

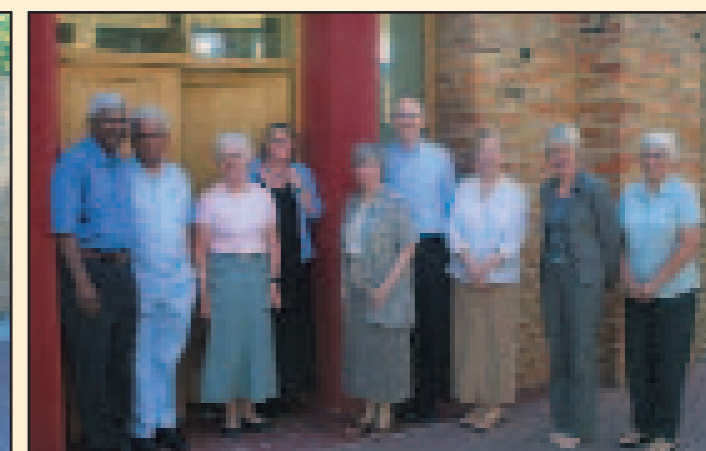
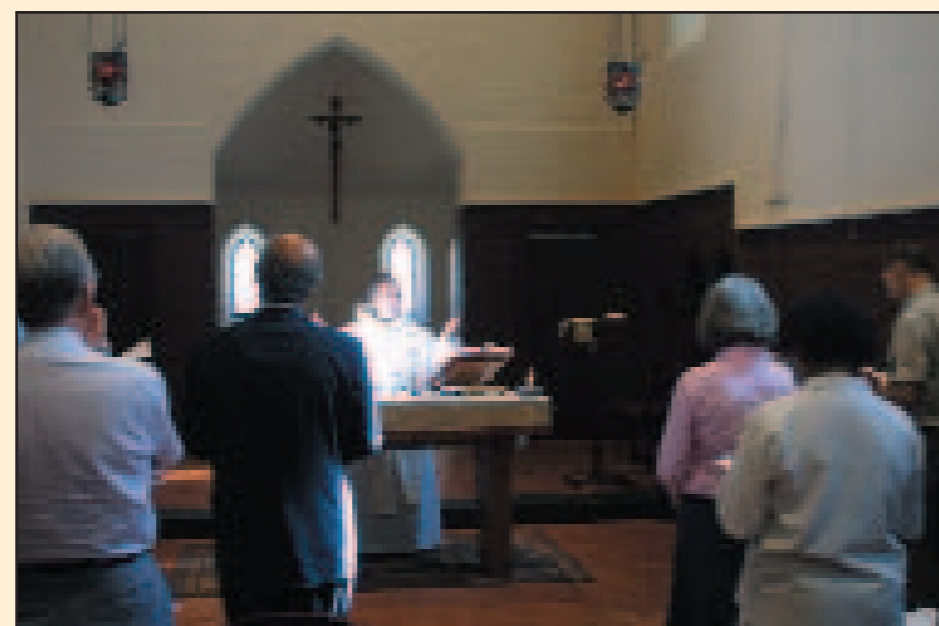
The Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Richard Chartres, made his first visitation to St Andrew's House, and the Anglican Communion Office, on Michaelmas. Shown here, left, with our Secretary General Canon Kenneth Kearon just before the eucharist. The bishop celebrated and preach in the chapel, assisted by the Revd Terrie Robinson of the Ecumenical Department, left and Canon Kearon. A lunch followed for colleagues and friends of the office, people who assist us in our ministry. (ACNS Rosenthal photo)



Left: The newly elected Bishop Coadjutor of Jerusalem, Suheil Dawani, with Canon Kenneth Kearon, during a visit to St Andrew's House (ACNS Rosenthal)

Below: Bishop David Hamid of the Diocese in Europe celebrated the eucharist in our chapel during the Anglican Roman Catholic meeting.

(Photos: ACNS Rosenthal)



Top: The Panel of Reference at St Andrew's House, London during their first meeting.

Above left: Anglican Roman Catholic work continues in earnest. Here the sub committee of IARCUM.

Above right: The Family Network board recently meet at St Andrews House ACO in London.

Below: Seminarians and new clergy from several Provinces of the Communion made a visit to the ACO during their course at the International Study Centre in Canterbury. The morning session heard lively discussion and sharing on the work of ACO and the whole church in general. An encouraging sign for the days ahead. St Andrews is welcoming more and more people. Remember accommodation is available for church-related persons. Contact [ann.quirke@aco.org](mailto:ann.quirke@aco.org) for details.

Below right: L'ARCHE MINISTRY: JEAN VANIER COMES TO ACO

Right to left, Sue Parks, Clare Amos, Canon Kenneth Kearon, and Jim Rosenthal (not pictured) met recently with, from left to right, Ms Christine McGrivey, the Most Revd Roger Herft, Archbishop of Perth, and the founder of the L'Arche Community, Jean Vanier, to discuss the ongoing work of the community and how the Anglican Communion can learn from and assist the ministry with those who are severely disabled. (Photos: ACNS Rosenthal)





Above: Dean John Moses of St Paul's Cathedral, London, welcomes two new honorary canons, left, the Revd Canon Mark Langham, of Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral, and right, the Revd Canon Kenneth Kearon, Anglican Communion. Dean Moses, an ACC member, recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his priesthood. AEW wishes him every blessing in his ministry in the days ahead.



Right: Three Choirs Festival 2005 Worcester Cathedral hosted the 2005 festival to the acclaim of those attending. This, like the Southern and Northern Choirs festivals, have a long standing tradition of profiling excellence in church music as well as other forms. Their website says, "The original performers were the three cathedral choirs, who remain at the heart of the festival, but the large-scale choral repertoire at today's concerts is performed by the Festival Chorus, joined by an array of international artists and ensembles to provide a diversity undreamed of in the eighteenth century. In 2006 we are delighted to have the Philharmonic Orchestra in residence at Hereford for the first time." The cathedrals are Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester. (ACNS Rosenthal)

### Archbishop Tutu at General Seminary New York

Archbishop Desmond preached at a Solemn Eucharist in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd in September, to mark the unveiling of plans for the Desmond Tutu Education Centre at the Episcopal Church's General Theological Seminary. The new development will provide new facilities in the Seminary's historic buildings along Tenth Avenue for programs in peace and reconciliation, Jewish-Christian studies and relations, continuing education and Christian spirituality. Funded through the Leaders for the Church capital campaign, the \$23 million Tutu Centre is part of an ongoing effort to preserve the GTS campus and open it up to the wider community. Sam Waterston serves as honorary chairman of the Leaders for the Church campaign.

Archbishop Tutu received a standing ovation as he thanked the Seminary for the distinction of having the new education Centre named in his honour and then took his audience back to the morning of October 16, 1984 when, as a visiting professor at GTS, he received the news that he had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for that year. "We met with a phalanx of the media at the end of the lawn," he said pointing to an area of the lawn nearby. Calling the day in 1984 a "marvellous conjoining," the Archbishop drew a parallel between that event and his hopes for the Centre: that, as the awarding of a prize from the "secular sphere" was announced within the confines of a seminary, so must the new Centre represent an opening of the academy to a world too often compartmentalised into the secular and the religious. "Yes, it is so utterly apt for there to have been the announcement of a Nobel Peace Prize here, so utterly apt that after that announcement we could go into chapel to say alleluia, God we thank you, that you are God, this kind of God, this compassionate God who loves us tenderly...."

Archbishop Tutu also expressed the hope that the new Centre would address the difficult issues facing the church and the world. "We hope the Centre is one that will energise us and fill us with a passion that comes from realising we have a God that sits and weeps knowing the things we do to one another," the Archbishop said, referring to the enormous amounts spent by governments on weaponry compared to that which is allocated to relieve human suffering. "May the Centre be one that inspires us, and wipes the tears from God's eyes, so a smile may break over God's face, as when the sun shines when it is raining. [www.gts.edu](http://www.gts.edu)

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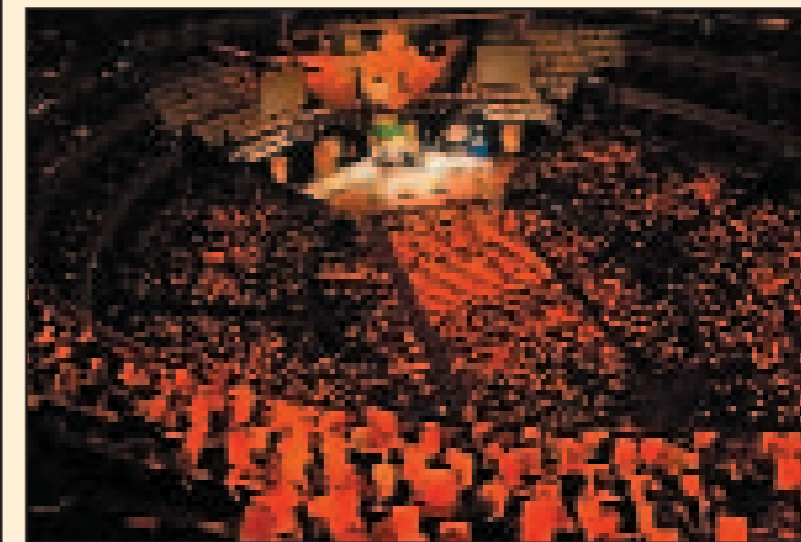
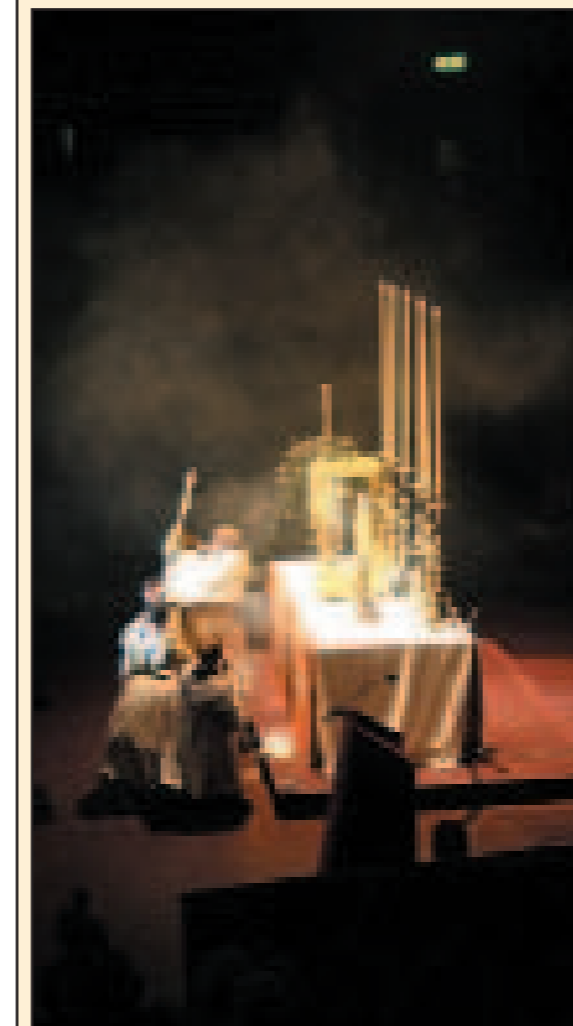


### Stand Up for Jesus

Celebrating 150 years of the Society of the Holy Cross

After a week long festival celebrating the Catholic heritage of SSC and of Catholic Anglican witness, the great close was the festival service at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday. The Royal Albert Hall, famous from the Prom concerts, seats over 5000 people and every seat had been booked long in advance. Almost 700 priests concelebrated with Bishop Geoffrey Rowell.

It is impossible to convey the positive spirit, the fellowship and communion of that large group, the churchlike atmosphere even in so secular a setting, and the deeply moving sense of re-commitment on the part of all the clergy and bishops and lay people present. There can be no doubt of the success of Stand Up For Jesus, nor indeed that the Catholic Witness in Anglicanism is far from finished.



# Exeter to Kenya via Cyprus

The Diocese of Exeter (the Church of England in Devon) and its companion Diocese in Cyprus and the Gulf have made new links with the Diocese of Thika in Northern Kenya.

In Thika, the Anglican Church has grown from 26 parishes in 1999 to 56 this year and in the last year has seen 3,000 new Christians. Commenting on church growth, the Bishop of Thika, Gideon Githiga, says: "Our confirmation services always end with a commissioning - we send them out to go and make disciples. Also, we don't leave the church ministers to evangelise and monopolise everything. We develop lay ministry by helping people to use their gifts."

Thika Diocese is largely rural, although the city itself is the industrial centre of the region. Farming is the major source of livelihood. A decline in industry has led to factory closures and, together with a slump in the price of coffee, unemployment and underemployment are high.

The three dioceses will begin a programme of learning about different expressions of Church in the three very different regions. They will share stories about mission and evangelism. In Thika, the Church has active programmes in health education, HIV/AIDS prevention and education.

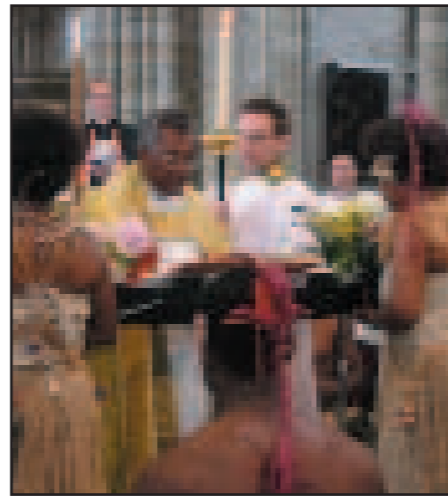
The link between Exeter and Cyprus and The Gulf has been going strong for

over 20 years. The two dioceses support each other in many ways, including service chaplains and locum cover; training of ordinands (for the priesthood); exchanges and visits; and financial help in both directions.

The new three-way link was inaugurated at a special service in Exeter Cathedral at 4.30pm on Sunday 24 July. The service was also be a 'farewell' to the Melanesian Brothers and Sisters who have been touring Devon with dramatic performances and music for the last weeks.



Bishop Clive and Jane Handford, Bishop Gideon and his wife Mary (Gichuhi), Esther and Bishop Michael Langrish. Top: Reading of the Gospel by Bishop James Mason, priest-in-charge of Plympton St Maurice.



Archbishop Williams poses with the members of the Compass Rose Society during their annual visit to Lambeth Palace. The group supports the ongoing work in the Communion, including communications. (ACNS Rosenthal)

# Francophone Commission

Episcopal Bishop Pierre Whalon of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe, explained that a phenomenal growth in francophones has occurred in recent years with very few resources in French.

"There is now a great need for such resources and also the training of lay and clergy leaders in that language," he said. "While English has become the dominant language of the planet, French remains the

official language of 64 countries, and the other official language of the United Nations and the Olympic Games."

The conference passed fifteen resolutions, including one declaring that the members of the Francophone Network are determined to remain in full communion with one other, Whalon explained. "The same resolution called upon the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Secretary-General of the Communion to



institute global conversations about how power is to be shared in the Communion," he said. "Because several African members could not be present it was decided to seek their opinion before publishing that resolution."

Bishop Roger Chung Po Chuen of Antsiranana in the Indian Ocean said that the meeting was instrumental in strengthening the bonds of unity in the Anglican Communion from the francophone perspective.

"The Francophone Network is another pillar of open dialogue, mutual understanding and reconciliation facilitator in the ever diversified Anglican Communion," he said. "One of our resolutions is to be an active Network in liaising with the Archbishop of Canterbury for consolidating the building up of effective links of affection in the lack of inter-eclesial facilities which are causes of misunderstanding and conflict."

From a report by Matthew Davies ENS

Francophone Commission members from the churches of the Anglican Communion recently met in Montreal, Canada. The group is a source of support for the French-speaking Anglicans around the globe and urges the Communion to take seriously the issues of translation in meetings and publications. (Holy Trinity Paris photo)

## Archbishop of Canterbury pays tribute to Brother Roger of Taizé

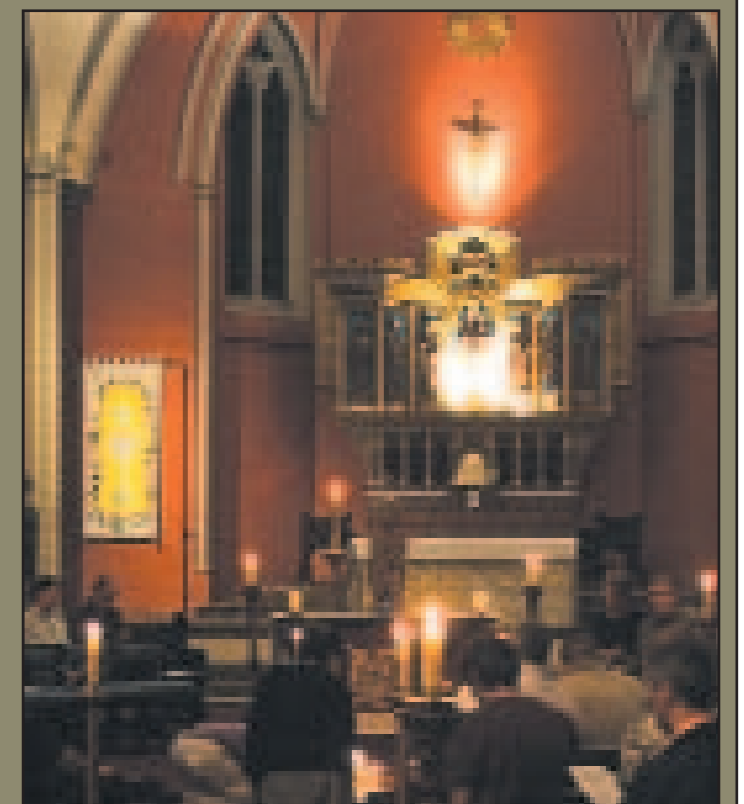
Westminster Cathedral, London, Friday 14 October 2005

Possibly the most significant thing about this event is that we are commemorating someone who was known to hundreds of thousands of believers simply by the title 'Brother' and a Christian name. No titles of honour, not even a surname; all you needed to know was that this person, baptised 'Roger', was your brother, a partner in the family of Christ's brothers and sisters, a fellow-pilgrim and disciple.

The authority and compelling attractiveness of Brother Roger is all contained in this. He was not a distant figure who needed to be identified by a formal surname. He was not a hierarchical leader who needed to be approached with due veneration and awe, but an older brother in Christ's Body, whose authority lay in years of witness, years of knowing Jesus in prayer and in the service of those bruised by the need and turmoil of the world.

We often speak of how our age needs figures of authority, clear points of reference in a culture where old patterns of respect vanishing. Sometimes we can see how Christian leaders gain the respect that is due to parents: so many will remember Pope John Paul as a sort of icon of true and trustworthy fatherhood, so many will carry in their minds the image of Mother Teresa and the children of Calcutta. But there are other no less important images to hold on to. In some circumstances the authority that matters is indeed that of the older brother - one of us, yet matured by encounter with God, sharing with the rest of us the gifts of that encounter. Christ himself is described by St Paul and by the writer to the Hebrews in just these terms, after all.

And Brother Roger, with his unflinching credibility among the young, his unobtrusive but strong personal presence, his lifelong emphasis upon solidarity with the powerless, was one of the great images in our age of real brotherhood, Christlike companionship. The whole of the community life of Taizé has, of course, been just such a sign for countless people. That it has been so owes an incalculable amount to the great and deeply loved friend of God for whom we give thanks this evening.



## Taizé's Brother Roger Remembered

The clergy and people of the Anglican Church of St Mary's Somers Town, Diocese of London, hosted the first UK memorial service for Brother Roger who was killed during a prayer service in the Chapel in France. Bishop Michael Marshall took part in the service. Many gathered in the famous London church to pray, light candles and join in worship using the music of Taizé, so cherished by many denominations. Archbishop Rowan's remarks were offered at a service held sometime later at the Roman Catholic Cathedral.

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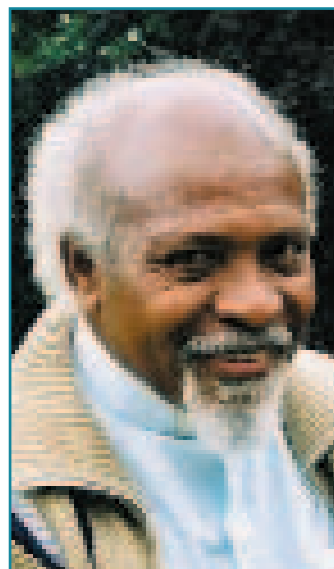
EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS AND NOTICES

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 CHURCH IN THE PROVINCE OF THE WEST INDIES

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Belize has received with pleasure the news of the appointment of the **Rev. Canon Philip Wright** to be the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Belize in succession to the Rt. Rev. Sylvestre Romero who resigned in 2004.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Father Kopapa is currently the Chaplain of Martyrs' Memorial School near Popondetta, the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea's oldest high school. The date of his consecration has yet been set, but it is likely to take place in January 2006. He replaces Bishop Roger Jupp, who resigned in January 2005.

THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF UGANDA

**The Most Rev'd Henry Luke Orombi**, Archbishop of Uganda, with the August 2004 consent of the House of Bishops of the Church of Uganda, appointed a priest of the Church of England, the Rev'd Prebendary Sandy Millar, as Assistant Bishop in the Church of Uganda. He will be consecrated in Uganda on 27th November 2005. Bishop-elect Millar will be licensed to act as a Bishop in Mission in the London Diocese using his wide experience as a church planter and growth practitioner.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF BURUNDI

Two new bishops were consecrated during the weekend of 5th - 6th November 2005. **The Rt. Rev Eraste Bigirimana** is Bishop of the new diocese of Muyinga and the **Rt. Rev Sixbert Macumi** is Bishop of the diocese of Buye. Bishop Eraste was born in 1964 in

Ruyigi, in the eastern part of Burundi. He was baptised when he was 5 yrs old and made a commitment to Christ during the 1979 revival in Burundi through the Bible group that he attended when he was a student at Buhiga Secondary School. After primary and secondary education, he studied African Literature and Anthropology and graduated from

the University of Burundi in 1991. For three years he taught French and Human Sciences, first in a Catholic seminary and then in a lycée. In 1994 he became Diocesan Secretary for the diocese of Gitega. He married Consolata in 1997 and has 4 children between the ages of 7 and 1 yrs. His wife works as an accountant at Gitega hospital.



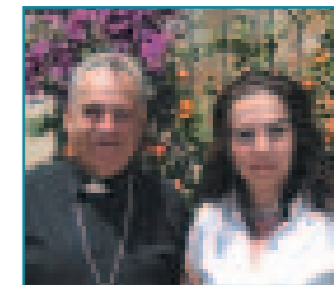
CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION: The conclusion of the service confirming Dr John Sentamu (standing in front of altar with a chaplain). Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams gave an address following the legal aspects of the rite in historic St Mary-Le-Bow, London. Archbishop John will be enthroned on St Andrew's Day. (ACNS Rosenthal)

From 1999 to 2002 he studied theology at Uganda Christian University from where he graduated with a degree in Divinity. While there he was elected chairman of the international students for one year. He was ordained in July 2001. A teacher by profession, he most enjoys teaching and preaching. He has been working as pastor of Mushasha parish in Gitega diocese. He has been a member of parish councils, Provincial and diocesan Synods, and CNEB - the council of churches - where he served on the recruitment committee for 3 years.

The diocese of Muyinga, for which he has responsibility, borders a part of Tanzania where many refugees still live in camps. Large numbers of those seeking repatriation will pass through the diocese. It will be a challenge to try to provide for their needs spiritually and materially. Levels of poverty in that area are high, and the region has recently experienced drought. Disease and ignorance are rife due to the fact that hospitals and schools have not been a priority for development. There is a lack of water and electricity. The new diocese will need staff, offices, and houses for workers, along with other resources that will enable the diocese to function.

Bishop Sixbert was born in 1968 in Gakoni, in the eastern province of Muyinga. He was baptised in 1979 in the parish of Giteranyi and confirmed in 1981. At the age of 20, when he was a member of the Bible group and the choir at the Technical School of Buhiga, he made a commitment to Christ. Two years later he felt called to full time service in the Church. Supported by Buye diocese, he studied theology at the Theological Institute of Matana from 1991-1994, and gained a diploma. During that time he was ordained deacon. After his studies he returned to Buye diocese and taught at Bishop Barham Theological College in Buye. He was ordained as a pastor in 1996 and worked as Director and teacher at Bishop Barham College while also serving as a pastor at Gatukuza parish and at All Saints Cathedral, Buye. From 1997 he was Diocesan Secretary for Buye diocese until, in 2000, he resumed his theological studies at Uganda Christian University from where he gained a diploma in Theology. After studies he returned again to Buye where he continued to teach at Bishop Barham College. He became the coordinator of the department for evangelism and was also involved in the coordination and development of Boys' and Girls' Brigade in Burundi. Married to Clotilde Muhimpundu, a primary

school teacher, he has 2 daughters. Bishop Sixbert becomes the third Bishop of the oldest diocese in the Province of the EAB. Buye diocese was inaugurated in 1965. He succeeds Bishop Samuel Ndayisenga who has been bishop of the diocese for 26 years and is retiring.



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

After a one-year delay, the diocese of Central Newfoundland, in an electoral synod held September 9-10, finally chose a new bishop: **The Red David Torraville**.

CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

**The Venerable Albert Vun Cheong Fui**, Archdeacon of the Urban Area of Sabah and Rector of St Patrick's Church, Tawau, has been unanimously appointed 5th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Sabah by the House of Bishops of the Province of the Anglican Church in Southeast Asia. The new Bishop will be consecrated and installed on St Mark's Day, April 25, 2006 at the All Saints' Cathedral.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN JERUSALEM & THE MIDDLE EAST

**The Rev. Canon Suheil Dawani** was elected as the Coadjutor Bishop elect of Jerusalem. He will

work alongside the current Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Riah Abu-Assal, for a period of two years.

KOREA

The Diocese of Seoul on November 1 installed Bishop-elect **Francis Park** as its new Diocesan Bishop. Park's ministry has emphasised Christian formation and education. Seoul is one of three dioceses that comprise the Anglican Church in Korea, which in 1993 became one of the 38 provinces of the Anglican Communion. Both the diocese and the national church are based at Korea's landmark Anglican Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Nicholas. The cathedral is known for longstanding leadership in the move for democratisation and extensive outreach to the needy. The Seoul diocese has a companion relationship with the Tokyo diocese of Japan's Nippon Sei Ko Kai. Both are engaged in initiatives for reconciliation between the people of Korea and Japan.



# Archbishop of Canterbury supports Qatar Anglican Centre

by Clare Amos

‘Inspirational’ is not too strong a word to describe the vision for The Anglican Centre, Doha, in the Gulf Emirate of Qatar. ‘This is a really exceptional project, which speaks of the gift and grace of God’, commented the Archbishop of Canterbury at a reception he gave in support of the venture at Lambeth Palace, London, on October 6.

Two and a half years ago the Archbishop visited Qatar as President of the Building Bridges dialogue held there in which Muslim and Christian scholars engaged seriously with each other’s scriptures. The visit had been made possible through the generosity and hospitality of the Emir of Qatar, and the Archbishop referred to his time in Qatar as he spoke warmly about the commitment to hospitality of those whose vision for an Anglican Centre in Doha was now being shared. ‘Both Christianity and Islam have in their history a deep rooted sense of the priority of hospitality, even though there may be long periods when that word would not necessarily have sprung readily to mind’, said the Archbishop.

So the Centre – a complex which will contain space for conferences, a library, a

choir, a community café, thrift shop and provision for supporting families and youth, as well as a Church to be dedicated to the Epiphany – is appropriately described as ‘An Oasis of Christian Hospitality’. It seeks to respond to the hospitality shown to the Christian community by the Emir of Qatar who has given the land for the complex, by becoming in turn a place where Anglicans can make a major contribution which will strengthen the spiritual and social life of Christians in Qatar.

The Most Revd Clive Handford, Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf, reminded the gathering that the Christian community in Qatar is almost entirely expatriate. But our traditional understanding of what was meant by ‘expatriate’ is far too narrow. The Christian community in Qatar is a mosaic many up of many nations, several continents, and many denominations. All will be made very welcome at the new Centre. Bishop Clive noted that it was not always a comfortable life for those who came as migrants far from their homelands to work in Qatar and the other Gulf States. But where they needed help or pastoral care it would be offered.

And when they wanted to worship they would be able to do so in the new Church, which promises to be a building of breath-taking beauty.

Two major pieces of art to be created for the Centre and the Church symbolise the vision. Outside in the central courtyard of remembrance there will be a Cross built up out of glass – fused into in a varied sequence of different hues of blue. The different shades will reflect the different peoples of the world – and the different groups represented in Qatar. The ‘Cross for all Nations’ will suggest how humanity in its myriad variety makes up a pattern which together reflects the divine. It also reflects the local congregation formed of so many different nationalities.

Inside the Church the gaze of visitors and worshippers will be immediately drawn to the curved wall of the sanctuary to look upon a glorious vision of God’s light coming to all nations and the sunrise of the resurrection. Called ‘The Epiphany Reredos’ its theme is a combination of the Magi’s affirmation ‘We have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him’ and the awe felt by the psalmists as they sung of creation.



Those who are making the building and ministry possible at Qatar are shown here with the model of the centre, welcomed by Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. The architect, Thomas Hornsby, is fourth from right. (ACNS/Rosenthal)

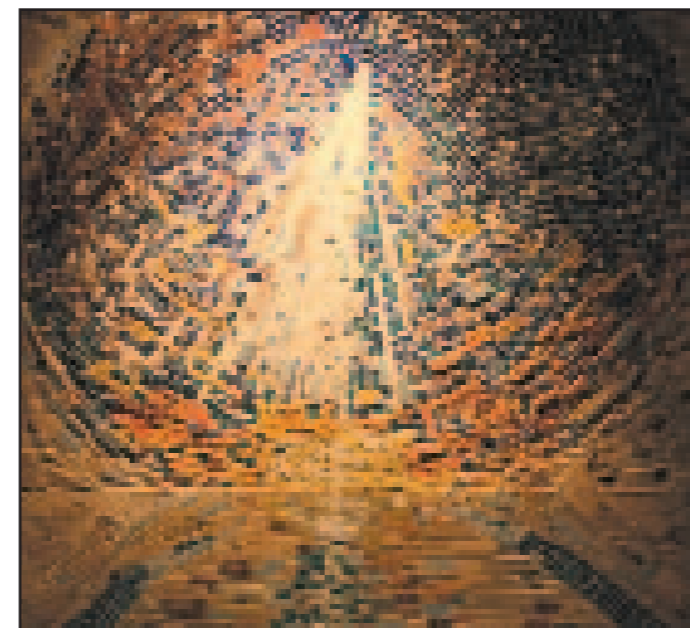
The centre of the composition is the morning star, whose light falls down, over the rising sun and onto the chancel wall. Both the Cross and the Reredos marry Christian themes with the artistic influence of the Middle East and Arab world. ‘This will be a place where Christians do what Christians do with faithfulness’ commented the Archbishop of Canterbury, ‘Offering hospitality, and a world wide symbol and sign of hope’. The hope is that those who see this

‘Epiphany’ will themselves be inspired to become ‘children of light’.

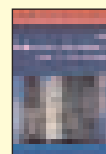
Archdeacon Ian Young, the man on the ground in Qatar, reminded his listeners that Christianity had been present in the Gulf region between the fifth and seventh century. Remains of churches and monasteries have been found. There will be a permanent exhibition about Christianity in the Gulf as part of the project – a reminder to worshippers and visitors of today that

they are surrounded and supported by a ‘great cloud of witnesses’ made up of the communion of saints, past and present.

David Wright, the former British Ambassador in Qatar and Chair of the Appeal Council spoke about the needs of the project. It will cost £4, 000,000 in total of which £1,000,000 has already been raised. To offer help please contact the Appeal Secretary, Jane Kellett, 3 Canon Lane, Chichester, PO19 1PX, United Kingdom.



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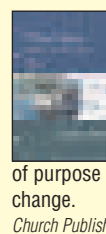
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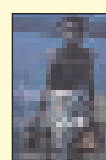
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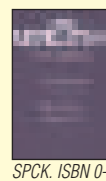
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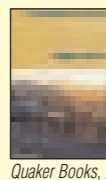
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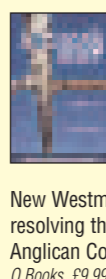
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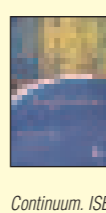
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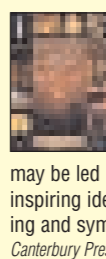
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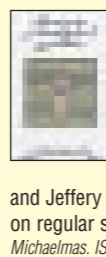
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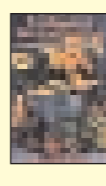
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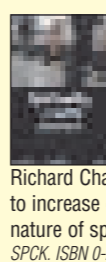
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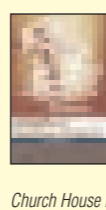
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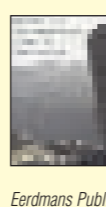
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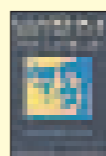
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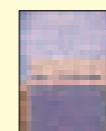


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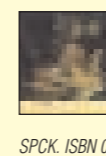


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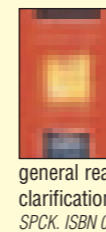
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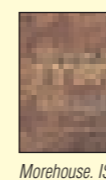
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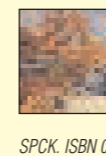
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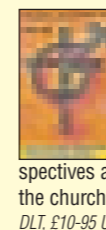
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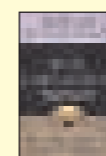
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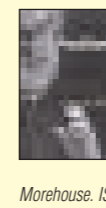


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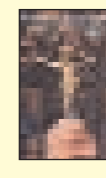
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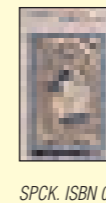
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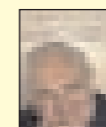
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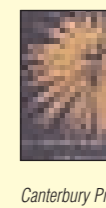


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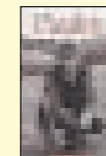
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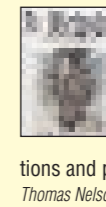
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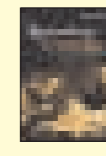
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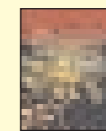
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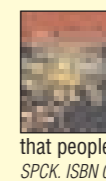


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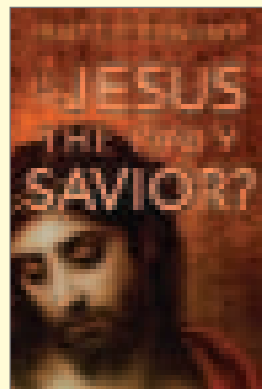
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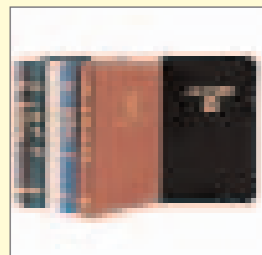
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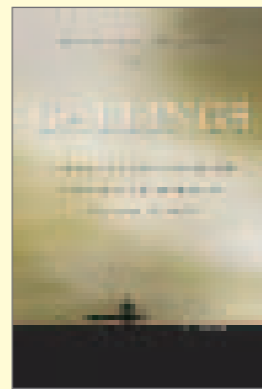
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# The Last Word



As I write this column a new movie is causing a bit of a stir as it opens in London. I happened to see the film about a month ago while on a visit to the USA.

Not often would I consider writing a movie review for our magazine but this film reaches most areas that enthrall, engage and enrage me.

What would you do if a huge suitcase of money came seemingly flying through the air – from nowhere – or maybe heaven?

*MILLIONS* is the film that tells what happens to two brothers that find themselves instantly rich. The brothers, who are dealing with the death of their mother, a bewildered but loving father, and the normal adjustments of youth. The real intrigue is the opposing forces within the boys as to what to do with the money! You see one boy, Damian, the youngest is near fanatical in his devotion to Christian saints – who throughout the film to aid him in the very being – St Peter, St Francis, St Clare (an incredible character), St Joseph and (of course) my favourite friend – St Nicholas. In an age when most entertainment is pure violence, killing and evil (why do we not do something about this you may ask?), this movie is billed as one you can safely take your family to see – how refreshing – and indeed though “provocative and complex”, the film is a triumph!

Themes reach from helping the poor to providing clean water for rural places in the global south.

But money (remember “root of all evil”), if “loved” still controls us in many places. In the UK credit card spending is down – why? Because people simply don't have the money.

Our Communion work needs money to complete our vision for St Andrew's House and our programmes for the global family entrusted to our care. Employees at the Anglican Communion Office can't live in Central London because we can't afford it. ACC's, Primates, Lambeth Conferences cost money – how can we do it?

The spirit of young Damian in *MILLIONS* could well be a model for us all. “Give till you give it all” or “until it hurts” – was his theme.

My mother was an ardent born again Anglo Catholic until she died at 82, 15% of her income supported her Episcopal Church in Chicago – she had little but gave much. Why? Stewardship is part of our Christian vocation. Money won't have strings, I trust, if our use of it is transparent and trustworthy, yet as a church do we inspire people to give as they should or could. What are we communicating to a weary world? A weary church? Or one alive and on fire with the love of Christ? As one of the new Eucharistic prayers of the Church of England says “This is my story this is my song”. So be it, because if justice and peace, salvation and mission isn't our theme – then we can only hope and pray for a bag of cash to fall from the sky. See *MILLIONS* – be inspired – the saints, old and new have much to teach us. The recent ARCIC book on Mary points to the joy of our fellowship of love and prayer. Far beyond our imagination.

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kneeling in her lovely cell,  
by the angel Gabriel.*

*Jesus! Name of priceless worth  
to the fallen sons of earth,  
for the promise that it gave,  
"Jesus shall his people save."*

*Jesus! Name of mercy mild,  
given to the baby Child  
when the cup of human woe  
first he tasted here below.*

*Jesus! Only Name that's given,  
under all the mighty heaven,  
whereby man, to sin enslaved,  
burst his fetters and is saved.*

*Jesus! Name of wondrous love!  
Human Name of God above!  
Pleading only this we see,  
helpless, O our God, to thee.*