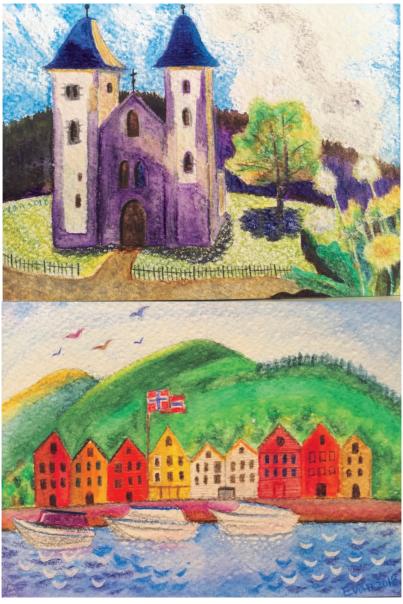
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Illustrations of Bergen landmarks by Evan Huang, Taiwan. See article inside (page 8).

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The Senior Chaplain's Notes

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Those words – from the Lenten preface to the Eucharistic Prayer – remind us of the focus of this season of Lent, which begins this year on Wednesday 6 March. In essence, Lent is an invitation to leave our places of exile, step into the wilderness, and head for home. Indeed, spirituality is, in many ways, just that – the art of homecoming: coming home to ourselves, home to the world around us, and home ultimately to God.

The question is, of course, how? How, specifically, do we 'grow in grace' and learn to be God's people once again? Well, the Lenten Preface has something to say about this too. It goes on:

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As with so many Anglican liturgical texts, these words are beautifully theologically balanced. They hold together our human actions and God's grace – that magnetic force of love, which is forever going before us, drawing us onwards and calling us home. What's more, the Preface is also something of a Lenten manifesto – a checklist of the sorts of activities we might consider as we seek to prepare for the great celebration of Easter. Disciplines of both contemplation and action, denial of self and generosity towards others – all of these are the special focus of this time of year.

Indeed, as you'll see as you read through this issue of TOGETHER, there are many such opportunities for prayer, service and study in our congregations across Norway this Lent. From special services to fundraising events, and from study groups to social gatherings, there is – as they say – something for everyone. Please consider how you might join this 'pilgrimage of prayer and discipline' and play your part in welcoming others 'into the radiant splendour' of God's love.

Wishing you all a grace-filled and fruitful Lent.

Revd Darren McCallig

Senior Chaplain



Bergen notes

Greetings everyone. We had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season here in Bergen. Many thanks to our Christmas choir and to everyone who made our services of Nine Lessons and Carols such joyful and memorable experiences in both Korskirken and Mariakirken.

We were especially proud this year because our Christmas raffle broke an all-time fundraising record. These funds will be sent to mission projects we support in Uganda. While fundraising for our ministry here in Bergen is always needed, it brings us great joy to send mission funds to Uganda where we know our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ are in much greater need than we are. In addition, our Christmas Day service in Mariakirken (the only one I am aware of in the Bergen city centre) was again very well attended and remains a valued service for the Bergen community.

As we make our way through Epiphany, and begin to set our spiritual gaze upon Lent, we are excited about holding our second annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. However, while our pancake supper was well attended last year, and plenty of pancakes were consumed, we hope that even more of our members and newcomers can take part in the pancake festivities this year. In order to make that happen, we will hold an adaptation to Shrove Tuesday with a 'Shrove Sunday' Pancake Supper on Sunday 3 March in Mariastuen (12:15-14:00) directly after our morning service and in place of our coffee hour. Also, for our Lent study we will be reading what looks to be an interesting book entitled The Merciful Humility of God by Jane Williams. As in years past, the study will be held on Tuesday evenings, bookended with a soup and bread supper and compline.

As we move into Holy Week, our congregation will make a visit to the Bergen Bymisjon for a meal and foot washing service for Maundy Thursday, a Good Friday Tenebrae service in Mariakirken, and a joint Easter morning service with the Norwegian congregation of Mariakirken.

Grace and peace to all.

Revd Kirk Weisz Bergen locum chaplain

Stavanger notes

Hello everyone,

Greetings from Stavanger. We hope that by the time you read this NMS will have finished work on their new foyer cafe and thus provide us with a new complete venue for our café church services. The disruption of moving to NMS has been a struggle but now we are there, we have a good office, a great storeroom that has all our resources – labelled – along with a variety of worship and children's church venues to serve our monthly worship program.

March will see the installation of the former Norwegian Dean of the Cathedral, Anne Lise Ådnøy, as Bishop of Stavanger. She has been a great friend to our congregation, always helping us when problems have arisen. It will be a privilege to be part of her installation.

We have invested a lot in our youth and children's work over the years. Although we have a much smaller community of young people at the moment, the recent safeguarding course, led by Susan Boyd from Trondheim, was a useful addition to our work by ensuring good practice and safety for all in our work with young people.

During Lent we shall be encouraging our congregation to follow the Church of England daily reflections on the beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount. You can easily register and get them e-mailed to you through the Church of England website:

https://www.churchofengland.org/

God bless you this springtime, and may you see the fruit of his blessings as we follow on this journey together.

Revd Peter Hogarth Stavanger assistant chaplain

Trondheim notes

We are very happy to welcome the Revd Jan Jensen to Trondheim as Locum Priest until the end of April. We asked him to tell us something about himself for this issue of TOGETHER and this is what he wrote:

'The Reverend Jan D Jensen was born in Salt Lake City, Utah (USA), grew up there attending public schools and graduated from the University of Utah Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Piano Performance. He also studied piano and composition in Vienna at the Hochschule für

Musik Wien (now the University of Music and Performing Arts) in the early 1970s and Rabbinic Judaism at Yeshivat Ohr Somayach, Jerusalem, Israel

He received his M. Div. from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. He was ordained both deacon and priest in the Diocese of Texas and has served churches there and in Algiers, Algeria, (shortly before returning to Vienna in January 2011), and as hospital chaplain at St Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, Texas.

Jan's two grown daughters, Rania and Amira, make their home in Portland, Oregon. He is married to Margaret Gichanga, who is originally from Nairobi, Kenya but has worked the past 15 years at the UN in Vienna. Jan received his 'Permission to Officiate' from the Diocese of Europe in April 2013 and has previously served as locum at Church of the Resurrection, Bucharest, Romania, St Ursula, Berne, Switzerland and St Luke's in Fontainebleau, France. He is very happy to return to Norway, having once visited in the summer of 1973, and to be serving the Trondheim Anglican Church until Easter.'

And we are very happy to have him!



In other ministry news, we are delighted that our ordinand, Torhild Fiskeaunet, has almost finished her studies and *Deo volente* she will be ordained in Chichester Cathedral on Saturday 29 June to serve in the Heathfield Benefice in that diocese. It will be the culmination of many years' praying and studying for Torhild – and a big move for both her and her family – so please keep them all in your prayers.

In the meantime, there is much happening in our congregation. For example, our Lenten Study Group will meet in Waisenhuset on Thursday evenings from 18:00 to 20:00 from 14 March to 11 April inclusive. The meetings will start with soup and then, after the discussions, we will end with Compline. All are welcome. Please contact Susan Boyd for a copy of the Lent book.

We also have a Lenten charity which we will be supporting this year. 'Reach One Touch One Ministries' (ROTOM) is a Ugandan Christian non-profit organisation which reaches out to vulnerable older persons and their dependents. It was started in 2003 and has grown to become one of the most effective older persons organisations in Uganda. See reachone-touchone.org for further details.

Finally, please consider coming along to our Book Café – this time a Theological Book Sale – on Saturday 6 April from 13:00 to 15:00 at Waisenhuset. All are welcome for refreshments and a chat, and a chance to peruse our inexpensive collection of English language books.

Revd Darren McCallig Senior Chaplain

Oslo notes

'Lent is not primarily about 'giving things up', or denying ourselves. It is about finding ourselves.'

With those words, Jane Williams begins Chapter One of her 2019 Lent book *The Merciful Humility of God*. It's a good reminder of the meaning of the season and an appropriate introduction to some of the ways in which, here at St Edmund's, we will – by the grace of God – seek to grow in faith and understanding as we look towards Easter.

In fact, Jane's book will be the focus of our discussions at this year's Lenten Book Group. This publication — which takes as its starting point Saint Augustine's insight that it is only the merciful humility of God that can penetrate our armoured pride — is a beautifully written meditation on the power of God to renew and transform us. The book group will meet after church coffee on three Sundays in Lent (24 March, 31 March and 7 April) and all are welcome. Some copies of the book are available from the Chaplain and they can also be purchased online.

But before Lent begins we will have our very own 'Shrove Tuesday' – or rather 'Shrove Sunday' celebrations — on Sunday 3 March, when we will mark the last Sunday before Lent by enjoying some pancakes and *fastelavnsboller* together during church coffee time. Please bring some of your favourite Mardis Gras / Shrove Tuesday / Carnival / *Fastelavn* treats to share with others!

Such food and fellowship will continue to be an important theme throughout Lent with the annual Lenten Lunches of soup and bread in aid of the Shearly Cripps Children's Home in Zimbabwe. Please consider volunteering to supply one of the two soups, or the bread. There is a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard in the crypt.

In addition to the usual services in Lent and Holy Week (see middle pages of this issue, or the website, for details) we will also observe the Eve of the Feast of the Annunciation with a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday 24 March at 15.00. Please come along if you can, and experience this gem of the Anglican liturgical tradition.

Finally – in terms of Lenten activities – our Youth Group will be selling 'Real Easter Eggs' again this year. The 'real' element of these eggs is that they are the only ones which are Fairtrade and come with a copy of the Easter story in the box. Profits will go to the Shearly Cripps Children's Home.

Looking Ahead

Our puppet ministry will offer the address during the All Age Service with Holy Communion on Sunday 5 May and we again thank our 'puppet masters' Guy and Coral Morgan for offering their talents to the congregation in this way.

The Diocesan Bishop, the Right Revd Dr. Robert Innes, will be with us at St Edmund's on Sunday 26 May to preside at a Service of Confirmation. Anyone considering confirmation should make contact the Chaplain immediately, so that they can join the preparation classes for this important rite.

Finally, the AGM of The Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway will be held after the service on Sunday 28 April. Please see the details about the preparation of a new Electoral Roll elsewhere in this issue.

Revd Darren McCallig Oslo Chaplain

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Sun	03	Next before Lent	11:00	All Age Service with Holy Communion	11:00	Eucharist	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)	10:30	Café Church	18:00	Evening Prayer Chapter House
Wed	06	Ash Wednesday	18:00	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday	18:00	Ash Wednesday Joint Service	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 John 8:1-11	18:30	Service of Ashing Bishop's Chapel	19:00	Ash Wednesday Service Nidaros Cathedral
Sun	10	Lent 1	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	10:30	Holy Communion with Children's Church	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church
Sun	17	Lent 2	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-end	10:30	Family Communion	18:00	Holy Communion Nidaros Cathedral
Sun	24	Lent 3	11:00 15:00	Sung Communion Choral Evensong	11:00	Eucharist	1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	10.30	Holy Communion with Children's Church	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion <i>Vår Frue Church</i>
Sun	31	Lent 4	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	2 Corinthians 5:16-end Luke 15:1-3, 11b-end	10:30	Family Communion		Sorry, no service (5th Sunday)
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Sun	07	Lent 5	11:00	All Age Service with Holy Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	10:30	Café Church	18:00	Evening Prayer Chapter House
Sun	14	Palm Sunday	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-end of 23	10:30	Holy Communion with Children's Church	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church
Thur	18	Maundy Thursday	19:00	Holy Communion			1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	18.30	Service of Footwashing Bishop's Chapel	18:30	Porvoo joint bilingual Holy Communion with footwashing Vår Frue Church
Fri	19	Good Friday	10:00	Joint Service with the American Lutheran Church St Edmund's	11:00	Good Friday Tenebrae	Various	13:00	Ecumenical Service of Reflections Stavanger Cathedral	11:00 13:00	Good Friday Service Vår Frue Church Ecumenical Good Friday Walking Service from Vår Frue Church
Sun	21	Easter Day	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Easter Joint Service Eucharist	Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12	10:30	Easter Sunday Family Communion	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church
Mon	22	Easter Monday						18.30	Holy Communion Oddernes Kirke, Kristiansand		
Sun	28	Easter 2	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Service of the Word	Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-end	10:30	Holy Communion with Children's Church	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church
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Sun	5	Easter 3	11:00	All Age Service with Holy Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) John 21:1-19	10:30	Café Church	18:00	Evening Prayer Chapter House
Sun	12	Easter 4	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Acts 9:36-end John 10:22-30	10:30	Holy Communion with Children's Church	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church
Sun	19	Easter 5	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35	10:30	Family Communion	18:00	Holy Communion Nidaros Cathedral
Sun	26	Easter 6	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Eucharist	Acts 16:9-15 John 14:23-29	10:30	Holy Communion with Children's Church	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church
Thur	30	Ascension Day	19:00	Sung Communion			Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-end				

Safeguarding



The protection from harm of children and adults who may be vulnerable is of paramount importance to us. As a Chaplaincy within the Diocese of Europe, we have adopted the Diocese's Safeguarding Policy, which can be accessed here: europe.anglican.org/safeguarding.

Everyone has a responsibility to be vigilant to spotting incidents of abuse. If you become aware of abuse in any form (no matter how seemingly trivial) please tell the Chaplaincy Safeguarding Officer or one of the Assistant Safeguarding Officers (contact details in 'Who's Who' on page 2) as soon as you can. If you prefer, you could call the diocesan confidential telephone line +44 207 898 1163 and leave a message as to your concerns. The Diocesan Safeguarding Team will get back to you as soon as possible.

AGM and Electoral Roll



The Annual General Meeting of the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway will be held on Sunday 28 April after the morning service at St Edmund's Church, Oslo. It's an opportunity to get involved in the governance of the Chaplaincy, but you do

need to be on the Electoral Roll if you want to participate fully.

The Roll is, in essence, our register of electors, in that you must be listed on it if you wish to vote at the AGM or stand for election to bodies such as the Chaplaincy Council or Deanery, Diocesan, or General Synods.

Indeed, the Chaplaincy's Electoral Roll is being completely revised this year. (This happens every six years under Church of England rules). It means that even if you have been registered before, you must register again to maintain your voting rights.

To register simply complete an application form – available at services in each of our congregations, or for download from congregational websites (www.osloanglicans.no/what-s-on, for instance) – and submit it by Sunday 31 March.

Cover illustrations

The Bergen Anglican Church has members hailing from the UK, the Phillipines, Uganda, Canada and the USA (and elsewhere); all offering their talents to the benefit of the church community. One of our recent transient members has an artistic sense, having been accepted to the Masters program in Fashion design in Taiwan. He graciously donated images of his rendering of Bergen's Mariakirken, Johanneskirken and Bryggen, for use by the church as we saw fit. Professional printing of notecards was approved by the board in autumn 2018 for the purpose of fundraising for the church.

On the back of each card is the following text: 'Evan Huang was an active member of the Anglican church in Bergen during his stay in summer 2018, when he worked at the fish market at *Torget*. From Taiwan, Evan is representative of the international community that encompasses the Bergen Anglican church family.'

As of the end of January 2019, 34 packages of six cards each have been sold to members and visitors alike. All have expressed how lovely the images are and all appreciate the proceeds from the sale directly support the Bergen Anglican church.

We wish to thank Evan again for his generosity, and we hope to see him back in Bergen in summer 2019, before he starts his Masters studies in Taiwan.

Barb McIntosh Bergen church committee member



Upcoming events

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Bergen

Sun 03 Mar, 'Shrove Sunday' Pancake Supper, Mariastuen, 12:15–14:00

Tuesdays 19 & 26 Mar, 02 April, Lent Study, book-ended with soup and bread supper and Compline, *Mariastuen*, 17:00–19:00

Oslo

Sun 03 March, 'Shrove Sunday' Pancake Party, after morning service.

Sundays 10 March to Sun 14 April inclusive, Lenten Lunch of soup and bread in aid of the Shearly Cripps Children's Home, Zimbabwe. Sundays 24 & 31 Mar, 07 Apr, Lenten Book Group after Church Coffee. Sun 28 April, AGM of The Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway after Sunday service.



Trondheim

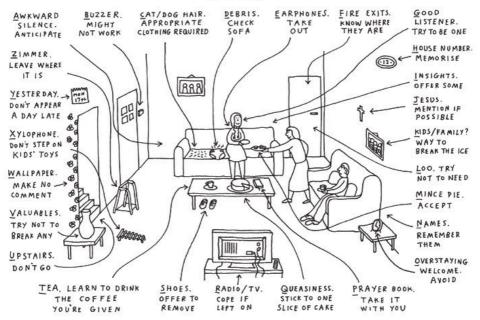
Thursdays 14, 21 & 28 Mar, 04 & 11 Apr, Lenten Study Group, *Waisenhuset*, 18:00–20:00 Sat 6 Apr, Book Sale (theological books), *Waisenhuset*, 13:00–15:00.

Anywhere else?

As long as there is space, we should be able to include any upcoming event of interest to *Together* readers. You never know who is where.

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Please submit material for the next issue of *Together* no later than Sunday 5 May

Water damage in St Mary's

'It is not as bad as we feared at first, but the church must close for a while,' says Hildegunn Isaksen, the Norwegian priest at St Mary's.

On the morning of Friday 1 March the fire services received an automatic fire alarm from St Mary's Church. A sprinkler in a technical room on an upper floor was triggered, and large quantities of water ran down into the aisle. Bergen fire services did a formidable job, and after a short while valuable objects inside the church were rescued. It is too soon to determine for certain what caused the sprinklers to be set off.

'It is sad that one of our treasures is damaged in this way. Our primary aim today has been to rescue the church building and artefacts from damage,' says Arne Tveit, who is in charge of the church buildings in Bergen. This will be followed up by the Directorate for Cultural Heritage and experts in the various fields involved. We do not know yet whether there is any irreparable damage, but Tveit believes it will be possible to avoid this.

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Sunday services on 3 and 10 March are cancelled. The joint Ash Wednesday service will be moved to Bergen Cathedral..



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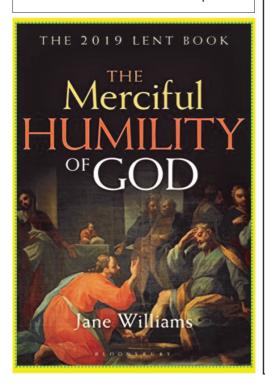
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