

A Born Optimist

The Archbishop of Cape Town, Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane, is leading the Anglican Church in its fight against HIV and AIDS in the African continent. It's an enormous job. His own country of South Africa has the largest number of people living with HIV and AIDS in the world. 5 million people are infected there, and it's not unusual for one of his priests in Johannesburg to carry out an average of 40 funerals each weekend. Apartheid was abolished nearly 10 years ago and now it seems South Africa's new struggle is against this virus, which as yet has no cure. BBC reporter Siobhann Tighe spoke to the Archbishop at his home in Cape Town.

Q: You have declared to a congregation of a thousand or more in the township of Soweto that you have been tested for HIV. Why was it important for you to make this declaration?

A: Two reasons. Firstly knowing your status is very important because the greatest stumbling block to the eradication of the scourge of HIV/AIDS is stigma. Stigma maybe a silent killer, but an early diagnosis of this disease enables people to live productive lives. HIV may be chronic, but it is manageable. So early testing is very important. Secondly we believe that leadership must be visible and people who lead must be up front about this issue. We must help to break the silence. We must take the initiative, and by offering love, care and compassion to people who are living with HIV and AIDS that in itself is a significant contribution to the healing process.

Q: During apartheid the Anglican Church liked to think that it was a thorn in the side of the government, that it really pushed for change and action. Is the church doing enough to change the South African government's mind about providing anti-retrovirals to people who need them?

A: The Church is committed to the preservation of life and we will not leave any stone unturned to make that point, particularly to leaders who are in denial and seem not to be taking the issue very seriously. I think we have come up powerfully and forcefully inviting government to work in partnership with us. We will keep on repeating time and time again the responsibility of those in government to provide drugs for people diagnosed as being HIV positive.

Q: But is government listening to you?



The Archbishop of Cape Town signs copies of his new book at St Martin in the Fields Church, London
Photo: ACNS/Veronica Elks

A: Whether they listen or not we will keep harping on. We'll keep on "keeping on" until the light dawns on those who are in denial and are refusing to take leadership.

Q: It's acknowledged that HIV/AIDS goes hand in hand with poverty, and that's another massive problem for South Africa. How do you cope with such poverty?

A: It's devastating. It just hits you between the eyes. In South Africa we have what one Afrikaner economist, Professor Sampie TerreBlanche, calls 100 years of racial capitalism. We've had a symbiotic relationship between white business and white government, and the resources of the country were distributed in a lop-sided way. It will take some time to address those inequalities. And sadly at the moment the quality of life for many is still very poor.

Q: But yet I've noticed a real obsession with status symbols in South Africa. With flash cars and cell phones.

A: There's a tremendous obsession with status symbols. The sad thing is that the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer. The elite, be they black or white, hold on to materialistic values. Our challenge is to bring human values to society and enable people to live with dignity. South Africa's problem is part of a much larger one, which comes with our present world economic order where markets and profits are all important.

Q: But even in poor townships there's a thirst for status symbols. Does this come from a past experience of having nothing, or having "less than nothing" even?

A: I think so. It comes from being deprived of owning anything. For instance, under apartheid we weren't allowed to own land or

our homes. We lived in rented accommodation, and therefore there was a sense of pride if you owned a car, let's say. If you had a car it was something that couldn't be taken away from you. So it is to do with the past, but we mustn't always blame the past. We've got to rediscover human values. After all Africans have a high doctrine of humanity. The whole philosophy of being human is couched in that wonderful African concept of UBUNTU: I am because we belong together. African people also place high importance on family but the policies of the past decimated family life. And one thing that undermines a family is joblessness. When people don't have work it undermines their dignity. And so as a Church, however inadequately, we're trying to help people eek out an existence.

Q: You've been Archbishop of Cape Town since 1996 and you followed on from Desmond Tutu. How on earth do you fill that man's shoes?

A: (Laughs) Inadequately. I never had any aspirations to be a bishop, let alone an archbishop. I served faithfully under Desmond Tutu and the least thing I expected was to succeed him. I used to say, "I pity the person who takes over from him". When I became Archbishop there was a great cartoon in a Natal paper where I was caricatured wearing a mitre, which was dropping over my eyes and ears, and a person in the cartoon, is saying, "Don't worry your Grace, it will fit in time." What has sustained me and continues to do so is my belief that "the God who calls is the God who equips". Desmond Tutu was a charismatic leader in the 80s, much needed because of his passion for justice. Now we're in the process of reconstruction and that's where I'm playing my part.

Q: Does it upset you that even now some

people mistake Desmond Tutu to be the Archbishop of Cape Town ?

A: It doesn't upset me at all! Part of the problem we have in our world and in the Church is being jealous of others and their gifts. But the gifts that we've got emanate from the same God. I perceive Desmond Tutu as having a contribution to make even now.

Q: What do you believe your role to be?

A: It's not me who decides. It's God. I said to the General Synod recently there are three major issues in South Africa right now: poverty, HIV /AIDS, and how to achieve a sustainable environment. I want to harness the resources of our Church to address these major issues. They will make a difference to people's lives, and I think this is what I'm being called to address while I'm Archbishop.

Q: Are you optimistic about South Africa's future?

A: I am a born optimist! In the 80s I shouted from the rooftops that we must prepare for a time when apartheid was no more. People said, "You're dreaming", but look where we are. Right now we are working for a generation without AIDS and we'll realize that. When it comes to poverty, already both developing and developed countries have agreed that by 2015 we should have halved the number of people living in abject poverty. We should be harnessing all our resources. My greatest hope is that in the end we will have a world with a human face.



Author Susan Howatch signs copies of her latest book at Church of the Holy Trinity, Sloane Square, London. Entitled: "The Heartbreaker" the book continues with a rather interesting plot involving Anglican Clergy and a Centre for Healing. Here Bishop Michael Marshall who hosted the book launch, eagerly awaits his copy. (Photo Anglican World/Rosenthal)

St Mark's, Fitzroy 150th anniversary

On Tuesday July 1st St Mark's Church, Fitzroy in Melbourne celebrates its 150th anniversary. On that day a Solemn Mass will be celebrated in St Mark's at 7.00pm, followed by a cocktail party.

The parish was established as a mission of St Peter's, Eastern Hill in 1849, and the foundation of the church was laid in 1853. It has always struggled financially, situated in an area described as working class & disadvantaged. Its history has been periods of prosperity - usually because of a significant priest - followed by a low period.

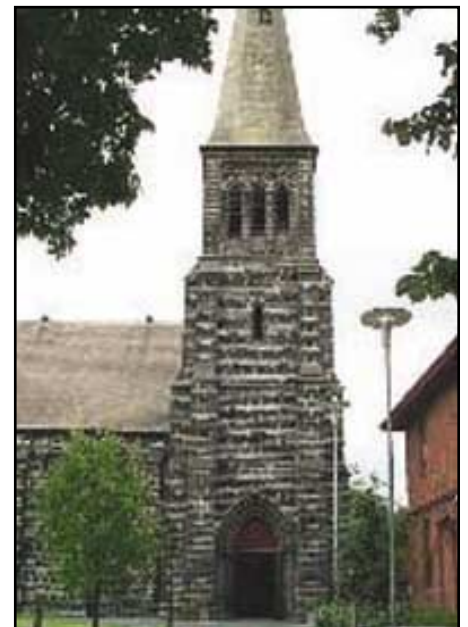
In the 1890's the curate, E S Hughes, established the Mission of the Holy Redeemer - the 1st welfare centre run by the parish. Brother Bill Nicholls was the famous Vicar from 1922 - 1943. He established St Mark's Social Settlement - an amazing welfare centre in its day, with enormous impact upon Melbourne. The Social Settlement building now houses St Mark's Community Centre.

After World War 2 the parish declined

in numbers, so that by the 1960's the future was in question, along with most inner-city parishes. This trend was reversed in 1973, with the arrival of Fr Michael King. He revived the parish through pastoral work and liturgy, and established the Community of St Mark. The parish embraced a Vatican 2 spirituality, and this has been its defining characteristic in worship, ministry and parish life ever since. The Community of St Mark left Fitzroy in 1980 to become the Benedictine Abbey at Camperdown.

In 1985 Fr Tony Noble was inducted as Vicar, and a strong tradition of modern Anglocatholicism was established. The 1990's saw the \$1 million restoration of the church and a significant community outreach through St Mark's Community Centre & the parish AIDS ministry.

The parish describes itself as "no ordinary church". Many things about St Mark's make it different to other parishes:



The parish has grown consistently over the last 15 years, and largest age group is 30-60. There are only 9 communicants over 70! There is also a large number of couples with young children.

The Community Centre is a

significant welfare work, highly respected within the community. 100 people a day come to the Centre for support and assistance. There are also football, cricket & pool teams. The Centre is supported by 50 parishes within the diocese, and has an annual budget of \$350,000.

St Marks was the 1st parish to minister to people with AIDS. This ministry dominated the parish for 10 years.

From 1991-99 the congregation was involved in the restoration of the church. This cost \$1 million, & was a great achievement, considering that in 1991 the congregation numbered about 60.

The church is open every day, and is well used for prayer & meditation. There is a Daily Mass, along with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

every Saturday night.

St Mark's people believe in celebrating! There will be 5 months of celebrations, concluding on Sunday November 23rd with a Solemn Mass for the Feast of Christ the King. On the 1st Sunday of each month there will be a special Solemn Mass at 9.30am celebrating aspects of the life of the parish. There will also be an exhibition of vestments & artefacts in July, and a 150th anniversary dinner in October.

To prepare for the celebrations a Week of Prayer will be held from Corpus Christi (Sunday July 22) to the Feast of SS Peter & Paul (Sunday June 29). Each night there will be a Eucharist at 6.15pm, followed by a Vigil of Prayer.

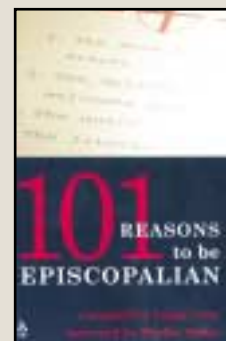
Copies of the 150th programme can be obtained from the parish website: www.stmarksfitzroy.com.



A second generation of South Africa's Tutu family entered Anglican ministry on Saturday June 7 when the Rev. Mpho Tutu Burris was ordained deacon by the Right. Rev. Gordon Scruton, Bishop of Western Massachusetts in the United States. She trained at the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and at the College of the Transfiguration, Grahamstown, South Africa. She was ordained in Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Top: Ms. Tutu Burris is helped to put on her clerical collar for the first time by the Rev. Wilma Jakobsen of Cape Town, centre, and the Rev. Canon Annika L. Warren, right, of Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, in the Diocese of Connecticut.

Above: Bishop Gordon Scruton of Western Massachusetts and the Rev. Mpho Tutu Burris with her father, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, at Ms. Tutu's ordination to the diaconate.



101 Reasons to be an Episcopalian compiled by Louie Crew with a foreword by Phyllis Tickle. Why be an Episcopalian? This book gives you 101 reasons that people from throughout the Church from various traditions and experiences have pledged their

allegiance to this form of Christianity. Published by Morehouse Publishing. ISBN 081921925-8. Price \$7.95



Bishop John Bayton's incredible Jerusalem, a painting that captures all the major holy places within Jerusalem is now available in an elegant large print format for US\$200, the former chaplain of St George's College, Jerusalem has created these prints to help the College through its difficult financial times especially since the war in Iraq. For information contact Anglican World or St George's College Jerusalem.



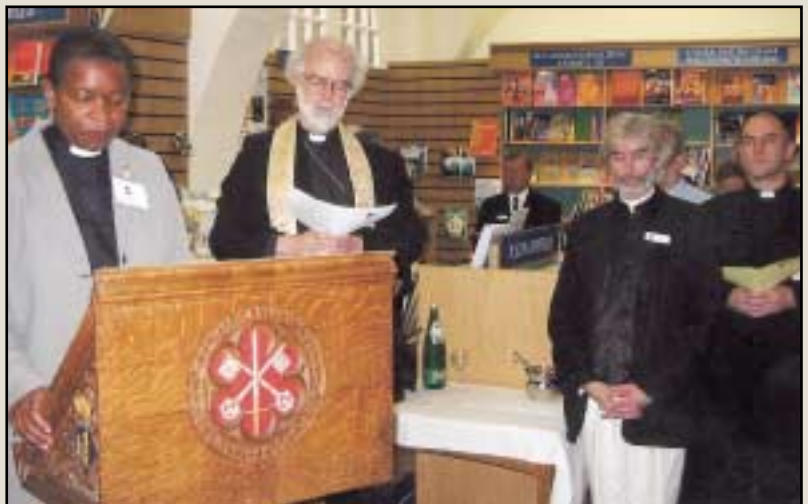
Above: Acting Dean June Osborne welcomes Archbishop Rowan Williams to Salisbury Cathedral for the first of four lectures sponsored by Sarum College. It was standing room only for the series. Also seated on the podium is principal of Sarum College Dr Tim Macquiban.

Right: The Bishop of London visited the local pub in Pimlico (London) after the High Mass at St Marys Bourne Street during his visitation on Mothering Sunday. The pub asked the parish for a replica of the famous Martin Travers design of the seal of the parish, to hang in the pub. Parishioners are known to stop in after lengthy services!

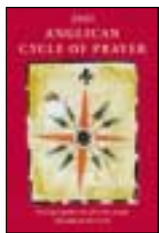
Below: Members of the St George's College Foundation met in June for their annual meeting. A visit to much neglected Jericho brought smiles and warm greetings from residents, who hadn't seen people from outside their city for months, as checkpoints and security is so strict.

Below right: SPCK; the Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin leads prayers during the opening of the new Westminster shop.

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EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS AND NOTICES



News of the following episcopal appointments has been received by the Anglican Communion Office. If

elections have been made in your diocese but do not appear here, we would be grateful if you could inform the ACO.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

Diocese of Sydney

The Rev Deryck Howell was commissioned as the new Archdeacon of the Anglican Church's South Sydney region, in a service at St Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday, May 11.

THE EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH OF BRAZIL

The General Synod of the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil elected **The Rt. Revd. Orlando Oliveira**, bishop of Southern Diocese as its new Primate Bishop, succeeding the Most Revd. Glauco Soares de Lima. The enthronement of new archbishop happened on 1st of June, 2003, at the National Cathedral in Porto Alegre, which is also the see City of Southern Diocese. Most Revd. Orlando Oliveira became the 5th archbishop of the Brazilian church, after the retirement of archbishop Glauco S. de Lima who served for ten years as primate.

The Synod also elected **The Revd. Canon Mauricio Andrade** as the new bishop for the diocese of Brasilia. Andrade has been the general secretary of the Brazilian church, and now is moving to the capital of Brazil.

Also it was decided the creation of a new missionary diocese, which is the diocese of Curitiba, in the south of Brazil, and elected its first bishop, Rt. Revd. Naudal Gomes, currently suffragan bishop of Southwestern diocese.

Mrs. Christina Winnischoffer is appointed as the new general secretary and who is currently diocesan secretary of Sao Paulo.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

National church appoints communications director **Vivian Sneed** writer, general synod communications, Toronto, May 30, 2003 - Vianney (Sam) Carriere is the new director of communications and information resources for the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Venerable Claude W. Miller, Executive Assistant to The

Bishop of Fredericton, is to be consecrated as Coadjutor Bishop on June 23rd, 2003.

Diocese of Nabraska

The Revd Joseph Burnett has been appointed Bishop of Nabraska, he succeeds Bishop James Edward Krotz. Bishop Joseph has been professor of pastoral theology, pastoral care and congregational leadership at the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, and priest associate at the University's All Saints Chapel and at Otey Memorial parish.

Toronto diocese

Archdeacon Colin Johnson from St Martin's, Bay Ridges in Pickering is to be consecrated as the new suffragan bishop in the Anglican diocese of Toronto on June 21st in St James' Cathedral, Toronto.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE CENTRAL AMERICA REGION

Costa Rica diocese

The Rev. Héctor Fidel Monterroso Gonzalez has been elected as Diocesan Bishop of Costa Rica. Father Monterroso, is a clergyman from Guatemala and present General Secretary of IARCA.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE CONGO

Diocese of Kindu

The Right Reverend Masimango Katanda Zacharia, the Bishop of

the Diocese of Kindu, has been appointed as the new Dean for the Anglican Province of Congo succeeding to the Late Rt. Rev. Sylvester Tibafa Mugera who passed away in October 2000.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Oxford

The Revd Dr Alan Thomas Lawrence Wilson, MA, DPhil, Rector of Sandhurst has been appointed as Suffragan Bishop of Buckingham in succession to the Rt Revd Michael Arthur Hill on his translation to the See of Bristol on 6 May 2003.

Diocese of Wakefield

The Very Reverend Stephen Platten BEd, BD, Dean of Norwich has been appointed as Bishop of Wakefield, in succession to the Right Reverend Nigel McCulloch MA, who resigned on 6 December 2002 upon his translation to the diocese of Manchester.

Diocese of Ripon and Leeds

It is with great sadness that the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds announced the sudden death on Tuesday April 29th 2003, of the Bishop of Knaresborough, the **Rt Revd Frank Weston**. Bishop Frank, who was 67 suffered a stroke.

Bishop Frank was due to retire at the end of May, and had held a farewell dinner for colleagues and friends just four days before he died.

Frank Weston had served the church as an ordained minister for more than forty years. He was appointed to the Diocese of Ripon, as it was then called, as the suffragan bishop in 1998 in order to prepare and then take charge of the diocese following the retirement of the Bishop of Ripon, Rt Revd David Young in 1999. He continued to have oversight of the diocese until the appointment of Rt Revd John Packer as bishop of the renamed Diocese of Ripon and Leeds in 2000. As well as steering the diocese through a change of name, Bishop Frank also chaired a working party which introduced new structures for mission across the diocese.

A keen advocate of church schools, much of Bishop Frank's forty-year ministry has revolved

around education. After a curacy in Manchester Diocese from 1961-'65, he became Chaplain ('65-'69) and then Principal ('69-'76) of the College of the Ascension in Selly Oak, Birmingham, responsible for the training of missionaries and overseas church leaders. In 1976 he moved to Scotland to become Principal of Edinburgh Theological College, training ordinands in the Scottish Episcopal Church, before becoming Archdeacon of Oxford and Residentiary Canon of Christ Church Oxford from 1982-97. During that time he was responsible for a large area of 240 parishes and also fulfilled many college and cathedral duties.

THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

Diocese of Antsiranana in Madagascar



The Venerable Archdeacon Roger Chung Po Chuen has been appointed as bishop of the diocese of Antsiranana and will be consecrated Bishop in St James Cathedral in Mauritius on 1st June 2003. Bishop Roger succeeds Bishop Keith Benzie who served the diocese and passed away last May 2002.

CHURCH IN IRELAND

The Right Reverend Peter Barrett has been consecrated as bishop of Cashel and Ossory at St Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on 2nd February 2003

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF KENYA

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National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK) has dedicated one of its properties in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, to the late **Right Reverend Dr. John Henry Okullu** (Anglican), a Kenyan statesman who died at 70, in March, 1999.

On April 15, the NCCCK named one of its residential buildings in one of Nairobi's plush estates as Bishop Okullu Gardens, in honour of the late Kenyan primate, who served the council as its chairman as well as editor of its then ecumenical newspaper, *The Target*.

THE CHURCH OF NIGERIA (ANGLICAN COMMUNION)

Diocese of Umuahia
The Venerable Dr Ikechi Nwachukwu Nwosu has been consecrated as Bishop of the Diocese of Umuahia. Bishop Ikechi was Director of Spirituality of Ibru Anglican Retreat Centre, Agbarha-Otor, Delta State.

Diocese of Abuja
The Venerable Emmanuel Sokowamju Egbunu has been consecrated on 9th February as Suffragan Bishop of Abuja Diocese. Bishop Emmanuel will assist the Most Revd Peter J. Akinola in the management of the Abuja diocese.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF MEXICO

Diocese of Northern Mexico
The Revd Marcelino Rivera Delgado from Reynosa, Tamaulipas across from McAllen, Texas has been elected as bishop of the Diocese of Northern Mexico.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE SUDAN

Two new bishops have been consecrated in the Episcopal Church of the Sudan. In both cases the candidate elected was already working as Vicar General among the people of his diocese inside Southern Sudan.

The new Bishop of Lainya, the **Rt Revd Peter Amidi**, was consecrated to fill the vacancy

left by the resignation of the previous bishop in 2002. Setting out his vision for the diocese, the new bishop highlighted the need for peace-building and reconciliation: "As a family united by God's love, the Church must lead the way in building justice and peace in the diocese."

In the Diocese of Yei, the **Rt Revd Hilary Luete Adeba** was consecrated to work as Assistant Bishop alongside the Bishop of Yei, Rt Revd Seme Solomona, who suffered a stroke in 1997.

THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

TWO NEW ANGLICAN BISHOPS IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES
Archdeacon Andre Soares has been elected the first Anglican missionary bishop of Angola and the **Revd Mark Koevering** has been confirmed as the new bishop of Niassa, in northern Mocambique.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF TANZANIA

Archbishop Donald Mtetemela has been re-elected to lead the Anglican Church of Tanzania (ACT) as Primate for the next five years. The re-election was done by the Electoral College for the election of the Archbishop at its sitting on Tuesday 25th February 2003 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Dodoma, Central Tanzania.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

Diocese of Florida
The Revd Samuel Johnson Howard has been elected bishop coadjutor for the diocese of Florida. Bishop Samuel has been vicar of New York's Trinity Church, Wall Street and succeeds Bishop Stephen Jecko.

Diocese of Oregon
The Revd Canon Johny Itty will be consecrated as the ninth bishop of Oregon on September 20, 2003.

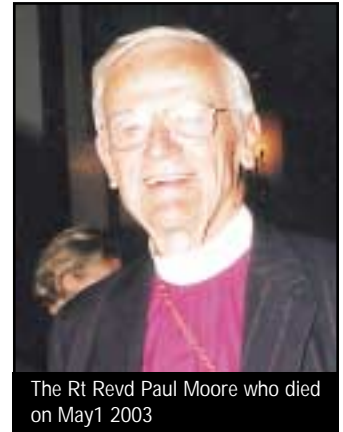
Diocese of Montana
The Revd C. Franklin Brookhart Jr of West Virginia has been elected as the ninth bishop of Montana.

AWARD

Dr. Margaret Morgan Lawrence has been named the John Nevin Sayre Award recipient for 2003 by the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. The Sayre Award is presented every three years to an Episcopalian who has demonstrated a faithful commitment to peacemaking within and beyond the Episcopal Church.

OBITUARY

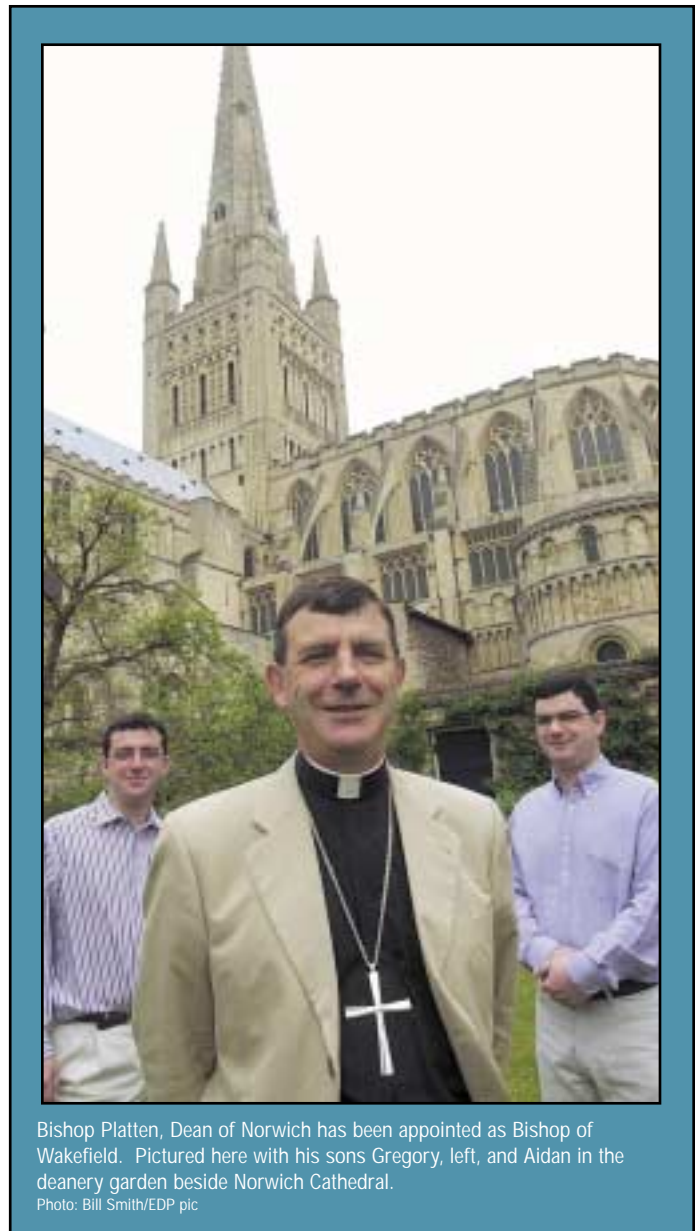
The Right Rev Paul Moore, retired Bishop of New York, died on May 1, 2003, aged 83.



The Rt Revd Paul Moore who died on May 1 2003

THE CHURCH IN WALES

The Church in Wales' electoral college, which met on 28 April 2003 at Holy Trinity Church, Llandrindod, has elected the **Rt Revd Dr Barry Morgan**, Bishop of Llandaff, as the next Archbishop of Wales.



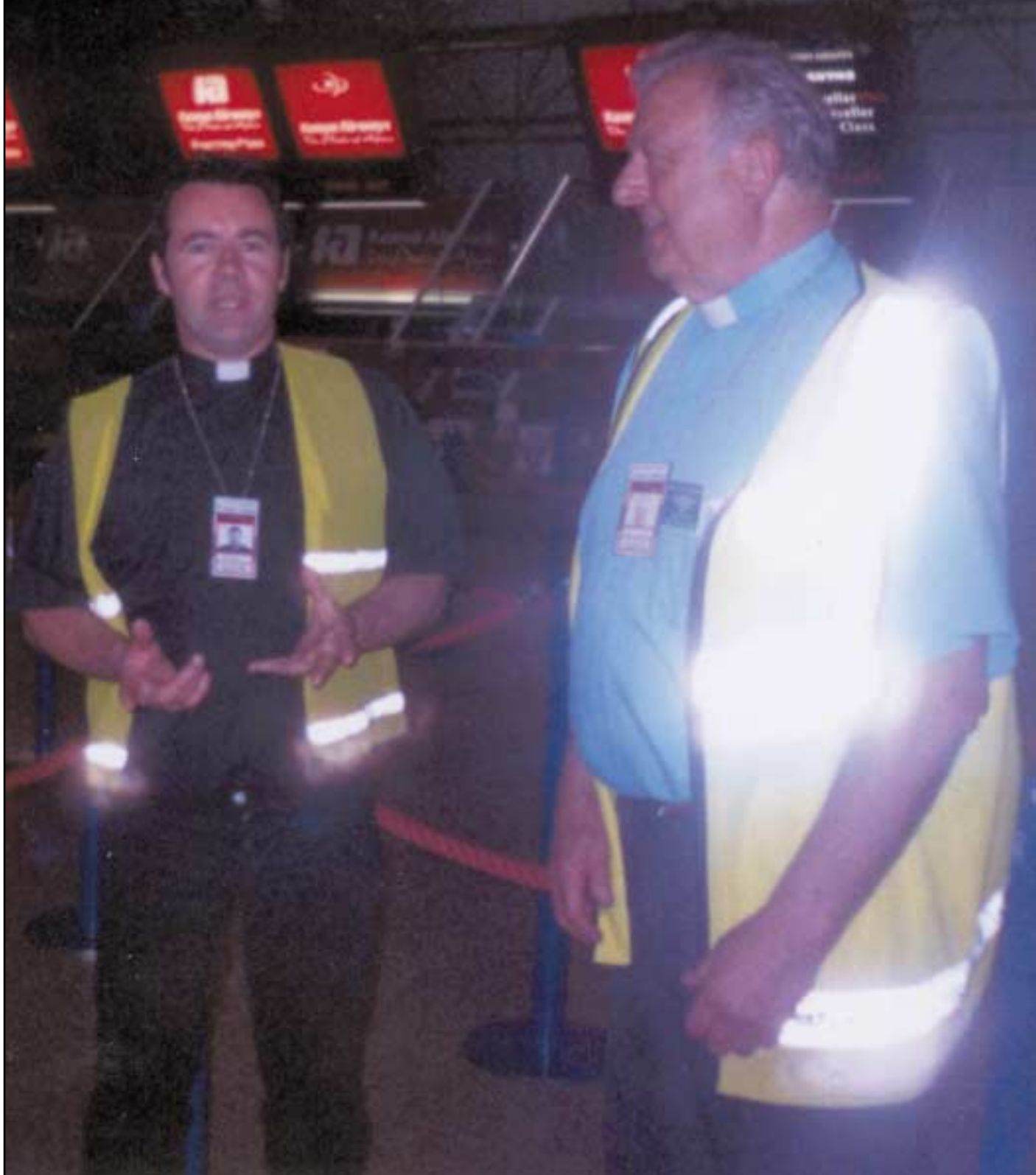
Bishop Platten, Dean of Norwich has been appointed as Bishop of Wakefield. Pictured here with his sons Gregory, left, and Aidan in the deanery garden beside Norwich Cathedral.

Photo: Bill Smith/EDP pic

A Wing and a Prayer

The Work of an Airport Chaplain

Fr Phil Hughes. LHR full-time Anglican Chaplain.





Fr Phil Hughes

I am a member of The International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains, (IACAC); and The British Isles and Eire Airport Chaplains' Network. Now in my eighth year of full-time airport Chaplaincy, having served for six years at London Gatwick (LGW); and currently at London Heathrow (LHR).

Teams of chaplains minister in large and small airports throughout the world, here at LHR we have chaplains from across the

Christian denominations and associate chaplains representing other major world faiths. We work collaboratively, and serve the airport community reaching out to all members of staff, passengers and visitors.

Airport Chaplaincy is often viewed with scepticism by clergy and laity engaged in other types of ministry within the Church. Hereto, it has historically been misunderstood and therefore snubbed as something trivial; nothing more than " a doddle" with free holidays and flights thrown in. When will the hallowed pages of Crockford's Clerical Directory list airport chaplains alongside School and College, Prison and Forces, hospital and other chaplains?

When indeed?

The first known airport chapel was opened in 1951, at Boston's Logan International Airport; and the IACAC have met annually since 1967. The Chapel Of St George, at LHR opened in 1968, but chaplains had been serving here since the end of World War two.

So what is it all about? Why do we do it? Is it really relevant? What are its aims?

Hand on heart I can honestly say that as an airport Chaplain I speak to more people, and come into contact with more

people in one day than most clergy do in a whole week! Nearly 70,000 people work at LHR, and passenger numbers are currently around 64 million per year; set to increase by a further 30 million when Terminal Five is completed. These phenomenal numbers are added to when you count up all the airport visitors, from meeters and greeters, asylum seekers, refugees, to the mentally ill and vagrants.

Airport chaplaincy is about meeting and responding to the needs of an enormous amount of people; and therefore just as the Christian Faith engages with the contemporary world, as our Lord Jesus Christ did in His earthly ministry, airport Chaplains go out into front-line Christian mission. The mission is that of furthering the Kingdom of God, by being a visible presence, communicating, responding, encouraging, informing and challenging, being available. It is also learning from and sharing in the Churches wider mission.

"Our work consists in priestly, pastoral and prophetic ministry to and with people who work at and use airports/civil aviation." Edwin (Happy) Hogg. IACAC Historian.

The Churches Ministry of caring for people and the world is not limited by Parish boundaries, or confined to congregations. All Christian denominations recognise their role within the wider community, and especially places of work. Together we are nurturing ecumenical and spiritual relationships in the world. Airport Chaplaincy is therefore one of the most fascinating and demanding of ministries; requiring a significant effort in building up contacts in each area of the airport, maintaining a high profile; and bringing the light of Christ together with the Gospel message to all who we meet.

Following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ who dedicated His life, as a carer, listener and healer of people; regardless of who or what they were, an airport chaplain seeks to fulfil a "Servant" role among the people they minister to. There are no typical working days as an airport chaplain, neither do we sit and wait for the telephone to ring or for someone to knock the door; we are out and about networking. I have developed a very worthwhile scheme called "Yours for the day", where I step into the shoes and uniform of someone



Fr Phil Hughes with colleagues outside Heathrow Airport



Not often experienced - a peaceful Heathrow Airport

else for an entire shift and work alongside staff in their place of work. I do this in order to understand what people encounter, and how issues affect them. Over the years, I have built up a real working knowledge of airlines, retail, airport departments and companies, emergency services, immigration and customs, amongst others; so that I understand something of value in all aspects of airport life. During my time at LHR, I have been a traffic-warden; a market researcher; a fire-officer; a cleaner, and a security guard. I always do the full shift, which is often of twelve hours duration. This scheme has given me a valuable insight into work experiences, it has shown that the Church is reaching out, and could easily be used as a model for all clergy in order to "build bridges", and break down barriers!

As well as the fire-stations which I visit regularly, at LHR we have two Metropolitan Police-stations; and as an accredited Police-Chaplain I take my role in supporting the Police and Civilian staff very seriously. Emergency Response training, is also at the top of my agenda; and getting the clergy from the surrounding area to be ready for a major incident is of prime importance, especially in these uncertain times. The Church will need to play its part in any incident, so being ready is the key.

I can think of no other ministry, where you can be having a conversation with a director in one moment meeting an Archbishop the next, helping distressed passengers; visiting the custody block in H.M. Customs, and at the Police-station, being with a family as a coffin is flown back in, chatting to retail staff in a rarely quiet moment, sharing in an airline Christian fellowship, being a listening ear for a stressed member of staff... the list and the variety is endless. As well as practical help and support, the Chaplaincy seeks to reflect Spiritual and ethical values in human life on the airport, offering a Christian based ministry to everyone be they of any faith or none. In Anglican terms I celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, four times a week at the airport chapel, and on Sundays at the immigration removal centre; as well as the ancient Parish church St Mary The Virgin, Harmondsworth where I am also Priest in Charge. It is a unique Parish because LHR airport is within the Parish boundaries. On Sunday afternoons I cover the statutory duties at the immigration removal centre, visiting the family unit, hospital wing, secure and segregation units. The centre houses up to 500 detainees, who are illegal immigrants, economic migrants and failed asylum seekers. Some however, are allowed temporary admission to the UK, and fight their case through the courts. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting hundreds of Bishops, Archbishops and their spouses who attended the Lambeth Conference '98. On an ongoing

basis I continue to meet some of them, and also have been able to assist charitable organisations such as the Mother's Union, CMS, and pilgrimages.

My Anglican colleague The Rev'd Murray Thomsett is a pioneering Chaplain, having set up Chaplaincy in terminal 4 in 1996. Murray is a retired NSM, who volunteered his ministry, because the hard pushed team found it almost impossible to touch T4; he is of enormous value, and much respected. Both Murray and I support, encourage and facilitate the development of placement students; such as Ordinands, and those in continuing ministerial education, (when terminal 5

opens, that will be an enormous challenge for the Churches Mission, how will the team cover it?) * Murray's wife Anne is our trusted co-ordinator - also voluntary in the chapel office two days a week.

Memorial services, occasional Baptisms, marriages and blessings, together with renewal of vows all come to the Chapel of St George which is a quiet haven in the centre of the world's busiest international airport. The Chapel is situated beneath the Control tower, and opens daily from 3am until 6pm; and for longer in the summer months.

We are here to help, so please telephone in the first instance on this number: 0208 745 4261.

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The Last Word...



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As I write this column my heart is sad as I realise the war, though never formally declared war in Iraq, that is indeed supposed to be over, is now actually continuing in a rather gruesome and shocking way. All during the conflict, one phrase kept re-entering my mind, it was the phrase 'friendly fire'. The alliteration of

these words hit hard. In 1951 in the Korean War, Alfred Rosenthal, my step brother, was killed by "friendly fire". We never talked about it very much. But now many years after my father's death, and through an exploration of my own life over these years, I fully realise that this useless killing, this friendly fire killing was devastating for my family, especially my father.

As Communications Officer for such a large Communion as ours, I often am confronted with the fact that friendly fire is destroying some of the very good work that has been created in Christ's name over the years. Both sadness and anger often are the result. Indifference, impotency and arrogance are things I simply cannot abide, especially in a time of war and rumours of war and the moment by moment experience of agony that we still see permeating the media when it comes to Iraq, Palestine/Israel, and so much more. In the Church it seems we are all too easy to use the weapons of friendly fire, whether it be gossip, innuendo, speculation, or sheer invasion of privacy. I sometimes wonder if we are aware how badly we can behave towards each other, towards our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sometimes, it seems, church people do not care, and I am certainly not just talking about Anglicans. We take so much for granted, little shots here and there, whether it be lack of friendliness and openness in our congregations and cathedrals in welcoming visitors and worshippers and pilgrims, or whether we do things to make even worship so complex that one has to be in the know when to do certain things or not. Friendly fire has devastated my life personally; dealing with the tragedy of my own family. I believe that within our own church structures it won't take people long to read between the lines of what I am exposing. Friendly fire continues to be blazing forth and the last few weeks, as so many things have been said so easily it seems when one fails to understand the complexity of so many of the issues facing us as human beings, as creatures of God and indeed as God's world. Our true call is to mission, whether we move ahead or fall behind in the days to come is really up to us. A weary world shakes its head in wonder and awe, not the splendour of wonder and awe but the devastation of watching institutions like our own wallow in internal strife. Sometimes with our stubborn behaviour we think we are winning some perceivable battle while the good selfless Christlike work done in so many places and so faithfully is being diminished by those who seemingly want to destroy rather than uphold our church.

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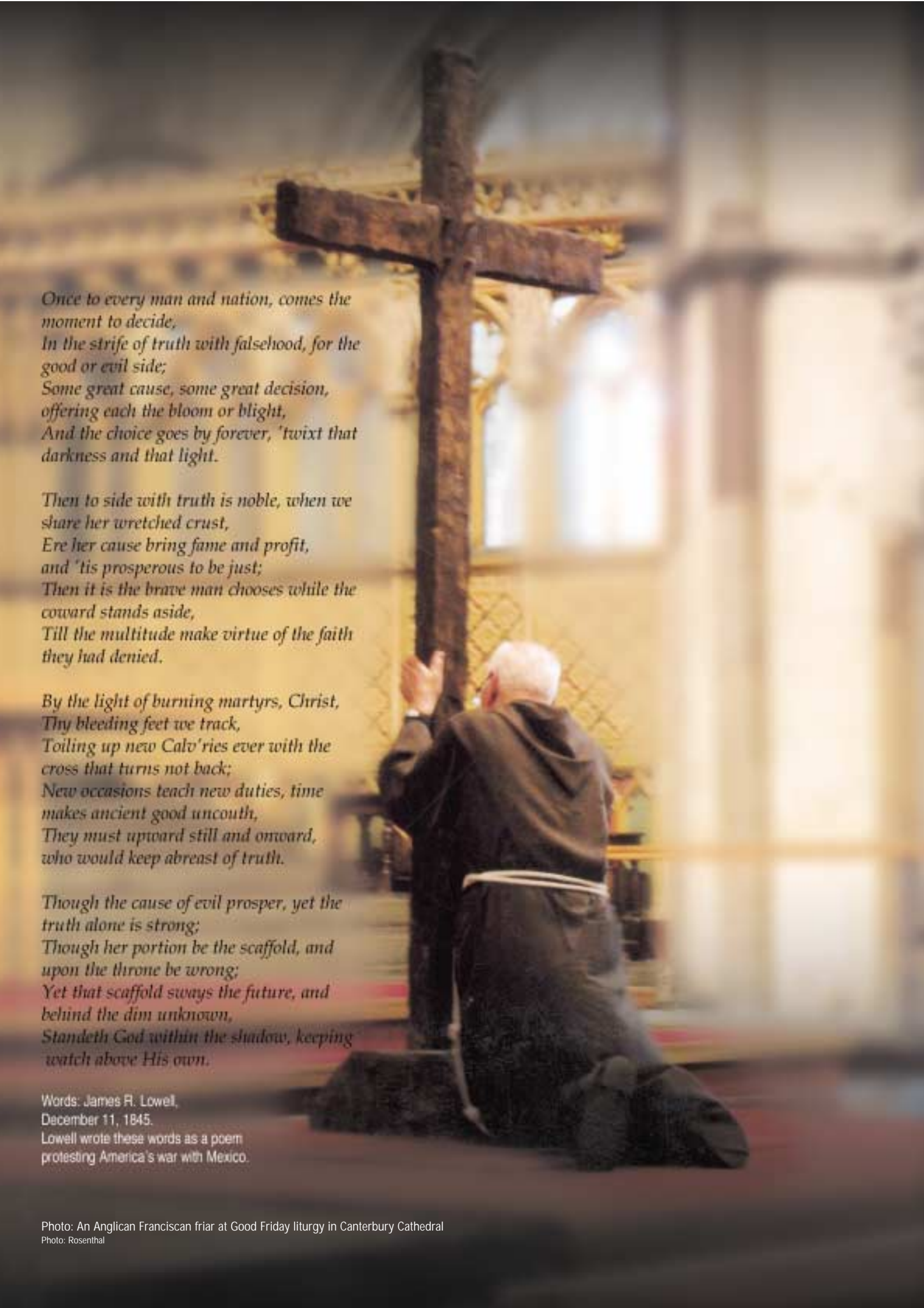
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*Once to every man and nation, comes the
moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the
good or evil side;
Some great cause, some great decision,
offering each the bloom or blight,
And the choice goes by forever, 'twixt that
darkness and that light.*

*Then to side with truth is noble, when we
share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit,
and 'tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses while the
coward stands aside,
Till the multitude make virtue of the faith
they had denied.*

*By the light of burning martyrs, Christ,
Thy bleeding feet we track,
Toiling up new Calv'ries ever with the
cross that turns not back;
New occasions teach new duties, time
makes ancient good uncouth,
They must upward still and onward,
who would keep abreast of truth.*

*Though the cause of evil prosper, yet the
truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold, and
upon the throne be wrong;
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and
behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping
watch above His own.*

Words: James R. Lowell,

December 11, 1845.

Lowell wrote these words as a poem
protesting America's war with Mexico.