

Archbishop Rowan Calls For New Evangelists “not to be domesticated by the church” as he Admits Church Army Evangelists at Sheffield Cathedral



Hundreds packed Sheffield Cathedral to see The Archbishop of Canterbury, Most Revd and Rt Hon Rowan Williams formally admit ten graduates of Church Army’s Sheffield based Wilson Carlile College of Evangelism into the Office of Evangelist within the Church of England. This was the first time Archbishop Rowan, Vice- President of Church Army, has conducted the service and he used it to stress the importance of the work and role of the evangelists in society today. In a thoughtful and encouraging sermon that quoted Oscar Wilde as well as scripture, he challenged the newly admitted evangelists to make good their

calling and “continue to surprise and astonish the church with the need for urgency in sharing the Gospel.” Each evangelist was encouraged by the Archbishop who outlined that their vocations “show that God is at work to spread the Gospel through his church.” Earlier this month, at a Church Army sponsored conference, Dr Williams had called for Christians to look afresh at the “remarkable transforming nature of the first century church” and allow structures to be “more permissive than prescriptive” in order to inform approaches for the delivery of fresh expressions of church.



Jane Williams and friends take a well deserved break on the 25 mile plus Mary Jones walk in Wales in May. The fundraiser for the Bible Society marks the story of young Mary Jones who walked 25 miles to buy her first Bible for which she saved up money for six years! Photo: The Bible Society

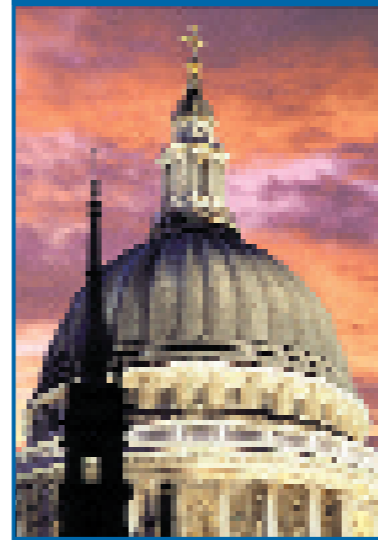


Canon John Peterson with Laura Town at the ACC offices in London. Laura raised over \$3000 in support of the fight against breast cancer. Her hair is growing back nicely now, but it is still quite short. Laura is 14 years old in grade 9 (grade 10 in September).

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**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEWZEALAND AND POLYNESIA**



The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia on 14 May installed the **Most Revd Te Whakahuihui Vercoe** as its

new Archbishop and Primate. The Waihia meeting house at Whakarewarewa, Rotorua, was full to overflowing for the installation, which climaxed the week-long General Synod / te Hinota Whanui. Hymns and waiata were sung, prayers offered, and the Primate's mantle was then placed on Archbishop Vercoe by the outgoing Primate, the Rt Revd John Paterson.

Archbishop Vercoe, 75, has been head of Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa (the Maori Anglican Church) since 1981 and is the first Bishop from that body to become Archbishop and Primate. His election at General Synod was greeted by a standing ovation. The Bishop of Polynesia, the Rt Revd Jabez Bryce, then led the Synod in prayers of blessing for the new Primate, his wife Doris and family. Archbishop Vercoe was ordained priest in 1952 and served as an army chaplain as well as in pastorates in both the North and South Islands.

He has played a prominent role in the international Church, including the World Council of Churches' Central Committee and the Anglican Indigenous Network.

**AUSTRALIA**

New General Secretary of the General Synod, Anglican Church of Australia, the **Revd Canon Bruce McAteer**, from the Diocese of Grafton.

**CANADA**



The Archbishop of Montreal, the **Most Revd Andrew Hutchison**, was elected the 12th Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada at its

General Synod held at Brock University near Toronto in June. Archbishop Hutchison succeeded Archbishop Crawley of Kootenay, who had been acting primate since the beginning of the year. Andrew Hutchison was ordained a priest in 1970 after receiving his licentiate in theology from Trinity College, University of Toronto in 1969. He has also received honorary doctorates from Montreal Diocesan College, Trinity College and Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Que. He has chaired the national stewardship and financial development committee, was a member of the National Executive Council of the Anglican Church of Canada and president of Montreal Diocesan Theological College. He has served on the Communications and Information Resources Committee and the Board of Directors of the Anglican Journal.

**CENTRAL AFRICA**

**The Very Revd David Njovu** Bishop elect of Lusaka, formerly the Dean of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Lusaka.

**ENGLAND**

**The Rt Revd Christopher John Hill** translating from the Suffragan See of Litchfield-Stafford to the Diocesan See of Guildford.

**The Revd Canon Adrian Newman** to the Deanery of Rochester.

**JAPAN**

**The Rt Revd John Sakae Matsubara** Bishop of Kita Kanto.

**The Rt Revd Andrew Yutanka Nakamura** Bishop of Kobe

**KOREA**

**The Revd Francis Park** Bishop Coadjutor elect of Seoul to succeed The Most Revd Dr. Matthew Chul Bum Chung as Diocesan Bishop in November 2005

**MEXICO**

**The Most Revd Carlos Touché-Porter** Primate Anglican Church of Mexico. Archbishop Touché-Porter was born on the 6 January 1950 in the State of Tabasco, Mexico. Raised a Presbyterian, he became an Anglican in 1965. He completed his theological studies at St



Andrew's Seminary, Mexico City, and the Episcopal Seminary of the Caribbean, Puerto Rico. He has pursued continuing education programs in Jerusalem, England, Ireland, the United States and Mexico, especially in the field of liturgy and Anglicanism, which he taught at St Andrew's Seminary for twenty-six years.

He was consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Mexico the 1 December 2002, and elected Primate of the Anglican Church of Mexico the 20 February 2004.

**NIGERIA**

**The Venerable Isaac Olubowale** Bishop elect of Ekiti - Oke which

is a newly created Diocese.

**The Venerable Clement Ekpeye** Bishop elect of the newly created Diocese of Ahoada.

**The Venerable Kelechi Eze** formerly Director Mission and Evangelism in the Primate's Office Abuja, as Bishop of Ukwa

**The Rt. Revd Caleb Maduoma**, formerly of Okigwe South, as Bishop of Ideato (onTranslation)

**USA**

**The Revd Bavi Edna Rivera** Suffragan Bishop elect of Olympia. First Hispanic Woman Bishop.

**The Revd G. Porter Taylor** Bishop elect of Western North Carolina. Consecration set for 18th September 2004.

**St George's College appoints new Dean**



**St** George's College Jerusalem, one of the Anglican Communion's foremost continuing education centres, has appointed a new Dean. The college, which has run courses for clergy and laity from more than 92 countries since 1962, appointed Dr Stephen Need, who was formerly the college's director of studies, at the start of July.

Dr Need has had strong connections with the Holy Land and the college's work throughout his professional career. Initially bringing students from the UK's Chichester Theological College to St George's in the 1980s, he later became a senior lecturer and worked on many of its courses and curricula. He served as the college's director of studies between 1999 and 2001.

On accepting the position, Dr Need said that his main aim would be to consolidate and enhance St George's existing courses. "Numbers have dwindled in the last few years as a result of the deteriorating political situation," he said, adding that he was convinced that students would return. "The distinctive nature of the St George's courses - the balance between 'study trip' and 'pilgrimage' elements - is as powerful as ever...I believe the college has a great deal to offer."

Dr Need will be starting at the college in the autumn of 2005.

**Trinity Rector steps down**



The Revd Dr. Dan Matthews stepped down as Rector at Trinity Church Wall Street the first Sunday in May. Preaching the sermon at his final Eucharist was Lord Carey, long time friend of Dr. and Mrs. Matthews. Lord Carey praised Dr. Matthews' ministry and thanked his wife Deener for their many gifts, not only to Trinity Church, but also to the Episcopal Church and the wider

Anglican Communion. Lord Carey spoke of Dr. Matthews' gift of lending theology imagination, storytelling and knowledge of people together in his ministry. Lord Carey also spoke of the historic Church as one "who has that great human quality to bring heart and mind together in a compassionate embrace of love and acceptance." Trinity Church Wall Street has long been a support to the ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury as well as many of the ongoing aspects of the work of the Anglican Communion, including the telecommunications programme, which they have sponsored for many years at great cost.

**Archbishop of Canterbury announces new Anglican Communion Secretary General**

**A**rchbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, in his capacity as President of the Anglican Consultative Council announced on 20 July the appointment of the Revd Canon Kenneth Kearon, Director of the Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, as the next Secretary General of the Anglican Communion to succeed Canon John L. Peterson who steps down in December 2004.

Archbishop Rowan said he was delighted with the appointment: "Canon Kearon will bring to this post a superb knowledge of the worldwide church and invaluable experience, especially in the field of church and community relationships and in mediation and conflict resolution. He comes at a time when the challenges facing our Communion are enormous and the opportunities for mission great. I look forward to working closely with him in the service of Christ."

Canon Kearon said he was honoured to have been invited to take up this role in the Anglican Communion. "I look forward to

getting to know the member churches, and through the work of the Anglican Communion Office, to serve the unity and mission of our worldwide Communion."

The Primate of all Ireland and Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd Robin Eames, and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd John Neill, welcomed the appointment.

Archbishop Eames said: "The appointment of Canon Kenneth Kearon to be Secretary-General of the Anglican Communion will bring much pleasure to all his friends and colleagues in the Church of Ireland. He brings to this key position in our worldwide family of Churches many gifts and a rich experience of Ministry. His ecumenical work has gained him great respect and at this time of serious challenge within the Anglican Communion he will be called upon to exercise widespread influence as we seek to build up relationships and trust in our diverse Communion. I know only too well in my own work for the Anglican Communion the urgency of those

demands at this time and I wish him God's richest blessing as he undertakes such immense responsibilities."

Archbishop Neill said: "The appointment of the Revd Chancellor Kenneth Kearon as Secretary General of the Anglican Communion brings great delight to the Church of Ireland, and in particular to the Diocese of Dublin, and Christ Church Cathedral of which he is Chancellor. Kenneth Kearon has served with distinction for over twenty years as a priest of this diocese, as Dean of Residence in Trinity College, as Rector of Tullow and of recent years as Director of the Irish School of Ecumenics. He has lectured widely in the field of Christian Ethics and has been co-ordinator of training for the Auxiliary Ministry. He brings to his new appointment to this very responsible international post for the whole Anglican Communion pastoral, administrative and academic gifts, coupled with wide ecumenical experience.

"It is with regret that we shall see Kenneth depart from his



The Revd Canon Kenneth Kearon. Photo: Lambeth Palace

home diocese, but he goes with our sincere prayers and good wishes both for him and for Jennifer and their family. As his colleague and archbishop I offer to him my very warm personal congratulations."

Canon Kearon, who is 50, will take up his duties in January 2005. He visited the Anglican Communion Office at St Andrew's House, London on 20 July to meet staff members.

**Archbishop Scott remembered as advocate for the powerless**

by Solange de Santis, staff writer, Anglican Journal

**A**rchbishop Edward (Ted) Scott's life and work as an advocate for the powerless were celebrated July 13 at memorial services at Anglican cathedrals across Canada, with Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu remarking in Toronto that the former primate of the Anglican Church of Canada "was committed and courageous but gentle."

Archbishop Tutu challenged the Canadian church - "a church for which he lived and for which he died" - to be a memorial to Archbishop Scott. "Instead of bickering about human sexuality - to be concerned about poverty, about AIDS, about wars that are frequently totally unnecessary and immoral, about spending huge sums on defense - what a memorial to Ted," he said.

Archbishop Scott was killed at the age of 85 on June 21 in an automobile accident.

About 900 people packed Toronto's St. James Cathedral. Invited guests included Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson, federal Minister of External Affairs Bill Graham, former prime minister Joe Clark and representatives of religious denominations from around the world. About 30 active and retired Canadian Anglican bishops attended, as did Archbishop Scott's successor as primate, Archbishop Michael Peers, who read the prayers of the people. The current primate, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, presided. Members of the Scott family and the archbishop's close friend, Sonja Bird, also attended.

Archbishop Tutu, in his sermon, recalled that Archbishop Scott "was highly controversial" as he "espoused unpopular causes." He "stood up for aboriginal people" and supported gays and lesbians and the ordination of women, said the retired South African archbishop, who won the Peace Prize for his fight against apartheid.

Archbishop Scott, who served as primate from 1971 to 1986, also

was a well-known foe of apartheid. In 1985, he was appointed by then-Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney to the Eminent Persons Group, a committee of prominent members of the British Commonwealth charged with helping to bring about a peaceful end to apartheid.

"It is such an incredible privilege to say on behalf of our people how deeply thankful we are for Ted's support and your support," said Archbishop Tutu. "There is a hall in a parish church in Soweto named after Ted Scott."

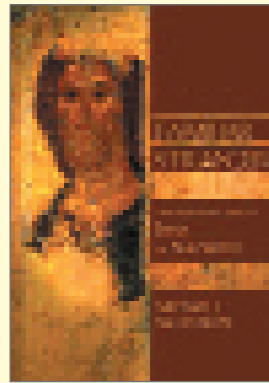
A letter from Nelson Mandela that was read aloud paid tribute to "his intimate and incisive role (in ending apartheid), one that helped change the course of history."

After the service, Mr. Clark recalled in an interview with the Journal that he was foreign minister when Archbishop Scott served on the Eminent Persons Group. "He was very forthright. He would let me know when we needed to move Canadian government foreign policy," said Mr. Clark, who read the first lesson at the service. The two became friends and often had dinner together, recalled Mr. Clark.

Archbishop Scott's eight years as moderator of the central committee of the World Council of Churches were also recalled. "He was a world leader of the ecumenical movement at a time when the World Council of Churches was castigated for grants to liberation movements," Archbishop Tutu said. That role was reflected in a letter read at the service from Catholicos Aram I, international leader of the Armenian Orthodox Church and current moderator of the WCC central committee, who called Archbishop Scott "a gifted minister."



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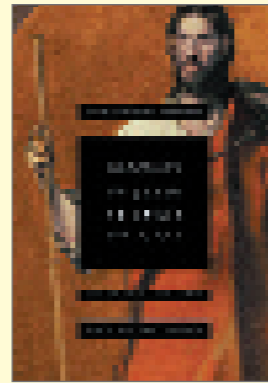
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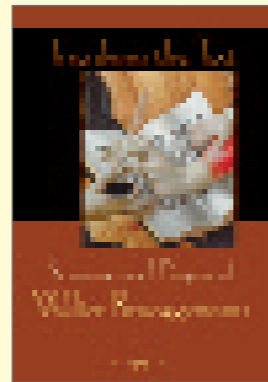
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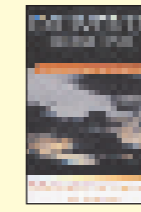


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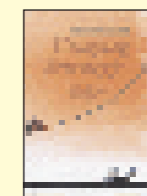
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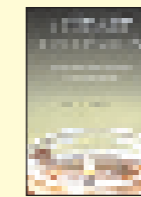


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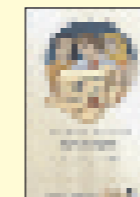
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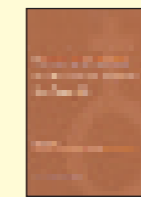
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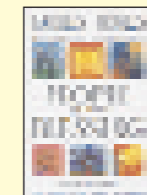
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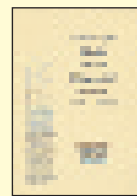
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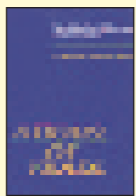
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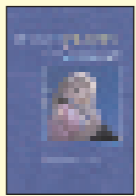
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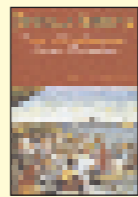
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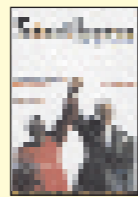


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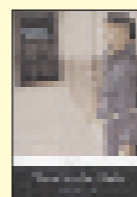


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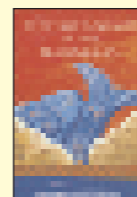
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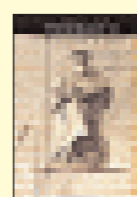
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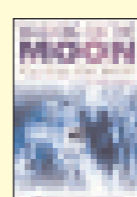
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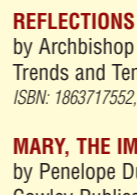
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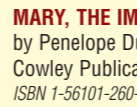
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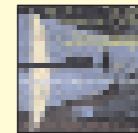


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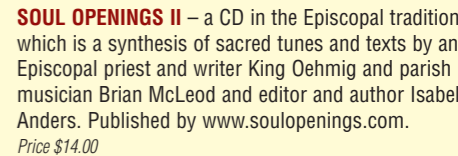
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# Sunday in Southern Africa

A LITURGY TO REMEMBER: St. Boniface Anglican Church in Voslooros, the Diocese of the Highveld, with their Bishop, the Rt Revd David Beetge, welcomed a delegation that had been to Swaziland with the Archbishop of Cape Town on their return journey. Smells, bells, chant, dance, choirs, colourful array and warm hearts and friendly faces greeted the guests. Canon John Peterson preached and the Bishops of Edinburgh and Washington assisted. The overflowing church is soon to build a building to be home to the fast growing congregation. (See article on Swaziland visit). Photos: Rosenthal/ACNS



## The Last Word



I recently had the great privilege of attending the Annual meeting of the Episcopal (ECUSA) Communicators in North Carolina at Kanuga Episcopal Conference Centre, a place many call a little bit of heaven. I have been a member of this group of communicators since my days working in The Diocese of Chicago. The members are people involved in all types of church, diocesan, organisational and/or national church work. Telling the story - so much reflected at the closing Eucharist when we sang, "I Love to Tell the Story" and

"Publish Glad Tidings (O Sion Haste)!"

But to me this particular meeting was almost one that had the hopes, dreams and possibilities of, what one great bishop called, miraculous expectations. EC president, Carol Barnwell invited communicators from several Anglican provinces to come to the gathering. And they came. Southern Africa, (Ghana) West Africa, Kenya (CAPA), Wales, Australia and Jerusalem, as well as from places closely linked officially with ECUSA, Haiti, Panama and El Salvador.

At an evening "Anglican Communion" reception, I shared my thoughts, observations and the stark reality of how things are being received at our office as we attempt to serve the four instruments of unity.

But as I completed my remarks an unusual event transpired. Alex, from Ghana, grabbed the microphone and called the assembly back to order. Why? Had I said something amiss - wouldn't be the first time I thought - no - it was to sing a song dedicated to me, "Brother Jim, this song is for you".

The song, now my daily prayer, says "Do something new in my life - Lord - yesterday is gone - do something new." The crowd was completely still. I wondered to myself if these words were piercing the souls of others as it was doing to my, rather battered at the moment, soul. The silence spoke volumes!

It is a brave person who can ask God to do something new in their life. Weeks have passed, I am still singing and praying, and keeping in touch with Alex via e-mail.



International participants from Wales, Australia, Southern Africa, Palestine, Haiti, El Salvador, Panama, England, West Africa and Kenya. Carol Barnwell, centre. Photo: Joe Borgdal

I am not able to ascertain if the EC meeting was a "success" for others, but for me, the group did something new. We are all as a Communion, I believe, in a new place - asking the Lord to do something new transcends time, place or situation. It's risky - but in our prayer one thing that remains the same - New Every Morning is the Love - Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and forever. In the Risen Christ, as we die daily to sin, we are born anew, the Divine Companion leading - or carrying us - where with the hymn writer we say "New life, new hope awakes, where'er we own his sway". Lord, do something new in my life. Thank you Carol, thank you Alex!



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Soul of my Savior sanctify my breast,  
 Body of Christ be thou my saving nest,  
 Blood of my Savior, bath me in the milk,  
 wash me with waters flowing from thy side

Guard and defend me from the fire malign,  
 in death's dread moments make me only thine  
 call me and bid me come to thee as high  
 where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,  
 O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;  
 deep in thy wounds, Lord, bid and shelter me,  
 as still I never, never part from thee

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