



Above left: GENEVA UN COMMITTEE

Anglican Communion Secretary General Canon Kenneth Kearon, right, meets with Trevor Davies, chairman of the Geneva (Switzerland) Committee for the United Nations Observer, during a meeting in London.

Above: YOUNGEST-EVER CHURCH ARMY CHIEF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONED

Mark Russell was recently commissioned as the Church Army's youngest-ever Chief Executive at the age of 32 by Dr Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in St Michael's Church, Chester Square, London.

The new Chief Executive has told Church Army evangelists and staff that he was overwhelmed and inspired by excellent work which the Church Army was doing in some very tough and challenging situations and spoke of stepping into his own shoes rather than trying to fill those of his predecessors. He also pledged to keep the society up to date with his reflections through a new weblog at <http://russellmark.blogspot.com>, where, on the eve of his commissioning, he had written: "My prayer is that the Church Army will help to turn the Church inside out, to see the Church become more and more mission-shaped, more real, more welcoming, more relevant, and, I hope, more fun!"

Article from: The Church of Ireland Gazette. Photos: ACNS ROSENTHAL

Left: NEW CHAIRMAN FOR THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Robert Woods (60), recently retired Chief Executive of P&O, is to be the next Chairman of The Mission to Seafarers. He will succeed David Newbigging who retires at the end of this year.

Anglican Communion makes highest award to Archbishop Eames

Archbishop Eames received the Archbishop of Canterbury's Award for Outstanding Service to the Anglican Communion.

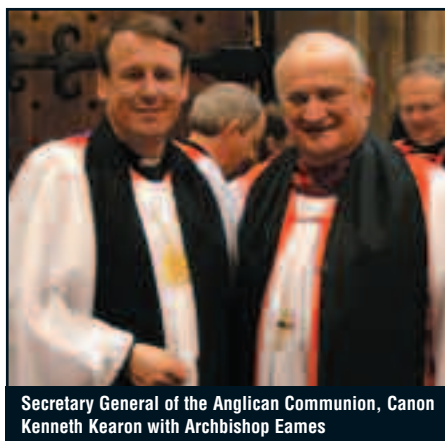
Presenting the Award, Archbishop Williams said: "We have in the Anglican Communion various ways of recognising distinguished service. There are awards given at Lambeth, there is the cross of St Augustine. But once in a while somebody comes along for whom this doesn't seem completely adequate and when Desmond Tutu retired, the then Archbishop of Canterbury invented the Archbishop of Canterbury's Award for Outstanding Service to the Anglican Communion.

"Tonight it is a huge privilege to present that award for the second time."

Archbishop Eames was ordained a Deacon in 1963 and a Priest in 1964. He initially served as Curate in Bangor and subsequently as Rector of Gilnahirk and Rector of Dundela. In May 1975, he was elected Bishop of Derry and Raphoe and was consecrated the following month. In April 1980, he was elected Bishop of Down and Dromore. He was elected Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland on 7 February 1986. At the General Synod in May 2006, he announced his intention to retire on 31 December 2006. He has also served in many positions in the Anglican

Communion. He was Chairman of the Commission on "Communion and Women in the Episcopate" (The Eames Commission) from 1988 to 1989 at the invitation of the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie. He also served as Chairman of the Commission on Communion and Relationships between Provinces (The Lambeth Commission) from 2003 to 2004 at the request of the current Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams.

An interview with Lord Eames comes in our next edition. Editor.

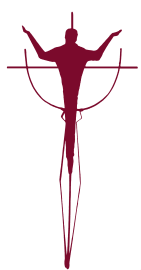


Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Canon Kenneth Kearon with Archbishop Eames



The Archbishop of Canterbury presents the award to Archbishop Eames in St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh on 16 November 2006

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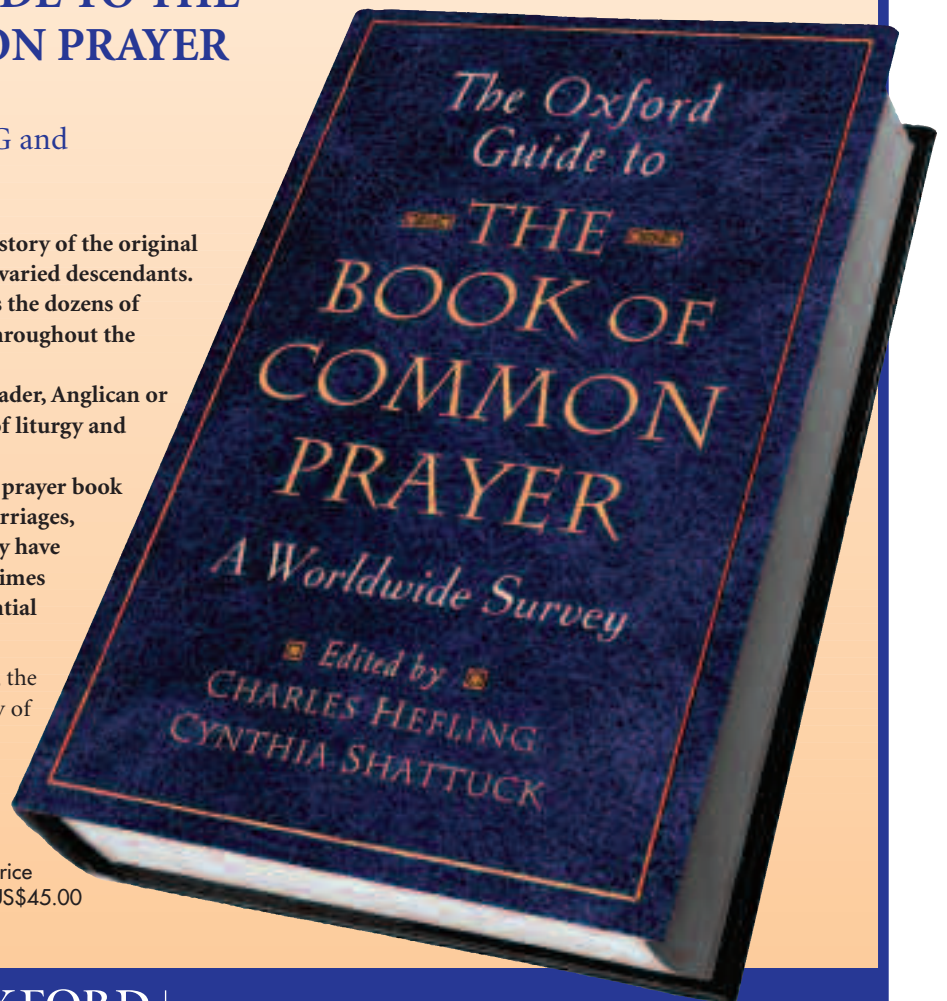
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Born among us – in China

Clare Amos, the Anglican Communion Director of Theological Studies

It is perhaps ironic – or rather tragic – that almost since July 2000, the date that the Bethlehem Peace Centre was opened, that there has really been ‘no peace’ in that corner of the Holy Land. The ‘little town’ of Bethlehem has certainly suffered disproportionately as a result of the conflict in Israel/Palestine which re-opened in September 2000.

But it was, in fact, a visit to this Peace Centre of Bethlehem in February 2001 that inspired a project that helps Christians throughout the world to understand how it feels to celebrate the birth of Christ in countries other than their own. For during the first year of its working life the Peace Centre housed an innovative and creative exhibition – gathered together by the Anglican Communion – of crèche sets from around the world. Each pictured the nativity of Jesus through the eyes of their own culture. The nativity scene from Laos – with its stable built on stilts – was particularly striking, and made a special impression on me, when I visited the exhibition in February 2001, while a member of the Sabeel International gathering being held in the Holy Land at that time.

And when I returned to my work in England I wondered how I might share with others the impact that these crèche scenes had had. At the time I was working principally for the Anglican world mission agency USPG, which along with CMS and the Methodist Church of Britain had, a couple of years earlier, produced an innovative pack of pictures and written material called *The Christ We Share* – with contextual images of Christ from around the world. Many of the images were striking, some were controversial, all were thought-provoking. This pack had been very well-received – and has impacted on the thinking and praying of many Christians in Britain and other parts of the world. So it was possible to convince the editorial group in USPG that a ‘follow up’ pack, which focused especially on images the nativity of Christ, was worth producing. Called *Born Among Us*, it quickly became a joint project between USPG and the Methodist Church of Britain. Although *The Christ We Share* included helpful notes which suggested how the material might be used by young people, it had initially been designed for use with adults. *Born Among Us* on the other hand was explicitly intended for ‘all age’ worship contexts, and for children in both church and school settings. It contains good quality visual images, information about the pictures and about the celebration and understanding of the birth of Christ in different countries of the world, suggestions for linked creative activities, songs and carols from a variety of countries, and the outline of a specially written nativity play which would help churches and schools pull together the ideas linked with the different and rich contents that the pack explored. Like its predecessor *Born Among Us* has been well received.

One of the countries which received particular attention in the *Born Among Us* pack was China. In the light of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s recent visit to China I have drawn on some of the material in this China section to encourage readers of *Anglican Episcopal World* to ‘share Christmas’ with fellow Christians in China.

Contemporary and traditional

The two pictures in the *Born Among Us* pack which reflect Chinese understandings of the nativity are strikingly different, although they both relate to the same aspect of the story of the nativity of Jesus – the visit of the Magi.

In the 1920s the Christian artist Shen Zi Gao, a minister and later a bishop in the Anglican Church of China, set up the ‘St Luke Studio’ in Najing, with the goal of fostering Chinese Christian art. Xu San Chun, who had worked at the railway bureau came to join him, and became a baptised Christian under his influence. Xu painted many Christian art works like this one, in the traditional Chinese painting style. In this picture *Visit of the Magi* there are the three wise men venerating Jesus. Here Xu is depicting the wise man on his knees as a Buddhist monk. The one standing behind him on the right is a Confucian scholar and the one in the middle with a bottle of elixir is Lao Zi, the founder of Taoism. So all three schools of religious/philosophical thought have come to worship the Christ!

Very different is the picture titled *Adoration of the Magi* by the contemporary Chinese Christian artist He Qi. In some ways Chairman Mao is responsible for the fact that He Qi has become such a widely admired artist. As a teenager during the Cultural Revolution he was sent to the countryside to work. By painting pictures of Mao he soon found that he was able to avoid physical work in the fields. By chance he found a copy of Raphael’s *Madonna and Child* in an old magazine and, in his own words, ‘was very moved by the softness of the Virgin’s smile’. While continuing to produce pictures of Chairman Mao by day he drew and painted copies of Mary and Jesus by night. And as well as beginning a life as an artist He Qi was also taking steps towards Christianity. An enduring feature of He Qi’s pictures is a sense of peace. That softness of the Virgin’s smile seems to have echoes something deep within him and that echo is resonating still, however far removed from Raphael the form and style of his paintings have travelled.

Wise Men from the East

Why is it that the visit of the wise men is such a popular theme in Chinese Christian art? Part of the answer must surely lie in the fact that those wise men came ‘from the East’ – and China was as far east as people could go in the world as it was known to the people of Palestine in Jesus’ day. So it is perhaps not surprising that a



view grew up that some, at least, of the wise men had come from China – even (as Xu San Chun’s picture suggests) that the ‘wisdom’ of the Buddhist, Confucian and Taoist traditions of China was demonstrated by the fact that they recognised the Christ. When Christians in China paint such pictures of the nativity of Jesus they are claiming their place at the heart of the Christmas story.

Christians in China, past and present

In turn the Christian faith actually travelled ‘to the east’ in the early centuries of the Christian era. By the seventh century AD Christian missionaries from Persia had carried the news about Jesus to China, and they had sought to relate the faith to the Buddhist and Taoist cultures of China.

The church in China was later persecuted and within three centuries was almost extinct. Christian missionaries appeared again in the fourteenth century, this time from Italy, and again in the sixteenth century with the Jesuit Matteo Ricci who also tried to integrate the Christian faith into Chinese culture as far as possible. Since then there has always been a Christian community in China, but at times it has been severely persecuted (most recently during Mao’s Cultural Revolution).

Christianity in China has often been considered a foreign religion – so Christians in the country today are committed to finding ways to make it clear that it is possible to be both loyally Chinese and Christian at the same time. Naturally therefore Christians in China try and celebrate Christmas with customs that resonant with Chinese culture. Red is the traditional colour for good luck so present are given



wrapped up in red tissue paper, sometimes with the addition of dried melon seeds, dyed red.

Many Christians in China celebrate by lighting their houses and Christmas trees with traditional paper lanterns – while in churches Christmas decorations are made out of paper – paper candles in sprays of green, and cut-outs of Chinese characters which proclaim messages such as 'Emmanuel, Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace'. (One of the activities offered in the *Born Among Us* pack helps participants to make traditional Chinese paper-cuts.)

Questions and reflections

The *Born Among Us* pack includes a number of questions and suggestions for discussion to help users draw out links between the pictures and their own situation. The questions people are encouraged to explore in relation to the pictures by Xu San Chun and He Qi include the following:

- What new insights do these pictures offer you?
- What feelings do the pictures invoke in you?
- In Xu's picture the wise men reflect traditional 'sages' of Chinese culture.
- Who do you think the wise men ought to reflect if you pictured them in your own culture?
- How can Christians help the culture and faiths of their country bring their wisdom to the manger? In China? In your own country?
- These two pictures of the Magi are very different. Is there a danger that when we

look at other countries we like to have and present a romantic and traditional view of life there which no longer reflects the reality of the present day?

Prayer

*God of many names
God of many names,
Shangdi, Tianzhu,*
God of all peoples, God of China.
No great wall can keep you out,
No great dam stop your love flowing.
From mountain to sea
in paddy field and city
you walk with your people,
you smile, suffer, weep.
In you strangers become friends,
And so we weep for China's pain,
Sing of China's faith,
Pray for China's people,
Hope for China's future.
Lord God of all peoples, Tianzhu, Shangdi.*

* Shangdi, Tianzhu are the words for God used by Chinese Protestants and Catholics respectively.

Both *The Christ We Share* and *Born Among Us* can be purchased from USPG at a cost of £18.00 each. Go to http://shop.uspg.org.uk/acatalog/Resource_packs_and_CDs.html

As well as a focus on China *Born Among Us* also includes material on celebrating the nativity of Jesus in India, Africa, Latin America, North America, the Philippines, Australasia, the Middle East and Europe.



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United Kingdom, Canterbury Press, 2006.
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New York, Morehouse Publishing, 2006. ISBN: 0-8192-2221-6

Conviction And Conflict, Islam, Christianity And World Order by Michael Nazir-Ali. From a Christian and Muslim background, the author explores the role of religion in society and especially in the relationship of religion to conflict. The bishop goes on to suggest ways for religion traditions to contribute positively to world order.

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United States of America, Cowley Publications, 2006.
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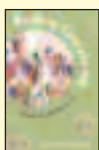
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United Kingdom, Oxford University Press, 2006.
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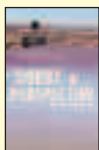
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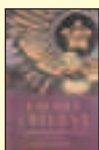
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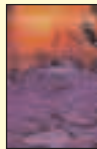
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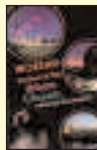
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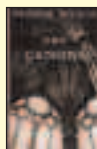
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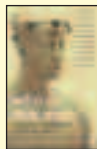
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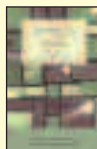
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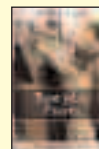
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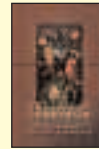
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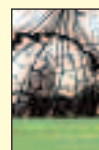


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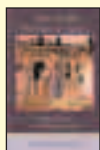
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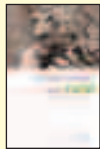
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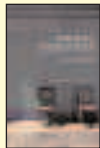
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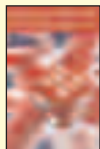
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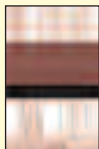
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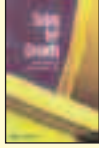
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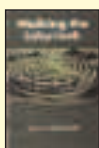
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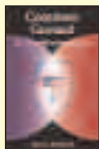


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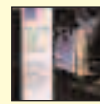
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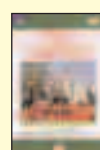
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Evangelical and Evolving

In my retirement in my mid-eighties I have had plenty of time to reflect on the convictions underlying over 50 years of ministry. But this is no new process. In fact since ordination training just after World War II I have sought to test continually what I have inherited from the evangelical tradition in which I was born and brought up. I still cherish the fundamental elements of that tradition.

No tradition in the universal Church, however, has a monopoly or full comprehension of God's truth revealed in Scripture and in the totality of his Universe. The search for all he is, has done, is doing and will do is never-ending in this life. In that search other traditions and sources of knowledge need to be assessed. A tendency all face is to rest our need for an inner sense of security on our established convictions rather than our relationship with God. Are we motivated to honour the Lord God above our sense of security? The Israelites in the Wilderness wanted to return to the security of Egypt rather than go forward into an unknown future with God.

The Anglican position on the Bible is expressed in the Lambeth Quadrilateral "as containing all things necessary for salvation and as bearing the rule and ultimate standard of faith". But Church history reveals very many misunderstanding and mis-application of Scripture. The authority of the Bible is the Bible rightly interpreted and applied. Principles of interpretation need to recognise the development element in God's revelations, that the revela-

tion is given within the culture and understanding of the time and that biblical truth and all other truth need to be related. For instance understanding of Creation can now be enriched by what Science discovers in the Universe.

It is a great sadness to me that in the present Anglican divisions there is a lack of careful, prayerful sharing of study of the Bible and what God wills for us today. ACC 6 in 1984 stated that our commitment is to "a way of thinking and feeling that has developed over centuries which calls for an acceptance of measures of diversity, an openness, tolerance and mutual respect for others".

Another area of exploration is the Church, Ministry and Sacraments. The urgency of that need is abundantly evident at present. What is the basis of our unity and communion in Christ? Not total agreement on some doctrinal propositions. St. Paul establishes it in Ephesians 4 – One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. Commitment to Christ as Lord, trust in him as Saviour (there was no formal Creed when he wrote) and baptism into his death and resurrection. On that basis he urges humility, gentleness, patience, mutual tolerance and preservation of the Spirit-given unity. Let each abandon the idea that unity is only possible with "those who agree with me".

The Anglican Communion faces many urgent questions and demands – not least on gender and sex, communication of the Gospel is widely differing cultures and in life conditions for millions in our environmentally threatened world.



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Church growth specialist launches inspirational map of the road to growth

A practical booklet exploring eight key themes to help local churches boost their congregations arrives in Christian bookshops today. The Ven Bob Jackson, Archdeacon of Walsall, has packed **Going for Growth** with tips for busy church leaders and members who want to 'get stuck in' to plans to grow their church, by offering a menu of ideas for action.

The booklet, designed to prompt prayer, discussion and action by church leaders and committees, offers 'bite size' inspiration for new ways of working that have been proved to boost the numerical size of congregations. The pocket-size resource contains guidance on using the contents in small study groups. The groups' findings and suggestions can then be fed back to the 'centre' of the local church's organisation to influence future strategy and direction. Bob Jackson's summary is based on eight key themes, each drawn from factors associated with the numerical growth of churches:

- Good practice in worship provision
- Encouraging a culture of change
- Investing in fresh expressions of church
- Developing diocesan policy and fostering shared values
- Reviewing deployment of clergy
- Training for non-clergy leadership
- Sound financial management
- Prompting spiritual renewal

Bob Jackson believes the book has the potential to re-energise churches, but that there are no 'quick-fix' answers: "As every church and every situation is unique, then God's way to grow will be different in every church. The book contains stimulus, ideas, options and inspiration for providing favourable conditions for the growth of the Church."

John Coles, Director of the New Wine network of churches, agrees: "Going for Growth is not prescriptive; rather it helps church members to tap their existing experience, while learning from other churches and, with God's help, discover their own church's road to growth."

The book draws on discussion areas and action points taken from Bob Jackson's two books, *Hope for the Church* and *The Road to Growth*. Ideas from these popular publications have been distilled into the new book, offering a concise collection of possible strategies for leading a sustained boost in congregation numbers and a renewed church life for those already in the worshipping community.

Going for Growth is published by Church House Publishing, priced £3.99, and is available from Christian bookshops including Church House Bookshop, 31 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BN, tel. 020 7799 4064, email bookshop@chbookshop.co.uk or on the web at www.chbookshop.co.uk

Angels

Angels is a new book by Jane Williams. AEW editor, Jim Rosenthal, asked her some questions about this exciting subject.

ANGELS comes after your recent successful books on Christmas and Easter.

Angels are often dismissed by clergy as too hard to explain or understand, so sermons, addresses, lectures are hard to find. Why did you choose such a perceived difficult theological concept to write about at this time?

The Christmas, Easter and Angels books all try to engage with people where they actually are, religiously and spiritually speaking. Lots of people who wouldn't call themselves Christians, or even religious, are interested in angels, so it is a very obvious way for me, as a Christian theologian, to try to understand the longings that people display, and to suggest ways in which the Christian tradition might respond to such concerns.

Angels are everywhere it seems, at least commercially and artistically.

Pins, badges, notecards, ornaments, church decorations, art (such as the glorious illustrations in your book by Linda Baker Smith). Will coping with angels help us on our Christian journey?

It is obviously quite possible to believe in angels and not to believe in God, just as it is possible to believe in God and not to be at all interested in angels. But the Bible suggests that angels may be God's messengers, and I suspect that we could all do

with better ways of hearing what God might be saying to us!

Angels can be good or bad, as scripture and your book remind us. What do you see as the primary good angels bring to our human condition?

One of the things I find most touching about the accounts of people's experiences of angels is that so many of the stories are about people feeling protected and cared for. They express a deep-rooted belief that, despite all appearances to the contrary, the world is good and benevolent towards us. That is at the heart of the Christian and Jewish belief about creation - that it is good, created for good by a good God. It comes out of love and is headed towards love. At times, all of us need help in hanging onto that belief, and angels do often seem to provide that help.

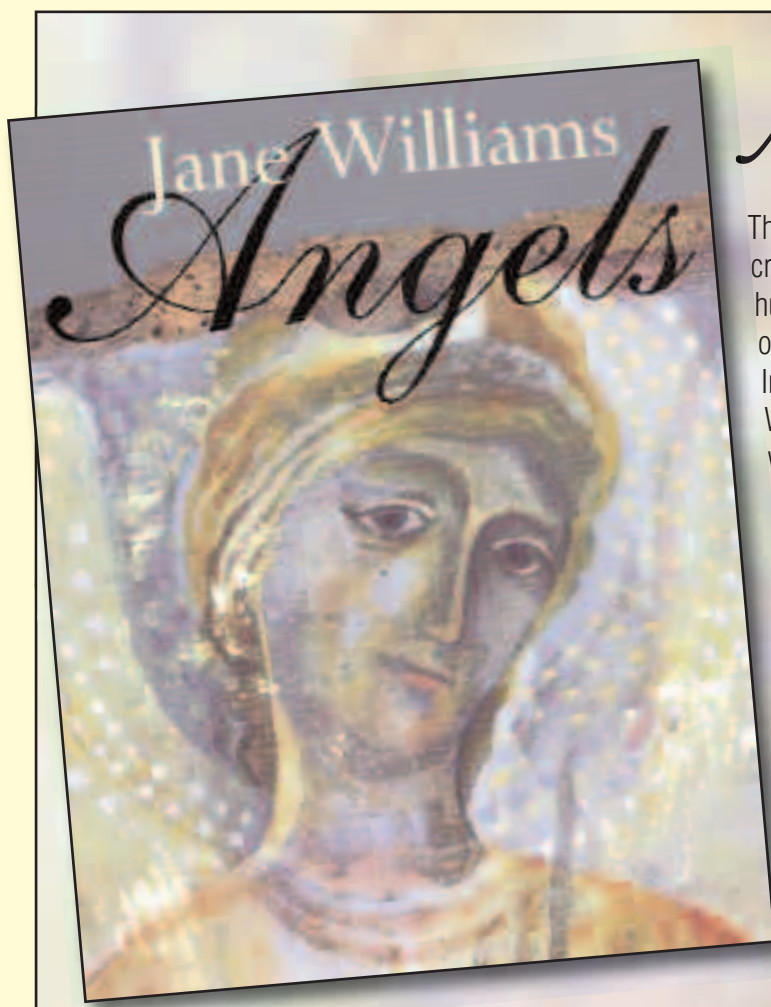
Of the Angels named in the bible and the prayerbook (Michael, Uriel, Gabriel, Raphael) which do find as the one that has deepest significance to you personally in your ministry, your life, your family?

I love the two appearances of Gabriel in the early chapters of Luke's gospel that tell the story of the birth of Jesus. In the first appearance, to Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, Gabriel is quite stern and



scary. But in his appearance to Mary, he is so patient and gentle. God and his angels respond to us as individuals, challenging us to be what we are capable of being.

Thank you.



Angels Jane Williams

The Bible describes a universe in which we are not the only created beings. There are other creatures who are not human, not animal and not God. Angels are one of those orders of being.

In this beautifully illustrated book, acclaimed author Jane Williams explores the world of angels in Scripture and what we can learn from them today. Chapters include:

- Angelic messengers • Stern angels
- Angels of the Incarnation • Guardian angels
- Fallen angels • Beyond the Bible
- Angels and God.

JANE WILLIAMS is a freelance writer who contributes regularly to the Church Times. A trained theologian, she has taught Doctrine and History at Trinity Theological College, Bristol. Her other books include *Approaching Christmas* and *Approaching Easter* (both Lion). She is married to Rowan and they have two children.

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Love in Action

by The Rt Revd James Tengatenga Sermon on the Inauguration of and First Graduation at Leonard Kamungu Theological College

“I wanna know what love is. I want you to show me!” says a popular song. This is reminiscent of the Jacobean and Pauline debate over faith: “Show me your faith”; was the issue at stake. How could one possibly demonstrate it? In the end they both seem to come to the understanding that there is a correlation between faith and works and that one can’t but talk about them in the same breath. Similarly love is not just an idea which can be demonstrated esoterically. There is a concreteness about it. Dare I say an earthiness about it? Yes love came down and dwelt among us. Love is Incarnate. However, incarnational theology is very strange. Strange, because the Incarnate Son of God was not self evident to his compatriots. His deity was only truly appreciated at his death. The extent and depth of love becomes truly appreciated at its demise (or is it its consummation)! The connection between death and love is categorically stated by Jesus Christ when he says that there is no greater love than that one lay down one’s life for the other! Wanna know what love is? Look at death in self sacrifice for the salvation of the other!

We are gathered today to celebrate this college and its first graduates. We are gathered today to celebrate the self-sacrifice of its patron saint, Leonard Kamungu, (whose Feast Day falls on 27th February) and to be inspired by his life and mission and hopefully, so that the graduates may be spurred on to greater expressions of Love in service. In the foreword to John Weller’s book on Leonard Kamungu (*The Priest from the Lakeside*, Blantyre: CLAIM, 1971) the late Bishop Mataka of Lusaka said that he hoped that

“the story of Leonard Kamungu will rekindle in our hearts the humble selfless love which burnt in the heart of Leonard Kamungu, God’s servant and pioneer in Central Africa”.

Lungwena (Makanjira), Kasamba, Sani, Chididi, Mpondasi, Malindi, Likoma, Bandawe, Msoro are the sort of places that most people training for the priesthood today would not want to be sent to. At a push, Mpondasi and Msoro Mission may be! These are places that some have considered be places of punishment. If you think they are tough today, think what they were like in Kamungu’s day. Yet they are the fruit of the labour of Kamungu’s love. Difficult places they were in those days and some of them still are. Yet he offered to go. As the Apostle Paul would say, “The love of Christ constrains me!” If it meant not visiting his sister who was getting married and choosing to go for theological training, he demonstrated his love for his Master. When it came to choosing to be *mwini mbumba* at the expense of fulfilling his mission in Nkhotakota he said:

“Now my uncle is dead, there is no one to look after the village, and so they thought to keep me. But I told them I could not stay, I had separated from them; the Lord God had called me to do His work.” p.24

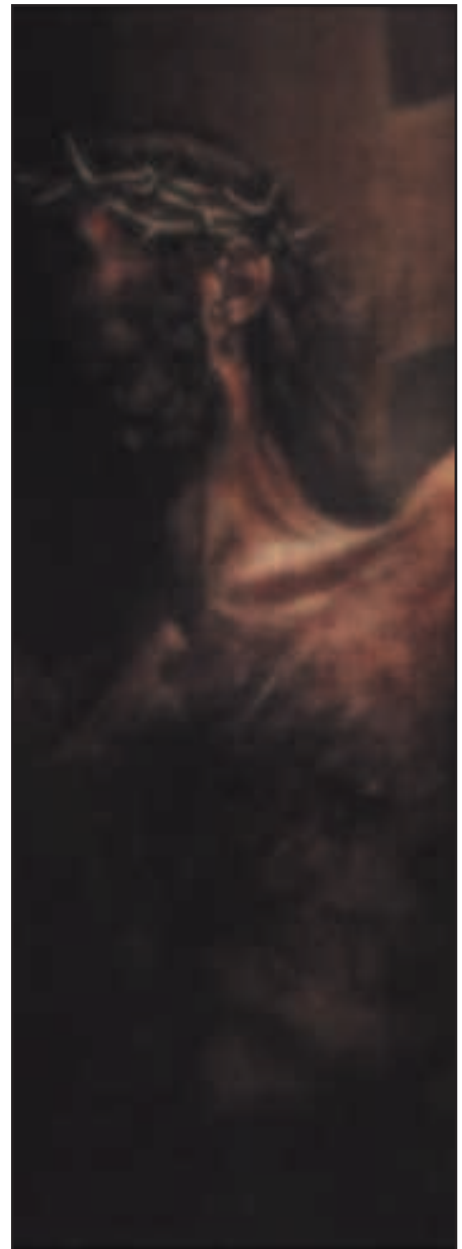
That was love in action. So was choosing to go over to work among the Nsenga and Chikunda people of Eastern Zambia. Nothing got in the way of his Daily Offices and nothing got in the way of his pastoral journeys, not even lions! Even marriage was a hindrance to his calling: hence his vow for celibacy. Quite a challenge in a society like his and ours! He was not a *bwana* figure but a doer who led by example as he built the schools and churches and prayed without ceasing. He was a priest. All for the love of the Lord and fellow mankind! Some of the eulogies recorded by Weller say:

“He was often having friendly chats with headman, old people, men and women, as well as playing with children; and always his face was smiling. He did not like to hear a slander or to spoil another man’s name. He loved little children and poor people, and was always ready to help them. Kamungu taught us to forgive one another, and people lived peacefully in the villages when he was there. He never quarrelled with anyone, he was always cheerful. He never showed anger, he was a priest of peace among people.” p.48

Like his master Jesus Christ: “everywhere he went he was doing good”. Yet they killed him! He paid the ultimate price. The reasons for their doing so continue to be subjects of debate: some say it was a chief who sent someone to poison him because he fearlessly preached about high morality which the chief was reputed to have lacked. Others say it was a woman who wished he had married her who poisoned him. What ever the case was he paid the ultimate price for his integrity and steadfastness in his calling. The fruit of his work is ample evidence of love in action. It is ample evidence of what love is. As our epistle today says: “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails” (1Cor 13:4-8).

What sort of people is this College producing? It may be too early to ask the question but the question has to be asked all the same. Is it people who love the Lord and his mission or people who love themselves more? Is it people who are willing to do his will whatever the circumstances or those who seek comfort and glory where others have toiled? Pioneers or those who only enjoy the fruit of other people’s sweat? As the gospel passage today says: “But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.” (Jn 3:21) Christ has not given us a spirit of timidity but one of power, say Paul to Timothy.

As servants and aspiring servants of Christ we not only have an example to follow but we also have the grace to follow. We love not because that is what we are but because he first loved us. It is our expe-



rience of his love which drives us to love. He loved us so much that he gave us his only begotten Son. He loved us so much that he died on the cross for us. All this, so that we may have life and in turn give life to others!

Is this place such a place as would produce the likes of its patron saint? The challenge is on. It has no choice but to do such for not to do so would be to fail in its task of training “lovers” and a betrayal of its calling. It has to be the place where men and women will begin to know what love is and learn to live it.

“Therefore, my dear friends, ... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:12, 13) for

“Greater love has no one than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends!” (Jn 15:13) Let us walk in Love as Christ loved us!

The Last Word



Money seems to be a last word in many situations, whether in our homes or churches, or schools or our offices. Often maligned as evil, money also has been said "to make the world go round", at least in one popular Broadway musical.

A common thread in this issue is seemingly "asking for money". I was once told that it would be good to have a policy that we do not allow the asking for money in our work and

our communications. Such an attitude might limit our usefulness when indeed, in the name of the Risen Christ, so much good is being done and much more might get done, if only resources were at hand.

In certain parts of the Communion, and in some places that might surprise you, Anglicans are sometimes seen as the establishment persons and the wealthy. Of course the reality is that we as Anglicans serve the rich and poor alike; and we are rich and poor; with many of the poorest in wealth being the richest in faith, fortitude and spirit.

Yet the money is there and it is needed to make "Thy Kingdom Come" a certainty in many places and to increase Anglican Christian witness and hospitality in places all over the globe. We may be only a fraction of the numerical status of our Roman Catholic friends, but we are the second to them in being geographically present as they are as a church.

Being raised in a Baptist church I was taught as a young boy to tithe, yes 10%, and in my family the custom continued. I understand that the last cheque my own mother wrote before she died was here weekly pledge to her local Episcopal Church.

Unity in purpose and unity in spirit are strong forces that need to be at play in meeting the needs expressed in this timely issue of our magazine. It behooves me also to say, that this magazine needs your financial help and new subscribers if it is to continue to be a sign of our true unity in the work of the Gospel.

Obviously appeals for money mean taking a risk of the dreaded no thank you, or I can't help, and that is such a disappointment (as I well know in my out of office charity work), but I keep at it.

Sometimes I hear people say, "if only someone would ask", meaning they would support our endeavours if asked. It is part of building that wider community. But I might just add, woe to the fund-raisers that do not have the love of God, self and neighbour at the heart of their ministry. Are our cathedrals welcoming? Is our ministry open to all? Do we honour what we have as God's own possession and God's gift to us and to all? Are we clear in our call and mission to the world? Sometimes I think we get it wrong. Yet, together, we can build up the body of Christ so that in God's time, a true epiphany of purpose and spirit will shine forth, as we as a Communion, although fragile at times, obey God's call to be agents for good and to be able to hear the words "This is my beloved son, my beloved daughter, in whom I am well pleased".

Blessings for 2007, may God send us peace in our hearts, our homes, our church, our world. Happy Epiphany!

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