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## **Outside Saint Olaf's, Balestrand**

The Choir of St Edmund's Church Oslo, along with The Revd Kjetil Netland (right) and the Revd Darren McCallig (left).  
The Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway's Summer Chaplaincy on the Sognefjord continues until early September.

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# The Senior Chaplain's Notes

## In the same boat now

My dear friends,

On Sunday 22 April I chaired my first Annual General Meeting as Senior Chaplain of the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway. The gathering was an opportunity to give thanks for all that was good and fruitful in our mission and ministry in 2017. It was also a day to look to the future with faith and hope.

In my AGM address, I chose as my theme some words from Martin Luther King Jr., who once said, 'We've all come here on different ships; but we're in the same boat now.' Here's a little of what I shared at the AGM:

'Those words from Martin Luther King Jr. have a particular relevance for us in the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway. For a start, we have all come here to Norway and to our various congregations, on different ships, on different personal journeys which are as individual as we are. Moreover, many of us have found ourselves in the extended family which is this Chaplaincy by almost every possible combination of plane, train and automobile – and ship! For some of us that journey has been literally from the other side of the world. For others of us, that journey has been from the other side of the street, or the other side of the city.

'What's more, for some of us, the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway is a true "home away from home" – a spiritual home while we are far from our native place. While for others of us, the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway is a true "home at home" – a spiritual home in the place which we have either always, or do now, call home.

'But, there's another important aspect of that beautiful statement which I should mention. And it's this. We are – whether we are always conscious of it or not – in one and the same boat. And so what happens in one part of that vessel necessarily and inevitably affects those in every other part. It would make no sense – for example – for the person in the bow of the boat to say that the fact that there is a gaping hole letting in water in the stern has nothing to do with them. It has a lot to do with them! We will, ultimately, sink or swim together on this particular boat ...

'We should also remember that nautical analogies have a particular resonance in churches. After all, the main body of a church building is called the "nave" from the Latin for "ship". In other

words, the church itself is to be a ship, the ship of salvation. The ship on which together we navigate the sometimes calm and sometimes stormy seas of life. The ship on which we are never on our own on those high seas. Because it is the ship on which we are – always and ever – accompanied by the one who stills the storms and the One who is the true North Star by which we navigate – Jesus Christ our Lord.

'So, whatever else we do at these Annual General Meetings, and whatever deliberations we have and decisions we make, I hope that we will never forget what we are truly about here and what, or rather who, our ultimate focus is. We've all come here on different ships; but we're in the same boat now – in the boat with Christ. May he bless our efforts in his name.'

*Revd Darren McCallig  
Senior Chaplain*

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## Bergen notes

Greetings from Bergen! Summer is the time of year when we begin to, quite literally, welcome 'boatloads' of visitors to Bergen. They emerge from massive cruise ships, some of which are much larger than any building in Bergen. They walk about a kilometre in nearly a straight line through the Bergen Fortress (some take a bus) and arrive at the entrance of the oldest building in Bergen, Mariakirken. We are very glad to welcome these visitors to Mariakirken and show them that there is still a 'living church' within the walls of this historic building. You know, I believe strongly that our ministry to 'tourists', as these people are often labelled, impacts their spiritual lives in a real way. After all, 'tourists' are human beings who do not leave their spirituality behind them in their homeland. I know this to be true because from time to time I receive thank you emails from 'tourists' who share with me that our worship, and the conversations they had with members, drew them closer to God in a significant way. These people were not particularly looking for God during their travels, yet God came to them nonetheless. Such an experience could not be more biblical, especially as we move into the aftermath of Easter. The post-resurrection appearances of Jesus to the disciples are some of my favourite stories in all of scripture, because it is during those times when we are not particularly looking for God, that God comes and moves among us.

In the spirit of Pentecost, the summer months are an exciting time for us in Bergen as the Holy Spirit moves in mysterious ways among ourselves and those who visit us. In addition, we are especially excited this summer as we have just received the wonderful news that our congregation was given a litter pick-up project through Bergen kommune. It requires us to pick up litter once a month (May–Oct) in an assigned area, for which we will be paid 25,000! We have designated one Sunday a month after worship to pick up litter. The news of this project was felt like a great blessing to our congregation as we have worked so hard this past year to find ways to fundraise. It also offers us the wonderful opportunity to care for God's creation, for fellowship together and to raise some significant funds for our ministry. Hopefully we won't get rained on too much! So, please pray for us! Wishing all of you a wonderful summer and a Spirit-filled season of Pentecost!

*Revd Kirk Weisz  
Bergen locum chaplain*

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## Trondheim notes

**Today we feel the wind beneath our wings,  
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays,  
Today the church draws breath at last and sings,  
As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.**

*Pentecost, Malcolm Guite*

It's been an exciting spring in Trondheim with our first Evensong in many years together with the Cathedral Choir in April. This was followed by our first visit from the Archdeacon of the Nordic & Baltic Deanery, the Ven. Colin Williams in May, as well as a visit from the St. Tomas Chamber Choir from Stockholm, Sweden on the week following. Our Pentecost celebration will be our last in Thomas Angell's Chapel, before we return to the newly renovated Chapter House. On Trinity Sunday, we will have our Spring Congregational Day Away at Fjellseter Chapel, with a service, bring and share lunch and games.

A year ago at the Deanery Synod in Riga, our Area Dean, Nick Howe, introduced the congregations to the Inclusive Church resources and encouraged us to use them. Inclusive Church (IN) writes about themselves: 'We believe in inclusive Church – church which doesn't discriminate, on any level, on grounds of economic

power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality.' Last month, Astrid Bjørnvik and I led an IN Radical Welcome Course. This has been described thus: 'All churches think that they are welcoming and friendly; Radical Welcome encourages and enables your church to think through its welcome from the perspective of being inclusive.' Those of us who attended had fun discussing inclusivity and welcome in our congregation. For more information see: <https://www.inclusive-church.org>.

This year, as last, we participated in the Thy Kingdom Come initiative of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York (our Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Walk was the northernmost in the CoE). Last year, after our first Prayer Walk, there was interest in holding more Prayer Walks and we did. This year we're continuing this tradition by holding one Prayer Walk a month throughout the Summer. For some, Prayer Walking might sound daunting or foreign, but it's nothing to be intimidated by. Prayer walking – on-site intercession – is as simple as it sounds: praying as you walk. As you Prayer Walk, your prayers extend beyond your own concerns, focusing directly on the needs of others and opening yourself to see them with God's eyes and heart.

For more information on Thy Kingdom Come and Prayer Walking visit:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

Warmest wishes for a refreshing summer season! PAX,

*Revd April Maja Almaas  
Trondheim assistant chaplain*

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## Stavanger notes

Hello everyone,

It has been a blessed spring in many ways, this year. This beautiful weather has lifted everyone's spirits.

After the shock of having to find new premises in December we are settling well into the office at the British school and the new worship spaces at NMS (Det Norske Misjonsselskap).

The office is a light and practical space that is a joy to work in. The British school has gone out of its way to be accommodating and helpful.

Adjusting to the worship spaces at NMS is a longer process. NMS let us have access to the spaces well before they had finished their altera-

tion plans. As such we come each Sunday to find things a little changed each week. NMS has put in new lighting and has built us a small storage facility in the basement. In turn we have provided a communion table for the chapel and a new Yamaha digital piano.

The main worship room has seating for about 50 people but we also have use of the canteen, which can easily seat 70 people. We use this for our café church each month. As well as these, there are two rooms appropriate for our different young people's and children's church groups. There is also a small meditation room next to the chapel and a smaller chapel which seats about 20 people. All this along with seating in the lobby area provides a varied and flexible space for our use and should allow some growth for the future. The storage facility means we can collect our many and various resources in one place, apart from those things we need at the office, and my wife and I get our basement back!

In the end we find that overall we have more and better facilities now for no more than we paid to use Bethel.

We have held our usual activities and services throughout the spring, and we were delighted to be able to hold an Easter Monday communion service again in Kristiansand this year.

We look forward to a busy summer sharing worship in English with other churches at St Petri throughout July. We shall be leading a joint service in English with the Cathedral at the end of July for the Tall Ships race which returns to Stavanger this year. There will be VBS (Vacation Bible School) again at the North Sea Baptist Church at the end of July. A busy – but we hope blessed – summer.

With greetings from Stavanger –

*Revd Peter Hogarth*  
*Stavanger assistant chaplain*

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## Oslo notes

### Practise Resurrection

As I write these notes we are nearing the end of the 50 Great Days of Easter — those seven weeks from Easter Day (1 April this year) to the Feast of Pentecost (20 May). You could say that the period of time after Easter (indeed the whole of our Christian calling) is an unfolding and working-out of the implications of the extra-

ordinary Paschal events for our ordinary everyday lives.

The American poet and environmentalist Wendell Berry gives us some pointers as we make that journey. In his poem *Manifesto* he encourages us to practise resurrection – to spend our days in the only way that makes sense in light of Jesus's dying and rising. Here's a little of what Berry writes:

So, friends, every day do something  
that won't compute. Love the Lord.  
Love the world. Work for nothing.  
Take all that you have and be poor.  
Love someone who does not deserve it.

At Saint Edmund's we have – in our own imperfect but sincere way – been striving to 'love the Lord [and] love the world.' In the weeks leading up to Easter we had a very well attended Lenten Study Group which focused on renewing and refreshing our prayer lives through a shared reading of Luigi Gioia's book *Say it to God*. We also raised much-needed funds for the Shearly Cripps Children's Home in Zimbabwe – both through our annual Lenten Lunches but also, for the first time this year, through the sale of 'Real Easter Eggs' (i.e. Fair-trade Easter Eggs with a copy of the Easter story inside).

At the end of May, our choir travelled with the Senior Chaplain to Balestrand to lend their voices to the liturgies on the first weekend of the summer chaplaincy on the northern shore of the Sognefjorden. The Balestrand Chaplaincy – which provides pastoral care and support to the thousands of seasonal visitors to the area, as well as holding regular services in the historic St Olaf's church – continues until early September.

### Looking ahead

Back in Oslo, preparations are continuing for the visit of Bishop David Hamid in June. On the 17th of that month he will be with us to preside at a Service of Confirmation. Please keep those being confirmed – Christoph, Sian and Miria – in your prayers. The Confirmation Sunday celebrations will continue well into the afternoon of 17 June as it's also the day of our annual Summer Picnic, once again hosted by the Brooks family (thank you!).

Looking further ahead, our Harvest Thanksgiving service will be on Sunday 9 September this year, and the Church will be open for Oslo Culture Night on Friday 14 September. The



			Oslo		Bergen		Readings		Stavanger		Trondheim	
JUNE												
Sun	03	Trinity 1	11:00	All Age Service with Holy Communion	11:00	Eucharist	2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6	10:30	Café Church and Baptism (NMS)	18:00	Evening Prayer & Church Coffee Chapter House	
Sun	10	Trinity 2	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-end	10:30	Holy Communion and Children's Church (NMS)	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	17	Trinity 3	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	2 Cor. 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	10:30	Family Communion (NMS)	18:00	Holy Communion & Church Coffee Cathedral	
Sun	24	Trinity 4	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-end	10:30	Holy Communion and Children's Church (NMS)	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
JULY												
Sun	01	Trinity 5	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	2 Corinthians 8:7-end Mark 5:21-end	11:00	Family Communion (at St Petri, or as advised)	18:00	Evening Prayer Chapter House	
Sun	08	Trinity 6	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	11:00	Family Communion (at St Petri, or as advised)	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	15	Trinity 7	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Service of the Word	Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	11:00	Family Communion (at St Petri, or as advised)	18:00	Holy Communion Cathedral	
Sun	22	Trinity 8	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Ephesians 2:11-end Mark 6:30-34, 53-end	11:00	Family Communion (at St Petri, or as advised)	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	29	Trinity 9	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Service of the Word	Ephesians 3:14-end John 6:1-21	11:00	Family Communion (at St Petri, or as advised)		Sorry, no service (5th Sunday)	
AUGUST												
Sun	05	Trinity 10	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	10:30	Café Church (NMS)	18:00	Evening Prayer Chapter House	
Sun	12	Trinity 11	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	10:30	Holy Communion and Children's Church (NMS)	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	19	Trinity 12	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	10:30	Family Communion (NMS)	18:00	Holy Communion Cathedral	
Sun	26	Trinity 13	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	10:30	Holy Communion and Children's Church (NMS)	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	

event, which is Oslo's biggest one-day festival, is a great opportunity for us to welcome many visitors to our beautiful church building.

In the meantime, however – both within and without the church building – we continue, by the grace of God, to seek to live out our calling as Easter Christians. To conclude with some further verses from Wendell Berry:

Put your faith in the two inches of humus  
that will build under the trees  
every thousand years. [...]

Laugh.

Laughter is immeasurable.

Be joyful

though you have considered all the facts.

[...]

Practice resurrection.

*Rev'd Darren McCallig  
Oslo Chaplain*

## REST AND RE-CREATION

Some summer-time thoughts  
as we near the holiday season.

From Anne Lamott:

'Almost everything will work again if you  
unplug it for a few minutes, including you.'

From Thomas Merton:

'For a man who has let himself be drawn  
completely out of himself by his activity,  
nothing is more difficult than  
to sit still and rest, doing nothing at all.  
The very act of resting is the hardest and  
most courageous act he can perform.'

From the Prophet Isaiah:

'For thus said the Lord God,  
the Holy One of Israel:

In returning and rest  
you shall be saved;

in quietness and in trust  
shall be your strength.'



**WISHING ALL OUR READERS A  
REFRESHING AND  
REJUVENATING SUMMER BREAK**



## Upcoming events

### Bergen



Sun 24 June Litter collection after coffee hour

Sun 19 Aug Litter collection after coffee hour

Sun 23 Sep Litter collection after coffee hour

Sun 21 Oct Litter collection after coffee hour



### Trondheim

Mon 18 June Prayer walk, leaving from Vår Frue  
Church 09.00–10.00.

Mon 16 July Prayer walk, leaving from Vår Frue  
Church 09.00–10.00.

Mon 13 Aug Prayer walk, leaving from Vår Frue  
Church 09.00–10.00.



### Oslo

Sun 17 June Confirmation service with Bishop  
David Hamid. St Edmunds

Sun 17 June St Edmunds Summer Picnic at the  
Brooks's Home

Sun 9 Sep Harvest Thanksgiving service

Fri 14 Sep Oslo Culture Night

### Anywhere else?

As long as there is space, we should be able  
to include any upcoming event of interest  
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where ...

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## Pentecost on the Fjord

There was a very special Pentecost celebration this year at the historic Saint Olaf's Church in Balestrand on the Norwegian Sognefjord.

The beautiful little church – built in traditional stave church style – has an extraordinary history. It was opened for worship in 1897 in memory of Margaret Sophia Green, an English woman and mountaineering pioneer who travelled to Norway in the late 1880s and fell in love with and married a local hotelier named Knut Kvikne.

As the daughter of a Yorkshire vicar, it was Margaret's sincere wish to see an 'English' church built in Balestrand to cater for the many English and English-speaking visitors to this beautiful part of her adopted country. Although her untimely death meant that she did not see her dream fulfilled, her widower Knut realised his wife's ambition.



Photos Jostein Risa

And so, ever since, a rota of visiting clergy has travelled to Western Norway each summer to take services in Saint Olaf's throughout the tourist season. The link with the Kvikne family has also endured, with Knut's descendants in the family-run hotel providing accommodation and a warm welcome to the visiting priests. It is estimated that some 20,000 people visit Saint Olaf's each year.

Senior Chaplain of the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway, the Revd Darren McCallig, along with members of the Choir from St Edmund's Church in Oslo and friends from the Oslo and Bergen congregations made the journey to Balestrand for Whit weekend to get the 2018 Summer Chaplaincy underway.

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## Accommodation request

Cheryl Hogarth, wife of Peter our chaplain in Stavanger, is undertaking some studies at the University of Oslo this summer and is looking for accommodation. The dates in question are 22 June to 1 July and again from 20 July to 3 August. Can you help her with a spare room / *hybel*? If so, then please contact her at [cahogarth@yahoo.com](mailto:cahogarth@yahoo.com)

From the registers



## FUNERALS

**Nidaros Cathedral, Trondheim**

Tuesday 24 April 2018

Arne Løwe



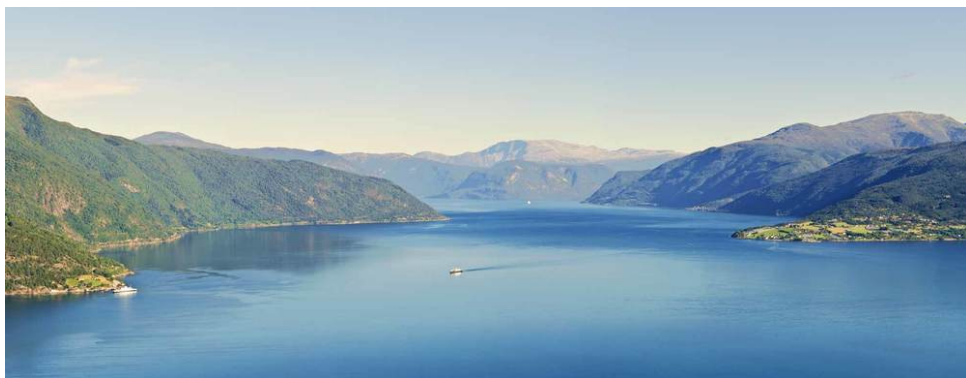
Trondheim Anglicans mourn the loss of Arne Løwe. Arne was a faithful member of our congregation for many years and served as the organist of our Evening Prayer Services. His funeral service was held by the Cathedral Dean Ragnhild Jepsen, Revd. Torstein

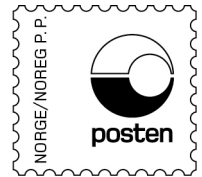
Amundsen and Lay Reader Priscilla Beck. Revd. Mary Strømmen gave a speech on behalf of our congregation at the reception.

**St Edmunds, Oslo**

Wednesday 21 March 2018

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