Mumford (on 20 years in Tufton Street - the Diocesan Office), and from William Gulliford and Ulla Monberg (on Priests for Tomorrow) and we got the chance to put questions to these Diocesan Staff members. Short presentations of each Chaplaincy followed this.

After supper, we were led on a Candlelit Prayer Walk in the cathedral by Christopher Irvine. This was really special. Later that

evening, we got together socially for a drink - an important element of our Deanery Synod is getting to know each other.

Saturday started with Morning Prayer at which Keith Battarbee (a former Deanery Synod Rep from Finland, whom many of us knew well) was licensed as Reader by our new Bishop (this was his first Reader licensing as bishop). It really was a privilege to be part of this. After Holy Communion in the cathedral, we divided into groups to do Bible Study.

After a coffee break, we started our first business session together with the clergy. This included the Treasurer's report, a report from the Diocesan Synod and plans for our next Deanery Synod in Helsinki, plus the following year, probably in Riga. After lunch there was an optional visit to St. Augustine's Abbey and then Choral Evensong in the cathedral, which was wonderful.



After another coffee break, we listened to Bishop Robert looking into future challenges facing the Diocese and answering our questions. Bishop Robert reminded us that he had only had a mandate since his installation on 4th September, so there had been very limited time to think about anything other than setting up his new office in Brussels, but the major themes for him are peace-making and reconciliation. We will hear more in due course. And then it was time for questions. These included whether he would blog or tweet (no, for the time being), whether our "lead" Bishop would still be Bishop David (yes), what to do about the "Archdeacon situation" (the Bishop's council will discuss options, but the Archdeaconry of Germany and Northern Europe is considered the most critical).

Then it was time for supper, at which Jonathan and Sue were guests. They and Juris (from St. Saviour's in Riga), who is retiring very shortly, were presented with farewell cards signed by us all. Then there

was entertainment (An Anglican Miscellany) which included a song in French by our own Deacon Christophe.

Sunday started with Morning Prayer and then, after breakfast, we divided into Reflection Groups to evaluate this Synod. During the closing session, each Reflection Group shared their thoughts about what was good and not so good in this Synod plus what they would like as topics for the next Synod. These thoughts were used as input to the Standing Committee, who met a little later to plan the next Deanery Synod.

A wonderful Eucharist in the cathedral, where Christophe was asked to serve as Deacon for this service, was a beautiful way to end our very special Deanery Synod. Finally we ate lunch and departed to our various far-flung chaplaincies.

Pauleen Bang, Deanery Synod Representative

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COUNCIL AWAY DAY 10 – 11TH OCTOBER

The Convent and Retreat of Saint Brigit, Maribo



Facilitator: Bishop David Coles

Present: Chris Parker
Emmanuel Taban
Iain McLarty
John Mills

Claire Clausen
Stella Brøndum
Peter Fitzgerald
Nigel Rowley

Junior Williams
Jean Gram Andersen
Colin Hunt
Zubin Kurian

With summer holidays over a majority of Council members piled into cars and drove through glorious late-summer sunshine south to Lolland's charming city of Maribo, situated on a beautiful lake. There we found the sanctuary of St Brigit which is a place of service and prayer for the 8 nuns who live and run it. The Away Day had been planned to help the Council, who works together for three years, to get to know each other better, so that we can understand the way we think and act and can make better decisions. Another reason was so that the day-to-day business of the council – the “nuts and bolts” decisions - could put aside in order to focus on how the Bible can help us in the idea of true service. We walked before breakfast and after lunch, we worshipped with the sisters and we prayed ourselves for guidance, understand and love.

During the final afternoon session we identified a number of practical issues on which we could work:

1. The whole congregation to ensure that newcomers are welcomed and meet others each time they come. Put a system in place so that this happens easily and automatically every week
2. Card to be given to newcomers to fill in - not Electoral Roll (use existing postcards)
3. A 'Pastoral List' to be created comprising people who do not yet wish to be on Electoral Roll but whom we want to keep track of, to encourage to return.

4. Ask for help from other churches, esp. those in Porvoo. How can we co-operate? Dinner and discussions could be arranged, leading to agreements to assist each other with space, venues, etc.
5. Consider removing some pews and create a meeting space for use for coffee and during the week. Most churches nowadays have flexible seating.
6. Renew work on a new, meeting place/hall.
7. Reinvigorate our Outreach group
8. Help people get to church with car-pool arrangement,
9. Involve students - explore student ministry, including raising awareness, different events, take St Alban's to where they are
10. Lead by example –everyone needs to lend a hand – men and women
11. Discover geographical distribution of electoral roll to facilitate “outreach and care”
12. Extra Sunday services for young people



Other ideas that were aired:

- Investigate putting in a Mezzanine floor with glass walls for meeting space.
- Work towards being a Proactive (vision-focussed) rather than Reactive (crisis-management) Council
- C'warden tasks should be listed for people to offer to take them on
- Routine jobs should be delegated – maintenance, etc. Find a dedicated housekeeper/caretaker
- Pastoral list could be an extension of the Electoral Roll (on a separate spread sheet) for ease of reference
- ‘Visioning’ should be a fixed Agenda item
- Look carefully at Danish National Council of Churches proposals (see Anne-Marie’s report p.22)
- *Humility and Service* should be the watch-words of the Council
- *Hospitality and Growth* needs a permanent meeting place close to church
- Training laity is an important part of ministry – everyone is part of the mission of care
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ECUMENICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

In her role as our new Ecumenical Officer, Anne-Marie Sweeney attended the Annual General Meeting of the Danish National Council of Churches in on 27 August 14.

The meeting was held at the exceptional Vangede Kirke, designed by the acclaimed Danish architect Johan Otto von Spreckelsen, famous for La Defense in Paris. Claire attended in support.

The gathering began with an excellent talk on the situation of Christians' situation in the Middle East, by Mogens Mogensen, Chairperson of Folkekirkens Mellemlfolkeklige Råd (www.interchurch.dk). He explained the history of coexistence of different religions in the Middle East, moving from peaceful and respectful co-existence towards an understanding of the Christians as representing the Western countries (i.e. the enemy of Islam)

The meeting itself included the following issues:

1) **National ecumenical convention** at Bornholm in June 14. 90.000 participants in all, 15 church denominations and organisations a big success.

2) **Green Church**

a) 18 people have become trained as Church consultants on Green Church matters. They have travelled the country and collected reports from green churches nationwide. A full report is on the way.

b) Harvest/Global Green Church service at the Cathedral of Copenhagen 31/08/14 (St. Alban's was represented by Anne-Marie at the service).

c) **International Climate Service**. A UN service on Tuesday 28th of Oct at the Cathedral of Copenhagen. Bishop Desmond Tutu preached via a video broadcast which can be viewed at:

[http://www.danskekirkeksraad.dk/nyheder/nyhed/?tx_ttnews\[backPid\]=254&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=2340&cHash=8eb58d1d3c41a11839b81f20eb6b94d0](http://www.danskekirkeksraad.dk/nyheder/nyhed/?tx_ttnews[backPid]=254&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=2340&cHash=8eb58d1d3c41a11839b81f20eb6b94d0)

3) **News from the different working groups**.(St Alban's not involved yet).

4) **The National Council of Churches has decided to collaborate with Interchurch** on the ecumenical companionship programme Israel /Palestine (EAPPI) mainly through observation. Two people with a background in theology and law have been found and they have joined a training programme in Sweden.

5) **Dialogue Conference** in November. The contact group for Muslims and Christians are preparing a dialogue conference in Istanbul with the Arab Group for Muslim-Christian Dialogue (www.danisharabdialogue.org)

6) **A resolution on the situation in Iraq** was agreed by the council.

Agreement of a Resolution on the Situation in Iraq: (translation AMS)

The National Council of Churches in Denmark calls for solidarity with persecuted Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq. A unanimous council decided on August 27, 2014, to condemn the persecution of minorities in Iraq, and to call for international solidarity and action.

The joint statement reads:

'The radical militarist movement' Islamic State '(IS) has taken control of several cities in Iraq, where Christians, Yazidi and Muslim minorities are oppressed, persecuted and killed. People are fleeing by the thousands, others are captured and many have lost their lives in brutal killings. There is a need for immediate action and for joint action against the militarist movement. It is deeply worrying that parts of Iraq where Christians and Muslims have lived side by side for centuries now form the framework of oppression and persecution.

We encourage conjunction with World Council of Churches, the Vatican, the Evangelical Alliance and all Christian churches to intercede for solidarity with the oppressed and persecuted in Iraq. Moreover, we recommend supporting the initiatives of NGOs, missionary societies and church relief organisations that have joined with local partners in Iraq to help displaced people. At the same time, we call for the cooperation across religious affiliations, to ensure deployment of religious and ethnic minority rights, dignity and survival in Iraq. '

Prayer for peace in Iraq:

*Lord,
our country's situation
is serious and the plights of Christians
are many, and they horrify us
Therefore, we ask you, Lord
to save our lives, give us patience
and courage to continue
to bear witness to our Christian values
with confidence and hope.
Lord, peace is the basis of all life;
Give us peace and stability,
so that we can live without fear, without anxiety.
But with dignity and joy.
Yours is the glory forever and ever!*

**Louis Raphael In Sako
Chaldean Patriarch of Babylon, Iraq
June 30 2014**

Next Council meeting, National Council of Churches.
29 January 2015, 15.00 -18.00 at St. Alban's Church.
Other Events:

19.10.2014. Installation of the Rev. Timothy J. Stewart as Pastor of the International Church of Copenhagen (ICC) Attended by Anne-Marie, representing St Alban's Church

Government Announcement, September 13th:

On the 13th Sept .14 the Government announced, that it wants clear requirements for religious communities and greater transparency in the religious communities' economical and organizational affairs.

A new committee will have a close look at

- The criteria for approval as a religious community
- The criteria for withdrawal of an authorization
- Increased transparency about the economy

The Committee will consist of a president, external members presenting no particular denominations or specific religious communities and who are experts on constitutional law, legal history, legal philosophy, religion, history and theology as well as representatives from the Departments of Justice, Taxation and Ministry of Children, Equality, Integration and Social Affairs.

The Committee's administrative office will be anchored in the Ministry of Children, Equality, Integration and Social Affairs, but with assistance from the Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Taxation.

Link: <http://sm.dk/>

The committee investigating churches and religious organisations outside Folkekirken has no representatives/members from any of these groups.

This has caused debate. Not even the Danish National Council of Churches, representing most Christian churches and organisations in DK has been invited, neither have any other denominations.

Danske Kirkers Råd has been discussing § 69, church tax, etc. With the coming government committee we might expect legislation coming from 'outside', without us or any other church body having a say in decisions made on this matter.

An official letter of complaint was sent to the Minister from the Chairman of National Council of Churches in DK, Anders Gadegård, Dean of the Cathedral of Copenhagen, Vor Frue Kirke.

Letter to Minister Manu Sareen from National Council of Churches, September 15th, and to all representatives.

*Anne-Marie Sweeney
Representative at the National Council of Churches
for the Anglican Church in Denmark, 19.10.2014*

NEWS FROM THE CHAPLAINCY

A sad loss to the congregation in Aarhus:

Professor Brian Frederic Carl Clark, founder of structural biology research at Aarhus University, died on Monday 6 October 2014 aged 78 years.



Brian Clark, a Welshman by birth, was active right up until his last days and, in this – his last – year, he was responsible for events including major anniversary symposia in Aarhus, Cambridge and New York. In the spring, he celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Division of Biostructural Chemistry, which he set up at Aarhus University in 1974 as a newly appointed Professor, recruited from the MRC (Medical Research Council) Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge.

During the summer he was co-organiser of a memorial symposium at the New York Academy of Sciences honouring

Marshall Nirenberg for his identification of the genetic code.

Professor Clark obtained the degrees of BA, MA, PhD and ScD from the University of Cambridge, UK. He did postdoctoral work in the US at MIT and NIH and then obtained a post at the British Medical Research Council's Laboratory for Molecular Biology in Cambridge, UK, before he was appointed Professor at Aarhus University in 1974.

Brian Clark was a member of the Aarhus congregation and on the electoral roll of St Albans. He loved to sing and was a popular choice for reading a lesson as his voice carried well.

Throughout his life, Professor Clark provided young researchers with strong support, and he always considered it a major task to help new generations on the way. Many Danish and foreign researchers in Denmark and abroad have had priceless benefit of his numerous contacts and encouragement.

Brian Clark was a true 'citizen of the world', a colourful, generous and helpful man. He was married to Margaret for 53 years. He will be greatly missed by all.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory

BJØRN'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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

STRUCTURE & DECISION-MAKING IN THE DIOCESE

Although the Diocese in Europe is far from typical within the Church of England, it has the same structure and is governed by the same rules as all the others. Our Diocese is made up of 7 Archdeacons, some of which are split into Deaneries. Our Archdeaconry (Germany and Northern Europe) is made up of two Deaneries, Nordic and Baltic (ours) and Germany.

At each level there is a synod, made up of clergy and lay members. The lay representatives are voted on as follows:

- Archdeaconry and/or Deanery Synod reps by each congregation, at the Annual Church Meeting, every three years. The number of reps is governed by the size of the Electoral Roll. At St. Alban's we have 4 Deanery Synod reps. (Our Archdeaconry Synod does not meet)
N.B. Diocesan Synod reps and any General Synod reps from the Deanery are members ex officio
- Diocesan Synod reps by the members of the Deanery Synod(s) by postal ballot, every three years - in our case both. Our (i.e. the Archdeaconry of Germany and Northern Europe) Diocesan rep is Nigel Rowley. At present our Archdeaconry has 2 Diocesan Synod reps, one for each Deanery. However, it has been agreed that we will have 3 reps from 2016-2018 and it is likely that Nordic and Baltic will have 2 of them.
- General Synod (i.e. for the whole of the Church of England) by the members of the Deanery Synod(s) by postal ballot, every five years.
N.B. There are currently two representatives for the whole Diocese

All licensed clergy in the Deanery are members of Deanery Synod. The provisions for elections to Diocesan and General Synods are the same as for lay representatives except that there is one clergy rep from each Deanery in our Archdeaconry.

Our Deanery Synod meets once a year, usually in September, for a long weekend. Diocesan Synod meets once a year, Monday to Friday, in June, and there is an additional meeting in October of a smaller body, the Bishop's Council, Diocesan Board of Finance and Diocesan Synod Standing Committee, where our Archdeaconry is represented by the Archdeacon and one clergy and one lay rep chosen by the Diocesan

Synod reps from among themselves - currently both are from Nordic and Baltic. General Synod meets two or three times a year, February, July and November being possible dates.

The Deanery Synod can make proposals to the Diocesan Synod and/or Bishops' Council, and the Diocesan Synod can make proposals to the General Synod. And the Chaplaincy Councils can make their wishes known to the Deanery Synod through their elected representatives. This is a slow process but it works.

Occasionally, as in the case of the recent decision to allow women to be bishops, General Synod may ask Diocesan Synods to vote on a particular issue, and this would usually be discussed also at Archdeaconry and/or Deanery Synods.

Clearly chaplaincies run very much of what they do. But there are matters which are best and can only be dealt with at different levels. Decisions on women bishops, affecting the whole Church of England, at one level (General Synod and the British Parliament, since we are an Established church in England); decisions on church times of services at the other (Chaplaincy).

Somewhere in the middle comes the Diocese which deals with issues such as the organising of synodical governance, clergy appointments process, provision of locums, ministerial formation and training, communications, gift aid management, policies on such matters as safeguarding, support for churches less able to support themselves, provision of grants for archdeacons and so on. Providing this order in the Diocese is the Diocesan Office, headed by Adrian Mumford, with just 6 full-time employees.

With grateful thanks to Adrian Mumford and Area Dean Barbara Moss for their input.

Pauleen Bang, Deanery Representative

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook



www.facebook.com/StAlbansCopenhagen



www.facebook.com/StAlbansJutland

Our Facebook pages are very popular - at the time of writing we have 123 likes on the Copenhagen page and 59 on the Jutland page. Many of these are not people we would otherwise be in contact with, so this is real outreach. One of the reasons we are so popular is that we show a living church with real people and not just buildings.

If you have news, events or anything else which you would like to share on our Facebook page(s), then do send us an e-mail at: socialmedia@st-albans.dk

N.B. We are aware that some people don't want their photos published (on any media - this includes our newsletter). If you are one of these people, please send us an e-mail (as above) to let us know and we will make sure your photos are not shown.

Twitter

Our Twitter account - @AnglicanDK - is also popular. We have 38 followers at the moment, but these are mostly quite different people (and churches) than those on Facebook. One of our regular followers is the British Ambassador. We are also followed by @DiocesesInEurope. Twitter is apparently the fastest growing social media at the moment, so we expect to get more followers little by little. We also follow many other churches and share anything of special interest, both on Twitter and on Facebook.

As we said in the previous edition of the newsletter, if any of you would like help setting up a Facebook or Twitter account, do let us know (via the e-mail above) and we will try to arrange a "workshop" in Copenhagen or in Jutland, if there are enough people interested.

Pauleen Bang & Charlotte Lindhardt



Christmas In St Alban's

Loved ones returning
from far off shores,
Families united,
at home and abroad.

Church choir singing,
in robes red and gold.
Christingle candles,
for young and for old.

Snow begins falling,
outside the doors,
Rosy cheeked children,
playing snowballs.

Jesus is inside tucked
up in his crib. The nativity scene,
is where he is hid.

Mince pies are eaten,
there's fruitcake and wine,
Children are watching,
Santa online.

Midnight mass is over,
to our homes we all go.
Walking or cycling in,
deep winter snow.

All is quiet now,
no one about,
no one in church now,
not even a mouse.

By Beverly Lloyd-Roberts

GET TO KNOW THE CHOIR

This time it is the turn of Stephen Brawls



1. What brought you to St Alban's Choir?

I discovered St. Albans Church in 1987 after moving to a flat in Østerbro and going for walks around Langelinie. I decide one Sunday to pop in and like many others was very much attracted by the atmosphere. I think Dennis Capes had just started around that time. Being musically inclined (playing the trumpet, not singing in particular) I decided to try joining the choir and have been singing there ever since.

2. Why do you enjoy singing there?

I very much like the Anglican service as a whole - the music and the liturgy (Evensong as well as the Sung Eucharist), not to mention the acoustics in the church.

3. What is your favourite music?

Being a trumpeter I started off with Jazz as my favourite sort of music, but moved more towards Baroque music later in life (I do still listen to Jazz though). However, about 13 - 14 years ago I started singing in Oratorio and Chamber Choirs (at the expense of the trumpet I'm afraid) and developed a liking for Early Renaissance music - Byrd and Tallis amongst others.

4. "Is music important for your spiritual life?"

I won't say that you can't have a good church service without music, but singing in church with a well sung congregation can be very uplifting and we are singing compositions of people who are expressing their religious fervor. There is so much very beautiful and moving poetry in many of the Hymns and Anthems we sing.

Saint Alban's Church

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Weekly Eucharists:

Sundays and Wednesdays at 10:30

All are welcome – Sunday School for children every Sunday, except the 1st. Sunday in the month when we have baptisms

Please call or text the Chaplain on 22 32 53 37 (Sunday – Wednesday 10-16) if you are seeking baptism, confirmation, marriage or have any other pastoral or prayer request. Other days please contact the churchwardens – see below

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The Church Council and the congregation would like to thank the Rt Revd Bishop David Coles and his wife Joy for their wonderful work for St Alban's Church, Copenhagen over the past 10 months.

They leave on 13 January 2015 but there will be a chance for everyone to come and say goodbye at a reception at St Alban's House on Tuesday 6 January 2015 from 16.00 - 19.00

Their warmth, hospitality, energy, humour and love for us all, which carried us through a long interregnum period, will be remembered with gratitude and love by us all.

We wish them God Speed,
a wonderful retirement in Christchurch, NZ
and

På gensyn!

Hjertelig tak for alt!