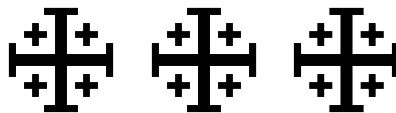


The Lutheran Church in Great Britain

# **SYNOD HANDBOOK**

**Saturday 28 April 2012**

*Hosted by Imani Congregation, Reading*



*Comprising*

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE COMPANY AND CHARITY**

*and*

**THE CHURCH SESSION**

Company registration number 7034897  
Charity registration number 1137050

# **WELCOME**

Welcome to the Synod Handbook for 2012. This Handbook contains a programme for the day and related papers to be read beforehand.

This will be our second Synod taking place under the rules of our new Constitution since forming as a registered Company and registered Charity. As such, Synod has now been divided into two parts – the Annual General Meeting of the Company and Charity, and the Church Session. Separate agendas are included for each of these meetings.

This Handbook also contains a report for 2011 from each Member Congregation, Chaplaincy, and Committee of LCiGB, as well as the Minutes of last year's AGM and Church Session.

Towards the back of the Handbook you will find a calendar of events for the forthcoming year.

We look forward to seeing you in Reading on 28 April.

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## **DIRECTIONS**

Synod this year will be hosted by Imani Congregation at the church they worship at in Reading:

St Andrew's United Reformed Church,  
London Road,  
Reading,  
RG1 5BD.

The church is on the corner of Craven Road, by the Royal Berkshire Hospital, approximately a 20 minute walk from Reading train station. Parking is freely available near the church.

Please remember that congregations are responsible for paying the travel expenses of their Pastors and Appointed Representatives attending Synod.

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## **PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY**

10.00am	Registration and refreshments
10.30am	The Annual General Meeting of the Company and Charity
11.00am	The Church Session
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	The Church Session (continued)
4.00pm	Eucharist
4.30/45pm	Close

# THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## AGENDA

**This section of the day will take approximately 30 minutes.**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Receive the Trustees' Annual Report and Examined Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011
3. Appoint an examiner of the accounts (or authorize the Board to do so)
4. Authorise the Trustees to fix the remuneration of the examiner of the accounts
5. Approve amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association (none)
6. Vote on duly submitted resolutions (none)
7. Resignation and election of trustees:
  - a. Resignation - Mr Stanley Goh and Mrs Linda Bruch
  - b. Nomination for re-election as trustee – Mrs Linda Bruch
  - c. Nomination for trustee– The Revd Lagle Heinla (co-opted as trustee on 4 June 2011)

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The AGM ends here and is followed by the Church Session

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# THE CHURCH SESSION

## AGENDA

- 11.00am      **Approval of Minutes of 2011 Synod**
- Matters Arising**
- 11.05am      **Bishop's Reflection**
- 11.25am      **Strategic Plan for LCiGB 2012 – 2013**  
Presented by Chair of Council, Mr David Lin
- 1.00pm        **Lunch**
- Reflections on Porvoo**
- 2.00pm        The Revd Dr Leslie Nathaniel
- 2.40pm        Questions and Answers
- 3.10pm        **Pastors and Other Ministers**  
Election of the Dean: *The Dean's term of office has expired after three years of service*  
Re-election date for Bishop: *The Bishop's term of office under the old constitution was four years, from election in October 2008*
- 3.20pm        **Congregational Issues and Developments**  
Including the new model M&A for congregations
- 3.40pm        **AOB**
- 4.00pm        **Eucharist**
- 4.30/45pm    **Close**

# MINUTES OF SYNOD 2011

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The Lutheran Church in Great Britain

## Minutes of Synod 2011

Saturday 26 March 2011

At St Luke's Lutheran Church, 9 Alma Road, Leeds

### **Present:**

#### **Trustees:**

Mrs Linda Bruch *Trustee (Treasurer)*  
The Very Rev'd Tom Bruch *Trustee (Ex-officio)*  
Mr Stanley Goh *Trustee (Secretary)*  
The Rt Revd Jana Jeruma-Grinberga *Trustee (Ex-officio)*  
Mrs Annette Higgins *(Trustee and Appointed Representative, St Luke's Leeds (Vice-chairperson))*  
Mr David Lin *Trustee (Chairperson)*  
The Revd Robert Wojtowicz *Trustee (Member)*

#### **Pastors:**

Pastor Tim Dearhamer *Pastor, St Anne's Lutheran Church London*  
The Revd John Evenson *Pastor, St Mark's Birmingham*  
The Revd Mark Hardy *Pastor, St Luke's Leeds*  
The Rt Revd Walter Jagucki *Pastor, St Luke's Leeds*  
The Revd Dr Roy Long *Convenor, Theological Committee*  
The Revd Libby Toomsalu *Pastor, St Luke's Leeds*

#### **Appointed Representatives:**

Marlies Adam *Appointed Representative, Trinity Congregation, Nottingham*  
Carly Chan *Appointed Representative, London Chinese Lutheran Church*

Mrs Vera Erdmann-Sudol *Appointed Representative, Christ the King*  
Mrs Halina Martin *Appointed Representative, St Matthew's Bradford*  
Mr John Pyuza *Appointed Representative, Imani Congregation Reading*  
Wellu Shilla *Appointed Representative, St Mark's Birmingham*  
Seium Tsegai *Appointed Representative, Wengiawit Congregation*  
Mrs Rosemary Warner *Appointed Representative, St Anne's Lutheran Church London*  
Mr Charles Maluila, *St Luke's Leeds*

#### **Guests:**

Deacon Seija Frears *Guest, St Luke's Leeds*  
Mr Felix Kallaghe *Guest, Imani Congregation Reading*  
Mrs Grace Kusiluka *Guest, St Anne's, Swahili Congregation*  
Mr Amani Mgonja *Guest, Imani Congregation Reading*  
Mrs Margaret Pickford *Guest, Trinity Congregation, Nottingham*  
Mr Moses Shonga *Guest, St Anne's, Swahili Congregation*

#### **Minutes:**

Ms Rosanna Mason, *LCiGB*

#### **Apologies:**

The Revd Tumaini Kallaghe *Trustee*  
Mrs Elizabeth Dawid *Appointed Representative, St Martin's Manchester*  
Mrs Yvonne Whyte *Appointed Representative, St Paul's Corby*

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*The meeting began at 11.00 am*

1. **Introduction and welcome** from LCiGB Chair David Lin (DL) and Bishop Emeritus Walter Jagucki (WJ).
2. **The Annual General Meeting**
  - 2.1. Apologies were received from Pastor Tumaini Kallaghe, Mrs Elizabeth Dawid and Mrs Yvonne Whyte.
  - 2.2. Synod received the Trustees' Annual Report and Examined Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2010.
  - 2.3. Synod approved the Board to appoint an examiner for the accounts. The Treasurer hopes to engage an examiner closer to where she lives in Cornwall.
  - 2.4. A benchmark fee of £250 - £300 was suggested for the remuneration of the examiner. Dr Roy Long (RL) moved that Synod authorise the Board to agree a fee for 2011, with Synod to review the fee next year – Synod agreed.
  - 2.5. There were no amendments to the Memorandum or Articles of Association.
  - 2.6. There were no resolutions.
  - 2.7. Election of Trustees: DL and all other elected trustees stood down. Bishop Jana (BJ) chaired the elections. No nominations for new trustees had been received from Members. The previously elected trustees (Mrs Linda Bruch, Mr Stanley Goh, Mrs Annette Higgins, Pastor Tumaini Kallaghe, Mr David Lin and Pastor Robert Wojtowicz) all stood for re-election. Synod voted unanimously (21 votes for) to re-elect the above named trustees. There were no votes against and no abstentions.
  - 2.8. Pastor Magdalena Mueller, Pastor Barnabas Daniel and Pastor Daniel Bruch had not been listed as Members in the Synod Handbook, neither had formal titles been used for

clergy. **Action: BJ to clarify the status of non-serving pastors and RM to use correct titles.**

- 2.9. It was suggested next year's AGM agenda include a section for Any Other Business.
  - 2.10. Trustees are currently working on a Disciplinary Grievance Procedure for Pastors. Meanwhile a Code of Conduct is in place.
  - 2.11. Trustee and Officer job descriptions are being drafted and will be approved by Council when complete.
  - 2.12. Officers have met at Officer-only meetings for discussion of pertinent issues, but decisions are only taken at meetings of the full Council.
  - 2.13. Summaries of Council discussions have been circulated via a monthly e-bulletin from the Administrator. Reporting is also made via the Trustees' Annual Report, and Members are encouraged to pass the Report on to any congregation members who have an interest.
  - 2.14. DL closed the AGM at 12.00pm.
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### 3. The Church Session

- 3.1. Synod approved the agenda for the Church Session.
- 3.2. **Bishop's Reflection:** Bishop Jana gave her vision for the future of LCiGB.
- 3.3. **Interim Report for Synod on the Diaconate:** Dr Long and Deacon Seija Frears (SF) gave a joint presentation on the Diaconate, with reference to RL's paper "Interim Report for Synod on the Diaconate" (approved by the Theological Committee, amended and approved by the Ministerium, and now awaiting formal response from the Council) and "Five Papers on Church Ministry". SF spoke of her journey as a Deacon of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church, followed by a reflection on diakonia. The following recommendations were made to Synod:
  - 3.3.1. The formation of a Diakonia Committee.
  - 3.3.2. Establishment of a process for selection and training of deacons – possibly to be tasked to the Pastors in the North group for discussion at their summer meeting.
  - 3.3.3. BJ reminded Synod of the timetable LCiGB had set for its exploration of Diakonia: a report and recommendation to come back to Synod in 2012, having first been through the Ministerium and the Council.
- 4. The meeting broke for lunch at 1.15pm and re-convened at 2.10pm. Synod expressed a vote of thanks to the ladies at St Luke's for the excellent lunch prepared for them.
- 5. **Congregational Developments:** the Appointed Representative for each Member Congregation gave a brief report to Synod:
  - 5.1. St Anne's Lutheran Church London have a new Council and are working with Pastor Dearhamer to address the long term problems of the church, which is in a negative situation financially. However the church has a large number of children (20) and the Swahili congregation plan to increase Bible teaching, particularly with children.
  - 5.2. London Chinese Lutheran Church thanked Dean Tom for acting as pastor whilst they were without a permanent pastor. In 2010 they had a wide range of guests and speakers, new young people joined the congregation, and a new prayer group on Thursday afternoons was formed.
  - 5.3. Christ the King London are a small congregation, their numbers are declining as older members pass away, there is a need to encourage visitors to return, and their aim for 2011 is to become compliant with charity and employment regulations.
  - 5.4. St Mark's Birmingham have increased services to twice a month, they have financial challenges as a small congregation with a large number of students, they hope to increase their numbers in 2011.
  - 5.5. St Matthew's Bradford are a congregation of 45 people including 5 children, there were two weddings last year, the Bradford and Leeds congregations occasionally meet for worship together, and they would like to grow in numbers, particularly with more young people.
  - 5.6. Imani Mission Congregation Reading is a 'new congregation that feels old in God'. In 2010 they secured a worship venue, had Wednesday Bible studies and Friday prayer

meetings, and have started a church choir. They hope to continue growing spiritually, and to expand their programme to reach new people.

5.7. St Luke's Lutheran Church Leeds held their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010 with a celebration pilgrimage. Their challenge in the past year has been financial, but they have encouraged one another throughout, and their hope for 2011 is to continue providing a Christian presence in Headingley, and to participate in local ecumenical activities alongside serving one another in the congregation.

5.8. Trinity Congregation Nottingham and Leicester is a small 'family-like' congregation which supports one another during the week and in prayer, as well as at Sunday services. They are grateful to Pastor Libby for travelling to take services for them, and hope to find a resident pastor living locally who may help them grow the church.

5.9. Wengiawit Eritrean Lutheran Congregation London celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010, and their membership has increased since they were founded. Their hope for 2011 is to invest time and energy into their young people through Sunday school, especially as some of their youth have recently been influenced by Islamic literature.

**5.10.** Synod gave feedback following the Congregational Reports. Mr Seium Tsegai (ST) noted many congregations describe themselves as "small" and asked LCiGB Council to create a strategic long term plan for growth, thinking "big". **Action: Council to form strategic plan for growth.**

5.11. RL noted there are currently ten serving pastors in LCiGB, three of whom are due to retire within the next three years. Strategic plan should include training of pastors (in appropriate languages) who are willing and able to go to the locations where there is need.

5.12. What is the role of the Lutheran church in this country? Is it simply to chaplain Lutherans here, or to witness to the "indigenous" population – is there a Lutheran mission here to British non-Lutheran-churched people?

5.13. WJ suggested LCiGB has a ministry of presence, and recounted the story of three South African ladies visiting Leeds who 'wept with a sense of homecoming' when they learned there was a Lutheran church nearby.

5.14. Provision is currently made for St Paul's Corby through occasional visits from Bishop Jana and Pastor Evenson. Services rely on David or Yvonne Whyte transporting elderly congregation members. The Latvian Lutheran Church in Corby is also in need of a pastor, thought is being given to the possibility of sharing the role.

5.15. There is a need for English language-training for able Lutherans. Whilst there is not yet a formal definition of what constitutes a bi-lingual service, Bishop Emeritus Walter, Pastor Robert Wojtowicz and speakers at LCLC often conduct bi-lingual services.

5.16. LCiGB pastors mostly operate tent-making careers in addition to their ministry, due to lack of funding to be fully employed by congregations. What implications does this have for Lay people to take on some of the duties traditionally assigned to pastors?

5.17. How might the Porvoo agreement affect the needs for a Lutheran presence in Great Britain? (For future discussion.)

**5.18. Action: Council to reflect on the above suggestions from Synod during strategic planning.**

6. **Outreach, Missions and Service:** SF shared some highlights from the Leeds Chaplaincy, and Marlies Adam (MA) announced the speaker for the Leicester University Chaplaincy Day in 2012 will be Fr Timothy Radcliffe.

7. **Other Matters Pertaining to the Spiritual Growth of LCiGB:**

7.1. LCiGB 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations will take place on 8 or 15 October, thus allowing time for preparations after Synod.

7.2. Please could Members send Sarah Farrow memories and stories of their time in LCiGB, for inclusion in The Forum.



- 7.3. Affiliation fees have been replaced with a tithing scheme. LB will circulate a procedure regarding tithing.
- 7.4. 50/50 Anniversary Appeal: Congregation Treasurers met in January for a training day, at which the theme of “change” emerged. Treasurers requested more training days on Stewardship, Fundraising, Employment, Mission, etc. In this 50<sup>th</sup> year of LCiGB, “50” will become the fundraising theme for 2011 and “Change for Church” paper collection boxes were distributed for members to collect loose change to donate to LCiGB. There have already been significant donations towards our 2011 fundraising target through personal donations and sponsorship of Bishop Jana’s Lenten Walk, and we have been greatly encouraged by God’s grace and provision. **Action: all congregations to encourage their members to collect for the “Change for Church” appeal.**
- 8. AOB:**
- 8.1. Strategic Thinking: Council had a residential meeting in February, set aside for strategic thinking - but due to the pressures of pre-Synod issues, little time was left for strategic thinking. Another meeting has been scheduled, and a blog created for debate amongst Council members.
- 8.2. Charity Registration for Congregations: The paper “Information for Congregations Preparing to Meet Charity Registration Requirements” was tabled, and TB encouraged congregations to read this and take it back to their congregations to move things forward. Congregations were asked to complete and return a form to the LCiGB, indicating how they wished to proceed. **Action: RM to post “Information for Congregations Preparing to Meet Charity Registration Requirements” to the website.**
9. The Church Session closed at 3.30pm and was followed by a celebration of the Eucharist.
- 9.1. DL expressed a vote of thanks to Bishop Walter and St Luke’s for their warm hospitality, to Rosanna Mason for the administrative preparations, to the Trustees for their hard work, and to Synod for their support of the Trustees.
- 9.1.1. Pastor Libby Toomsalu offered a vote of thanks to the Trustees for their hard work and service to LCiGB.
- 9.2. The date suggested for the next Synod is 28 April 2012. Imani Mission Congregation in Reading offered to host.

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# **CHRIST THE KING LONDON**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

## **NAME OF CONGREGATION:**

Polish Lutheran Parish of Christ the King, London

## **MINISTERS' NAMES:**

1. Revd Robert Wojtowicz

## **CHAIR(MAN) OF CONGREGATION**

Mrs Wiera Erdmann-Sudol (Also Chair of Polish Lutheran Congregations South)

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## **PLACE(s) OF WORSHIP (Full postal address)**

19 Montpelier Place  
Knightsbridge  
London SW7 1HL

## **DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES**

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 1.30pm

## **PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2011:**

Baptisms 0	Confirmations 1
Weddings 0	Funerals 0

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income through Offerings: £1,300  
Income through Donations:  
Major expenditure: Church, hall, hospitality, organist.  
Charity projects and mission offerings: £50

## **ANY OTHER INFORMATION:**

2011 was a sad but also a joyful year for Christ the King congregation in London.

We lost our previous long-serving curator Mr Jan Ruobe, also our long and loyal-serving Treasurer Mr Puczek, and a very young-at-heart 101 year old lady, Mrs Irma Spring, who had been long-serving and financially supportive.

Through illness and old age, only a few of our members are left. But we are proud to have kept our Polish congregation, so the younger generation will take it over and it will be their task to carry on. With the young children who take part in our services, and their parents, hopefully the future will be fully established in due course and we can look forward to a new and younger congregation.

Children now have lessons with Pastor Robert through Skype, which is good for the parents as they don't have to worry about travelling or safety. Although confirmation lessons take place in London, the confirmation service happens in Poland with their families present.

We were very proud to welcome our Polish Bishop Samiec here in the UK. We also celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LCiGB, with many other Lutherans – what a lovely get-together!

We are also proud to have solved our situation as employers, with the help of Rosanna Horridge, so we are on the right road and our finances run smoothly under our new heading of 'Polish Lutheran Congregations South', although we just about cope financially, with help from Poland and the LCiGB.

A service is held every fourth Sunday of the month, with the congregation gathering afterwards for Polish cakes and sandwiches, as socializing is very important.

# **IMANI CONGREGATION**

## **READING**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

### **NAME OF CONGREGATION:**

Imani Congregation

### **MINISTERS' NAMES:**

1. Rev'd Tumaini Kallaghe
2. Felix Kallaghe - Lay Minister

### **CHAIR(MAN) OF CONGREGATION**

Rev. Tumaini Kallaghe

### **ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL**

9 Cambridge Street  
Reading  
RG1 7PA

### **PLACE(s) OF WORSHIP (Full postal address)**

St. Andrew's United Reformed Church  
London Road  
RG1 5BD

### **DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES**

### **BAPTISED MEMBERSHIP:**

Adults: 12                      Children: 10

### **PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2011:**

Baptisms	2	Confirmations	0
Weddings	0	Funerals	0

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income through Offerings: £6,697.31  
Major expenditure: £3,715.40

Charity projects and Mission Offerings: Tanzania Flood - £200.00

# **LONDON CHINESE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **LONDON**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

### **NAME OF CONGREGATION:**

London Chinese Lutheran Church

### **MINISTERS' NAMES:**

1. Dean Tom Bruch (Pastor in Charge)

### **CHAIR(MAN) OF CONGREGATION**

Stanley Goh

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### **PLACE(s) OF WORSHIP**

c/o The American Church

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### **DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES**

Every Sunday at 2pm

### **BAPTISED MEMBERSHIP:**

Adults: 45

Children: 6

### **PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2010:**

Baptisms ...1.....

Confirmations .....0.....

Weddings ...0.....

Funerals .....0.....

### **Main events eg. Congregational outings, Special Services:**

We have a special visitor from the LWF Geneva (Dr. William Chang) visited us. He comes with a special Chinese New year message. "The Lord's eight blessings".

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income through Offerings: 12,174.64

Income through Donations: N/N

Major expenditure: 7,241.21

Charity projects and Mission Offerings: N/N

# **ST ANNE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LONDON**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

## **NAME OF CONGREGATION:**

St Anne's Lutheran Church

## **MINISTERS' NAMES:**

1. Rev'd Tumaini Kallaghe
2. Sarah Farrow - Lay Minister
3. Phoebe Luk - Lay Minister
4. Markus Reule - Lay Minister
5. Moses Shonga – Lay Minister
6. Grace Kusiluka – Lay Minister
7. Brian Fisher – Lay Minister

## **CHAIR(MAN) OF CONGREGATION**

(Vice Chair) Nelly Nsemwa Fungo

## **ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL**

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trustees@stanneslutheranchurch.org.uk

## **PLACE(s) OF WORSHIP (Full postal address)**

Same as above

## **DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES**

### **Every Sunday:**

11:00 Choral Eucharist (English)

6:30 Vespers (rotating schedule: Bach, Choral, Jazz)

### **Sundays, Monthly:**

14:00 Eucharist (Swahili)

17:00 Praise and Healing (Swahili)

14:00 Eucharist (Latvian)

14:00 Service of the Word (Swahili)

## **BAPTISED MEMBERSHIP:**

Adults:

Children:

## **PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2011:**

Baptisms 1 Confirmations 5

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income through Offerings: £51,514.05

Income through Donations: £23,913.43 (Legacy)

Major expenditure: £89,602.61

Charity projects and Mission Offerings: £386.14 (collected for Burundi & Jerusalem)

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### Some reflections from a member-

*"Let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and growth of our fellowship together" (Romans 14 : 19)*

Thus states Paul in his appeal to the Christians to stop their bickering, I here apply it in the context of acknowledging the positive as I reflect upon the goodness and grace of God and His marvellous healing hands at work in my congregation.

St Anne's has indeed endured a most challenging year and continues to face obstacles which test resolve, faith, patience and trust. However, God has never deserted us and throughout he continues to sustain, build, nurture and bless us.

We are blessed through the pastoral care and ministry of Pastor Tumaini who together with our team of gifted Lay Ministers has ensured that services at St Anne's are rich and varied. Those of us in the pews have been blessed to hear a range of different preachers, comprised of the lay ministers and guest pastors. Another highlight has been Sarah Owens' 'teaching' sessions where she has lead us in contemplation and study to think outside and within biblical contexts.

Publicity ventures include the launch of our brand new web-site and Facebook sites both of which are beautifully presented, frequently updated and at last represent the true life of St Anne's and links to the wider Christian community. The weekly Newsletter was launched to replace the ebuletin; this is sent to around 300 subscribers. Shut-ins are sent printed copies. Responses have been extremely positive to all three.

Administratively we have a lot of work to do to get back on track. We are delighted that Elaine Makowski has returned as part-time admin for SALC and has already begun to make a positive difference. We also welcome Stuart Whatton as part-time admin for SAMS.

Some social and celebratory highlights of the year for me were-

- celebrating George Sale's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a St Anne's staple, the pot-luck lunch. George has recently come out of his retirement as usher and is on the volunteer list again.
- LCiGB's 50<sup>th</sup>, how wonderful to be a congregation in the bosom of the Lutheran church here in GB. On that day I was so very proud of my Lutheran heritage but more so as a foreigner to this land I felt so grateful to God for leading our fore-fathers to establish this family to which we belong; the LCiGB. Praise the Lord!
- The Lutheran Women's Retreat in November was hosted by St Anne's. Lay minister Sarah Farrow prepared the excellent studies but unfortunately was unable to attend



so Sarah Owens stepped up to the role and competently lead us through the programme. Due to other responsibilities back at SALC pastor Tumaini was unable to be our presiding pastor, we are especially thankful for pastor Libby for graciously stepping in. This highlights for me how marvellously we are blessed by the gifts, talents and willingness to serve in our Lutheran community.

- We celebrated our 60th birthday with prayers and celebratory home-made cakes; we have worshipped God together since 1951 as an English-speaking congregation founded in St Mary's German Lutheran church, London.
- Meanwhile Christopher Kusiluka, Rita Ferreira and I look forward to celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our membership of St Anne's later this year.

I close with a heart of hope and promise for our future. Already I see the green shoots of renewal in the life of my congregation. Elaine and Brian have re-established morning prayers during the working day, long absent from our place, Lenten Table talks have begun and last Friday was the inaugural gathering of SALLY, a devotional fellowship gathering for the ladies of SALC. Please join me in thanking God for His amazing grace, where next?

Tracy Maroske

# **ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LEEDS**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

## **NAME OF CONGREGATION:**

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LEEDS

## **MINISTERS' NAMES:**

1. RT. REVD. WALTER JAGUCKI
2. REVD. MARK HARDY
3. DEACON SEIJA FREARS

## **CHAIR OF CONGREGATION**

JOAN WHITE

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9 ALMA ROAD, LEEDS LS6 2AH

## **DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES**

EVERY SUNDAY: 10.30 AM, AND FESTIVALS  
1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY: 7.00 PM

## **BAPTISED MEMBERSHIP:**

Adults: 89 Children: 7

## **PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2010:**

Baptisms:	2	Confirmations	0
Weddings	2	Funerals	2

## **Main events eg. Congregational outings, Special Services:**

Regular 'agape' dinners 6 times a year, led by different families

Annual parish outing : this year to Harrogate

Joint Reformation Service

Service of Welcome for Bishop Jerzy Samiec of Poland

Hosting visit of Bishop Geza Erniša of Slovenia at Church House for 3 weeks during the summer

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income through Offerings: £2,800.00

Income through Donations: £3,660.00

Major expenditure: £7,500.00

Charity projects and Mission Offerings: £500.00

## PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE LIFE OF ST LUKE'S ...



*Bishop Geza with Bishop Walter  
& Ron Clay's father in law (Harrogate  
outing)*



*Enjoying the sunshine in Ron's garden*



*...while he did all the work!*



*Bishop Walter preaching at the  
Reformation Celebration Service  
on October 30<sup>th</sup>*



### **A Favourite Moment**

-- *Livjia Upmalis, St Luke's*

We all have our own favourite moments, for a variety of reasons. St Luke's may not be a large congregation, but over the years people from many countries have worshiped with us – whether that be on Roundhay Road or at Alma Road, Headingley. The time we may be able spend together may be short (one to three months, or so) or

long (twelve to fifteen years), or somewhere in between. Then there are those who are '*parts of the furniture*'. We are also a nice mix ages – our '*newest*' member came into the world on 31<sup>st</sup> October. We also said farewell to people – some returning home to their families, while others were '*called home*'.

We have been able to share our time while having a chat over coffee or tea after the service. But one of the most enjoyable moments is the Parish Diners that we have every two months. Each time the food is prepared by different people. Each time it is totally different, some are representations of the people's background – Scottish, Finnish, and Tanzanian – to name but a few. We do not need to have a reason to enjoy food, but we seem to enjoy it more when it is a celebration like a christening, or a wedding, birthday, or to celebrate the life of a loved one.

We are part of the Christian family and we are able to share the Lord's Supper, as Jesus Christ asked us to do. Even Jesus would share a meal with people as he travelled preaching and teaching. This would sometimes would get him into trouble, as many of them were considered to be undesirables. But I'm sure they all enjoyed those meals together too.

# **ST. MARTIN'S CONGREGATION MANCHESTER**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

**NAME OF CONGREGATION:**

ST. MARTIN'S CONGREGATION, MANCHESTER

**MINISTERS' NAMES:**

RT. REVD. WALTER JAGUCKI

**CHAIR OF CONGREGATION:**

MRS. ELIZABETH DAVID

**CONTACT ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL:**

70 LITTLE HORTON LANE, BRADFORD BD5 0HU  
01274 305 857

**PLACE OF WORSHIP (Full postal address)**

MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH,  
9 PARK ROAD,  
STRETFORD  
MANCHESTER

**DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES:**

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

**BAPTISED MEMBERSHIP:**

Adults: 19                      Children: 1

**PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2010:**

Baptisms .....	Confirmations .....
Weddings .....	Funerals .....

**Main events eg. Congregational outings, Special Services:**

Joint Reformation Service with German & Latvian congregations

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income through Offerings: £212.00

Income through Donations: £490.00

Major expenditure: £840.00

Charity projects and Mission Offerings: £25.00

**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

Both Polish congregations (Bradford & Manchester) are active.

Services are mainly in Polish with English as necessary.

Services are also conducted in the homes of those who are, due to age or infirmity, unable to attend services. Hence home visits to people scattered throughout the north of England are important but costly. Hospital visits are frequent as well.

We also serve second and third generation Polish Lutherans in the UK, and through marriages we also serve indigenous people who have contact with our church. We continue working with new immigrants from Poland who are in the UK seeking work etc.

Our church House in Bradford has offered housing to three Polish Roman Catholics who arrived in Bradford.

In April 2011 we hosted the Bishop of the Lutheran church in Poland who visited our congregations. The link with the Church in Poland goes back to 1950 and since 1990, Bishops from Poland have regularly visited our congregations. The Church in Poland sends us £600.00 towards work in the north of England and Scotland.

Bishop Samiec's visit was also an opportunity to welcome members of the Association of Polish Lutheran congregations in the UK to Leeds and Bradford.

# **ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN PARISH BRADFORD**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

## **NAME OF CONGREGATION:**

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN PARISH, BRADFORD

## **MINISTERS' NAMES:**

RT. REVD. WALTER JAGUCKI

## **CHAIR OF CONGREGATION:**

MRS. HALINA MARTIN

## **ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL:**

70 LITTLE HORTON ROAD,  
BRADFORD  
BD5 0HU  
01274 305 857

## **PLACE(s) OF WORSHIP (Full postal address)**

ST. MATTHEW'S CHAPEL  
70 LITTLE HORTON LANE,  
BRADFORD  
BD5 0HU

(Also at St. Luke's Church in Leeds and the German Church in Edinburgh)

## **DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month  
Twice a year in Edinburgh

## **BAPTISED MEMBERSHIP:**

Adults: 44                      Children: 5

## **PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2010:**

Baptisms        1                      Confirmations .....

Weddings .....                      Funerals .....

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income through Offerings: £1,894.00

Income through Donations: £685.00

Major expenditure: £5,000.00

Charity projects and Mission Offerings: £250.00

# **ST JOHN'S PARISH HIGH WYCOMBE**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

## **NAME OF CONGREGATION:**

St John's Parish

## **MINISTERS' NAMES:**

1. Revd Robert Wojtowicz

## **CHAIR(MAN) OF CONGREGATION**

Mrs Vera Erdmann-Sudol (Chair of Polish Lutheran Congregations South)

## **ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL**

### **PLACE(s) OF WORSHIP (Full postal address)**

Trinity United Reformed Church  
London Road  
High Wycombe  
Bucks  
HP11 1BJ

## **DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES**

2nd Sunday of the month

## **BAPTISED MEMBERSHIP:**

### **PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2011:**

Baptisms 0	Confirmations 0
Weddings 0	Funerals 0

### **Main events eg. Congregational outings, Special Services:**

65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income through Offerings: £1,027

Income through Donations: £715

Major expenditure: £300 rent for church and hall



# **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH LEICESTER / NOTTINGHAM**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

## **NAME OF CONGREGATION:**

Trinity Lutheran Church Leicester / Nottingham

## **MINISTERS' NAMES:**

1. Rev'd Libby Toomsalu (now resigned; Pastor-in-Charge is Bishop Jana)
2. Marlies Adam (Lay Minister)

## **CHAIR(MAN) OF CONGREGATION**

Mrs. Margaret Pickford

## **ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL**

33 Seymour Road  
Burton-on-the Wolds  
LE12 5AH  
Tel. 01509 881264  
[m.pickford@live.co.uk](mailto:m.pickford@live.co.uk)

## **PLACE(s) OF WORSHIP (Full postal address)**

67 Homefield Road  
Nottingham NG8 5GH

Website: [www.trinitylutheran.org.uk](http://www.trinitylutheran.org.uk)

## **DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 11am

## **BAPTISED MEMBERSHIP:**

Adults: 16                      Children: 2

## **PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2011:**

Baptisms 0                      Confirmations 0  
Weddings 0                      Funerals 0

## **Main events eg. Congregational outings, Special Services:**

Palm Sunday Faith Lunch with visiting members from St. Luke's  
Good Friday Service in Woodhouse Eaves  
Welcome Service and meal for American Students living in the Church House  
Christmas Dinner after Carol Service

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income through Offerings: £1188.90  
Income through Donations: £125.00  
Major expenditure: Rent, Pastor's salary and travel expenses, tithing to LCiGB  
Charity projects and Mission Offerings: Mission Offering to LCiGB

**ANY OTHER INFORMATION:**

We are looking forward to celebrating “50 Years of Trinity” this June



*Our Lutheran Church  
In Nottingham*



*Welcoming some visiting  
American students*



*Trinity Christmas Lunch*

# **ST MARK'S BIRMINGHAM**

CONGREGATIONAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

## **NAME OF CONGREGATION:**

ST MARK'S, BIRMINGHAM  
(and Lutheran Chaplaincy, University of Birmingham)

## **MINISTER'S NAME:**

The Rev John Arthur Evenson  
175 Sellywood Road  
Bournville,  
Birmingham  
B30 1TJ  
Tel: 0794 150 1210  
Email: john\_evenson@hotmail.com

## **CHAIR OF CONGREGATION**

Mrs Wellu Shilla  
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Walsall,  
West Midlands,  
WS3 1HH  
Tel: 0192 249 5318

## **PLACE OF WORSHIP**

St Francis Hall,  
University of Birmingham  
Edgbaston,  
Birmingham  
B15 2TT

## **DAYS AND TIMES OF SERVICES**

First and Third Sunday of the month, 11AM Worship Service and Shared Lunch  
Special services on Holy Days and other events.

## **BAPTISED MEMBERSHIP:**

Adults: 24                      Children (11-16): 4

## **PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2011:**

The congregation supports a combined ministry of Lutheran chaplaincy to university students and staff, and a worship home for persons from the Lutheran tradition in the West Midlands. The congregation continues to worship using various liturgical settings during the year. All services are followed by a shared mid-day meal, an important part of our ministry as a community of Christ.

Members of the congregation prepared and recorded prayers and music for a special inter-faith audio art event "Prayer", as part of the City of Birmingham Art Festival.

The congregation has a number of special events during the year, including a well-attended congregational barbeque and a special service and celebration of Pastor Evenson's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination.

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Income through Offerings: £953

Income through Donations: LCiGB:£ 1000; Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod, ELCA: £1813

Major expenditure: Pastor's salary and congregational expenses: £3000

### **Charity projects and Mission Offerings:**

Donation to LCiGB for 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	£100
Donation to Anna Irbe Trust India Ministry	£300
Donation to LWF Somalia famine relief	£88 (€100)
Donation of calculators to school in Zimbabwe	£50

# **CHAPLAINCY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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# LEEDS CHAPLAINCY

CHAPLAINCY REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

## NAME OF CHAPLAINCY:

Leeds Universities Chaplaincy

## CHAPLAINS' NAMES:

Seija Frears

## CHAPLAINCY ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL

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[s.frears@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:s.frears@leeds.ac.uk)

## DAYS AND TIMES OF CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Part time from Tuesday to Friday

## PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2011:

### Weekly services:

1. **Culture Café** on Tuesdays 5-7pm (2-7 students)
2. **International Students Club =ISC** ( 25-100 people) and **two Bible discussion groups; intermediate** attended by 3-10 people) and **beginners** groups (attended by 2-5 people) on Wednesdays 6-9pm also in vacation time.
3. In Emmanuel Centre I have been giving **individual biblical tutoring/catechism /baptism** teaching to a Mexican student since March 2011, to a Syrian PhD student from September 2011 and to an Indian lady from November 2011. She was due to be baptized but because of family reasons the baptism was postponed and it will happen in India. The biblical tutoring/catechism/baptism teaching happens on Thursdays or Fridays.

### Special services:

4. Once a month lunch time '**International Staff & Friends Coffee Hour**' (6-14 participants)

### Other:

5. **Visiting students** in residential halls on Thursday evenings and conducting an international religious survey: I have met about 140 students or their family members, staff or volunteers in resident halls, in private homes, in our offices or in hospitals Altogether I had about 230 contact visits or calls for pastoral counselling during 2011.

We gave out 8 New Testaments as a result of our international religious survey f or students who has specifically requested them.

6. I have compiled a **list of Christmas and new Year events list** for international students for the universities and chaplaincy web site

7. Taking part to **Chaplaincy staff meetings** every second Tuesday morning and leading the worship

## CHAPLAINCY EVENTS IN 2011:

**York trip** for 18 students in Easter holidays and **Whitby trip** in June.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 **Special 25-year ISC celebration** with 120 people

**Gospel Concert** in October about 80 people

**Culture Shock Comedy Drama** performances for about 1000 students. The play is now in YOUTUBE; 'Culture Shock Comedy Drama' in three parts

**Reverse Culture Shock Drama** for about 100 students in two performances. The play is now in YOUTUBE; 'Reverse Culture Shock Drama' in four parts.

**Cooking & Friendship** events 2 times/ year 30-40 students in each event

## ANY OTHER INFORMATION:

1. To support the well being and training of the 18 ISC volunteers in their important ministry. The ISC volunteers Handbook is now available in electrical form.
2. American Anna Spiegel will join the Chaplaincy Team in May as a Baptist Chaplain. She has done Human Development, Family and Anthropological studies. If she wishes to know more about international work I will give her orientation appropriately. Previously Anna has worked a short while in Mexico, she has also worked in Vietnam for two years and in Morocco for 5 years.
3. Continuation of visiting and all groups which go well
4. Offering individual Biblical tutorial and catechism/baptism teaching for those who request it.

*A warm thank you for all of you who have been praying and supporting the international students and staff work in Leeds Universities Chaplaincy. It has been great to see the work stabilise on a new level which has released energy and time for meeting with more students. Some of them have had good positive changes in their lives which makes everything so worthwhile. Let's pray for a deepening discipleship for those who have got to know the Lord Jesus while in Leeds and opportunities to reach out for those who are interested of God's Good news.*



*Two of the choir singing at the International Student Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party*

## **International Student Club Celebrates 25 Years of Cultural Connections**

**By Kimone Charlize Joseph**

Being an international student at any university presents a set of challenges. One way that many students from the University of Leeds and Leeds Metropolitan University seek to make the transition to a new institution and new country a more comfortable one is by spending their Wednesday evenings at the International Students' Club. The Club is organised by the Universities Chaplaincy Office in the Emmanuel Centre.

According to the International Students' Club handbook, one of its main aims is to develop a community where students who are studying away from their home countries can meet and network with other students and volunteers from the community in an effort to provide mutual support and encouragement. Another important aim of the Club is to help students to learn more about the culture of the UK and other countries of the world while they practise their English. Thirdly, for students who wish to participate, there is also the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith.

Seija Frears, Chaplain to International Students and one of the organisers of the Club, believes that, because of those aims, the Club is a fitting project for the Chaplaincy Office.

"The Chaplaincy has always worked in partnership with the other 10 Partners who advise and run the Club because it sees this as an integral aspect of its work," says Frears. "The Chaplaincy serves all students and staff of all faiths and none in both Universities."

According to Frears, the Club was started twenty-five years ago.

"International Students' Club was started in 1986 by a group of volunteers from St George's Anglican church to offer a warm welcome for all international students," she says. "Later on more volunteers joined and a partnership was formed to facilitate with the running of the Club."

On a typical Wednesday night in the autumn term, between 70 and 120 students attend the meetings, while during the spring term and the summer vacation between 30 and 60 attend. Students get the opportunity to have refreshments and speak to old friends while making new ones. This activity is followed by other programs like international food tasting, quizzes, salsa and English barn dancing, karaoke and dramas. There are also special events which happen on certain weekends. These include sight-seeing trips to cities and towns in the U.K. All the activities are headed by community volunteers who set the tables, arrange the chairs, talk with the students and clear everything afterwards. Some volunteers also teach an English class before Club meetings.

Dulce Contreras, an MA Social and Public Policy student from Mexico, is a regular attendee of Club meetings.



“The Club is very important as it helps students to integrate into the university community so they have a pleasant stay,” says Contreras. “It does this by providing a space to socialize with other people in Leeds, to make friends and share ideas in a relaxed atmosphere. The volunteers are very kind and warm. They seem to be happy doing what they do.”

Bo Meinertsen, who graduated with his PhD in Philosophy from University of Leeds, is from Denmark. He has been participating in the Club for over two and a half years.

“I’m both very sociable and very international in outlook, so the Club is a great place to make new international friends,” Meinertsen says. “Many of the volunteers are British or ‘mature’ or both. It’s the best –if not the only –place on Campus for international students to befriend British people or older generations.”

Although she is not a student, Sayyora Aliyeva enjoys participating in the Club meetings with her four-year-old son, Elyor. Aliyeva, Elyor and her husband, Murod, who is pursuing a PhD in Micro-Economics, are originally from Uzbekistan.

“I like go to the Club because at this place I can meet my friends as well as make new friends,” says Aliyeva. “The club is child-friendly, so I can go with my son. This is big plus for me.”

One very special program hosted by the Club is the ‘Culture Shock Comedy Drama.’ Frears thinks that the drama brings out several important issues about how international students deal with the culture of a new setting.

“The ‘Culture Shock Comedy Drama’ play was designed to improve the cross-cultural experience,” says Frears “It was also to help international students to cope with the effects of the culture shock so that the new students would understand what culture shock is and to offer some ways to manage the stress and make the most in adapting to a new culture.”

Frears hopes that the Club will continue to have a positive impact on students and volunteers.

“We feel very privileged to meet all the wonderful young people from all over the world” she remarks. “By God’s grace we hope to be better equipped to love and serve the new generations of international students. We are looking forward to the next 25 years in welcoming and meeting the charming youth from all the corners of the globe!”

# **LEICESTER CHAPLAINCY**

CHAPLAINCY REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

## **Chaplaincy to the University of Leicester**

### **CHAPLAINS' NAMES:**

1. Revd. Canon Dr. S. Foster (Co-Ordinating Chaplain, Anglican)
2. Revd. Suresh Kumar (Anglican)
3. Revd. Julie-Ann Heath (Anglican – Chaplain to International Students)
4. Revd. Paul Richard (Baptist)
5. Revd. Lynn Fowkes (United Reformed)
6. Father D. Rock OP (Catholic)
7. Revd. M. Cheetham (Methodist)
8. Clive Sutton (Society of Friends)
9. Marlies Adam (Lutheran)

### **CHAPLAINCY ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL**

The Gate House  
University Road,  
Leicester LE1 7RH  
0116-2856493

### **UNIVERSITY ADDRESS**

University of Leicester  
University Road  
Leicester LE1 7RH

### **DAYS AND TIMES OF CHAPLAINCY SERVICES**

Morning Prayers, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am  
Evening Prayers, Tuesday and Thursday 5pm  
Catholic Mass Tuesday and Friday 12.15

### **PASTORAL SERVICES IN 2011:**

Weekly services: Mass twice per week

Special services: Ecumenical Service fourth Thursday of month 10am

### **CHAPLAINCY EVENTS IN 2011:**

Women's World Day of Prayer – March

Annual Chaplaincy Lecture – March – Prof. John Milbank

Preparation for Easter Service – Reflective Response to each of the last words from the cross.

University Carol Service – December

Lunchtime Fellowship – each Tuesday during term time

End of Term Open House

International Students Event each Tuesday evening during term time

Two Fund-raising Dinners (Chaplains cooked) attendance of 50-60



*Visit to the Chaplaincy  
by the Mayor of Leicester*



*Service for the  
Womens' World Day of Prayer*

### **ANY OTHER INFORMATION\*:**

#### ***Events planned 2012:***

Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ecumenical gathering with leaders of student churches

Women's World Day of Prayer – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12

Annual Chaplaincy Lecture – Father Timothy Radcliffe OP – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 12

Title: Can Christianity touch the imagination of our contemporaries.

Shrove Tuesday – Open House for Pancake Day

Ash Wednesday – Mass

From 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Theology Study Course for Students

From 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. Lent Course in Staff Fellowship

Staff Fellowship every Tuesday during term time

International Student Tea each Tuesday evening during term time

One or two Fund raising dinners

University Carol Service

Student Garden Parties in summer

Buddhist Meditation Group every Tuesday



*Visit to the Chaplaincy by  
Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

# **BIRMINGHAM CHAPLAINCY**

CHAPLAINCY REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2011

## **NAME OF CHAPLAINCY:**

University of Birmingham

## **CHAPLAINS' NAMES:**

The Rev John A Evenson, BA, MRE, M.Div., MA

## **CHAPLAINCY ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL:**

St Francis Hall,  
University of Birmingham,  
Edgbaston,  
Birmingham,  
B15 2TT  
Tel: 0794 150 1210  
Email: j.a.evenson@bham.ac.uk

## **DAYS AND TIMES OF CHAPLAINCY SERVICES**

Worship Services: First and Third Sunday of each month (except August) at 11am at  
St Francis Hall

Weekly Lunch for students with chaplains: Wednesday, 1pm during term time.

The Lutheran chaplaincy also participates and cooperates with AngSoc, the Anglican Society for students: Sunday evenings at 6:30 during term times.

Luncheon and counselling meetings are arranged with students and staff during term time.

The Lutheran chaplain assists and cooperates with the full-time chaplains of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Jewish traditions as well as the part time chaplains of Christian, Buddhist, Moslem and other traditions.

The Lutheran chaplain also cooperates with all special multi-faith chaplaincy services, prayer events and information fairs for new and international students.

The Lutheran chaplain organizes home visits for international students to meet with British citizens and other international students.

## MINISTERIUM

The Ministerium of the LCiGB consists of the ordained pastors of the LCiGB. The group meets at least twice a year to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern and also serves as an advisory committee for the LCiGB on matters related to the life and witness of the church, including theological issues.

Normally the licensed lay ministers of the LCiGB join one of the meetings of the Ministerium each year.

In 2011 the Ministerium met twice, in January and in October, once in London and once in Welwyn Garden City (Focolare Centre). Topics discussed included:

- Lay ministers – function, training, supervision, title
- Congregational record keeping
- Concerns for the LCiGB – recruiting experienced pastors, appropriate educational standards for candidates for ordination, continuing education for clergy, long-term financial viability

The pastors also took part in a study-retreat after the October meeting of the Ministerium, along with lay ministers, on the Lutheran liturgy.

The dean acts as the convenor of the Ministerium and recording secretaries are appointed for each meeting.

The first meeting in 2012 is planned for 21 April, to be held at St Luke's in Leeds.

*Report prepared by Dean Tom Bruch*

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## CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

In September 2010 the LCiGB Council agreed that a strategic overall approach to clarifying chaplaincy ministry is required and delegated Bishop Jana Jeruma-Grinberga to appoint a chaplaincy committee to enable those working in chaplaincy contexts to consider how best to undertake chaplaincy work.

In January 2011 Bishop Jana, Rev'd John Evenson, and Lay Minister Marlies Adam met with Rev'd Tuulia Matikainen-Castledine (Chaplain at the International Lutheran Student Centre) at the Leicester University Chaplaincy for an initial exploratory meeting, which was well received by all present,

Terms of Reference will be agreed and a formal list of members established during 2012.

# **VOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

1. Bishop Jana Jeruma-Grinberga
2. Rev'd Tom Bruch
3. Selamawi Kelb
4. Rev'd Eliza Zikmane
5. Sarah Farrow (Convenor)
6. Rev'd Roy Long (resigned at end of 2011)

## **CHAIR OF COMMITTEE:**

Bishop Jana Jeruma-Grinberga

## **CONVENOR:**

Sarah Farrow

## **COMMITTEE MEETING DATES IN 2011:**

24 October 2011

20 July 2011

13 May 2011

4 March 2011

## **ACTIVITY IN 2011:**

- The Committee received letters of interest from 8 persons interested in pursuing candidacy towards ordination. Of these 8, 4 did not take their interest any further either due to personal or LCiGB circumstances. One person, who had already completed their theological training outside the UK, was reviewed and underwent initial orientation to the LCiGB, but the Committee was not able to recommend this person for ordination in the LCiGB. Three of the original 8 interested parties have begun an initial period of discernment and orientation to the LCiGB.
- The Committee received letters of interest from three Lutheran pastors that have relocated to the UK. Unfortunately, only one of these parties could meet the legal and procedural requirements and is currently undergoing a trial period at an LCiGB congregation.
- Two students are continuing in their formal theological education. One student is studying at SEITE (Southeast Institute of Theological Education) while the other is taking part on a long-distance course on the Augsburg Confession (which is led by a retired ELCA pastor in the US).
- The Committee has begun a review of Lay Ministers for renewal of their permission to serve in that role and for authorization to preach.
- The Committee approved a formal process for considering enquiries from pastors and prospective students, which was approved by the Council in 2012.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee did not meet in 2011.

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## **RULES COMMITTEE**

The Rules Committee did not meet in 2011.

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# BISHOP'S REPORT

## Reflections on the year

*Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:8-9)*

For LCiGB and its members, 2011 was indeed a year when we were aware of inheriting blessings. As we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church, and remembered the blessing that has been passed down to us by those who founded and developed our church. Their faith, constancy and sheer hard work have ensured the survival and growth of LCiGB, and their vision of the ministry and service of our small church have been an example and an inspiration for many people over the years. At the Anniversary event in October 2011, some of the men and women were remembered and honoured; and while it is not possible to express our gratitude directly to all the thousands of people who have played greater or smaller roles in LCiGB, we do all thank God for their various ministries among us, known and unknown. Over these 50 years how many people have played the organ, brewed coffee, led prayers and Bible studies, preached, arranged flowers, made altar cloths and laughed and cried together!

Quite a number of people were involved in organising the Anniversary event, and in practical help on the day. In particular, Rosanna Horridge, Stanley Goh and MeeKee Kong, Ursula Paish and Pastor Wolfgang Kruse at Christ Church, and the LCiGB Council; master of ceremonies Margaret Pickford, speakers Bishop Emeritus Walter Jagucki, Rev'd Dr Roy Long, Sarah Farrow and Phoebe Luk, as well as our preacher at the service, Pastor Ronald Englund; the choirs from the London Chinese Lutheran Church, the Eritrean and Swahili congregations; and those who brought food, moved chairs, sang and prayed together all helped to make it a truly memorable day. The speeches, as well as Pastor Englund's sermon, were published in The Forum Issue 10, and are available on the LCiGB website at <http://www.lutheranchurch.co.uk/page/the+forum>.

Other highlights of the year were an excellent Ministers' Retreat on liturgy at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City, which was led by Rev'd Dr Joel Humann from our cousins, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in England; our chaplain was Dr Long. The presence of Dr Humann was a sign of the growing understanding and co-operation that we are building with ELCE, a development about which we rejoice.

This goes alongside our growing ecumenical presence, both through LCiGB's representation at national levels, and through initiatives that are part of many of our congregations' lives. My own role as a President of Churches Together in England has permitted me to take the name of LCiGB (and the Council of Lutheran Churches, which I represent at CTE) to church leaders' meetings, services of national significance and so on. Our links with established partners – the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany, the Lutheran World Federation, as well as our new observer status in the Porvoo Communion of Lutheran and Anglican churches – are also important to us, although the risk in a small church is that we concentrate too hard on representation, and do not pay enough attention to our own needs and future development. For this reason, we will be bringing to Synod the new

strategic plan that LCiGB Council has begun to develop, which we hope and pray will, by God's grace, enable our small, beautiful church to grow in unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, tenderness of heart, and humbleness of mind, while playing our full part in the mission of God's church.

-- Jana Jeruma-Grinberga

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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The past year since Synod was held in Leeds was a busy one for the Lutheran Church in Great Britain. Since the Leeds Synod the Council has met seven times, plus a few meetings of the Officers. Most of the decisions made by the Council were primarily administrative, providing leadership for the Church about how it was managed and developed. I, as your Chairman, have the honour of chairing these meetings to ensure LCiGB Council fulfils its tasks and its role, according to the Church's Constitution, mission and vision.

As the Annual Report has already given details of the church activities, I won't repeat those here. Of particular interest to me is the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church, and the Strategic Planning Day. Both are landmarks in the life of LCiGB. In October 2011 we had the opportunity to celebrate fifty years of God's good work in the Lutherans of Great Britain, and the abundant grace of God granted to His servants, the founders – who, with wisdom and capability from above, led the formation of LCiGB as we know it today.

The Strategic Planning Day took place on the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 and the full day of the 4<sup>th</sup>, during which time Council members got their heads together in the surroundings of St. Columba's House, a retreat centre in Woking. We focused our thoughts on identifying priorities over the next three years, with a specific task for the LCiGB to complete in the next 12 months. The Strategic Plan is the direct result of this meeting, and will be presented to Synod in April 2012 in Reading.

The Council would like the Church to "own" the Strategic Plan and walk the journey together in the coming 12 months. There will of course be challenges ahead as we endeavour to meet the goals we set, but I am sure there will be opportunities as well that will open new ground and enable us to overcome the challenges as we enter into new horizons with the purpose of serving our Lord better by strengthening our Church with focus, passion and Lutheran spirituality.

So, our celebration of the past and the present (the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) and planning for the future (the Strategic Plan) go hand in hand together in a timely manner, led by God's presence and His provision - He who is, as we all know well, the past, the present and the future.

-- David Lin

# CALENDAR 2012

Forthcoming events in the life of LCiGB and our Member Congregations ...

11 April	<b>Applications for Pastor's Salary Subsidy Grants</b> The LCiGB Treasurer circulated details of the Pastor Salary Subsidy Grants to Congregational Treasurers on 13 March, together with details of how to apply. You must ensure your application is returned to the Treasurer by the specified date, 11 April 2012. Application details are also on the LCiGB's web site. For information please contact Linda Bruch: treasurer@lutheranchurch.co.uk
2 - 3 June	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trinity Congregation, Nottingham / Leicester</b> A programme of events will be produced closer to the time - please contact Marlies Adam for further details: marliesadam@talktalk.net
10 - 12 October	<b>LCiGB Ministers' Retreat</b> Led by Celia Blackden from Churches Together in England At the Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City Please contact Dr Sarah Owens for more information: sowensuk@aol.com
9 - 11 November	<b>Lutheran Women's Retreat</b> At Willersley Castle, Derbyshire Please contact Pastor Libby Toomsalu: pastor_libby@sky.com  <i>On the theme of "Creative Spirit"</i> <i>"The desire to create is not taught.</i> <i>The world and everything in it is the workmanship of the Creator.</i> <i>As created beings, we carry the image of God,</i> <i>not least of which is the innate urge called creativity."</i>
Advent	<b>Mission Offering</b> This year we shall be collecting for our Mission Offering during Advent. We shall be sending out posters and fliers again the month before the offering – please think ahead to how you and your congregation can raise funds during this time. For resources please contact Rosanna Horridge: admin@lutheranchurch.co.uk
April 2013	<b>Synod 2013</b> The date has not yet been confirmed for Synod 2013, but it will be held on a Saturday in April 2013. Confirmation of the date and venue will be circulated once known.