

# OUTPOST

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All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.

Matthias Claudius, translated by Jane M Campbell

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# The Senior Chaplain's Notes

A greeting from the new Senior Chaplain  
to everyone at the Anglican Church in Norway



A few days ago Bishop David Hamid wrote to me to formally invite me to be the next Senior Chaplain of the Anglican Church in Norway. It is a great honour, and I am very grateful to those involved in the selection process for the trust they have placed in me.

I look forward to continuing in the long line of faithful priests who have served the Anglican Church in Norway over the past decades. I have already met the Assistant Chaplains – April, Kirk and Peter – and I am looking forward to getting to know you all in the different worship locations across the country.

The links between the Chaplaincy in Denmark (where I currently serve) and the Chaplaincy in Norway are many and deep. For example, the Danish-born Queen Alexandra (wife of King Edward VII of England) who was so instrumental in the building of Saint Alban's Church in Copenhagen, was the mother of Queen Maud (wife of Haakon VII) who played such a pivotal role in the life of Saint Edmund's Church in Oslo.

I am also discovering many connections between my home country of Ireland and my future home in Norway. Apart from the Viking influence, there is also the lesser-known link through Saint Sunniva. Believed to have been the daughter of an Irish king, Sunniva settled on the island of Selja in Western Norway some time in the tenth century. Later martyred for her faith, she became the patron saint of Bjørgvin diocese and of Western Norway.

The fact that – as far as I am aware – I will be the first Church of Ireland priest to serve as Senior Chaplain in Norway underlines just what a diverse and international Chaplaincy it has become. I am told that there are members from

over thirty different countries on the books, and my hope and prayer is that we can continue to be an inclusive, Christ-centred community which reflects the generosity and unconditional love of God.

I will be moving to Oslo in October and my first Sunday service at Saint Edmund's will be on Sunday 8 October. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers as I make preparations to leave Denmark.

As we say in Ireland, 'Go mbeannaí Dia sibh go léir' – 'May God bless you all.'

*Revd Darren McCallig*

*Senior Chaplain from October 2017*

## Bergen notes

Greetings from rainy Bergen everyone! I doubt you will be surprised to hear that Bergen broke new records this summer for precipitation! Hurrah! For example, it rained every day from 1 June to 26 June. It had not rained for this many consecutive days in June since 1968. The record was broken on a Sunday (with one of the strongest and longest down pours of the month I might add) and our music director Roger Martin was quick to encourage us to look on the bright side of life by reminding us that because it constantly rains in Bergen, everything always has a very nice cleansing! Roger's good humour was therapeutic, but also deeply theological. When the rain seems relentless in Bergen, just like the inevitable challenges and obstacles that come in ministry, it is indeed important to remind ourselves that while it might be difficult to see God's faithful hand at work, God may be most active during these times by renewing and preparing us for what is still ahead. And also to count our blessings daily which always outnumber the negative experiences we encounter in ministry. While all the rain in Bergen was certainly challenging for many of us during the summer months, we had many bright spots in ministry as we witnessed God's renewing presence in our midst.

The summer began with our International Potluck Dinner for Newcomers in early June. This was a wonderful gathering of both newcomers and current members with many delicious dishes shared from around the world. This meal granted us the very interesting experience of hearing about how newcomers had made their way to Bergen for work, education or love, and have somehow managed to remain in Bergen despite

all the rain! This meal also reminded us of how God is blessing us with an increasingly diverse community of faith as we welcomed people from Kenya, the Philippines, Canada, and the United States.

In addition, being able to hold services in St. Mary's throughout the summer in what is arguably the most beautiful church in Bergen, if not in all of Norway, is a tremendous blessing from the One above. Once inside, you quickly forget about how ugly the weather is outside! Just like last summer, we also welcomed in large crowds of visitors from all over the world to our Sunday services and were given the opportunity to help sustain these sojourners in the life of the Spirit during their travels. As the summer comes to a close, we realise that new blessings still await us even though the rains continue here in Bergen and the days begin to slowly grow shorter as the winter darkness makes its return. We look forward to the leadership of our new Senior Chaplain Revd Darren McCallig and welcoming him to Bergen! We also look forward to our Harvest Festival on 1 October, our joint ecumenical service together with the Norwegian congregation on 19 November, and we eagerly await our carol services in December. While we certainly do not wish for any more records to be broken here in Bergen with precipitation, we know that we will always have to cope with the rain. What is important for us is to remember its cleansing properties and to be attentive to God's renewing work among us. As God declares in the book of Revelations, 'Behold, I will make all things new!' (21:5).

*Revd Kirk Weisz  
Bergen locum chaplain*

## Stavanger notes

Greetings from Stavanger! After what seemed a very wet summer here, we now move into the autumn. We have had a busy time welcoming newcomers to our community and September brings us to the Deanery Synod visiting Stavanger for the first time. It will be a joy to welcome representatives from across Northern Europe and we hope they will be blessed by visiting us in our little corner of Norway.

The Synod will be focusing on Youth and Children's work in our chaplaincies, looking at *Children and the Kingdom/Children and the Church* with guidance from Prof Haddon Willmer of the Child Theology Movement.

We will also be getting some 'how to' help from Tony Cook, the Leader of the Bath and Wells Diocese youth and children's team. Both our speakers have emailed us questions and resources, but for the first time they will be joining us on Skype instead of traveling to be with us.

The Synod will also see the licensing of Susan Boyd to help as a lay reader in Trondheim as we share a special service in Stavanger Cathedral on Friday evening. We look forward to hearing Bishop David preach and to be led in singing by Cathedral's Girls' Choir.

This year, our Sunday away to the chapel at Brekko was a welcome back after the summer break instead of the usual end of spring trip. It rained, but no one minded as there was a dry shelter, a cosy café and lots of good BBQ food after the service.

We are going to try and start early this year with publicity and resources for our regular shoebox appeal for operation Christmas child. Last year we sent about 350 shoeboxes filled with gifts as Christmas presents for underprivileged children in Romania. We hope to do better this year and already have several local churches joining us in our efforts.

We wish you all every blessing this autumn and may God be with you.

*Revd Peter Hogarth  
Stavanger assistant chaplain*

## Trondheim notes

**Take our selfish thoughts and actions,  
petty feuds, divisive factions,  
hear us now to you appealing,  
teach us of love.**

*—From Jean Holloway's hymn  
'Lord, we come to ask your healing.'*

We recently sang Jean Holloway's powerful hymn in Nidaros Cathedral. In fearful times, when the world around is battered by acts of terror and hate, it is hard to know what to do. It is common to become immobilized by anger, hopelessness or confusion. However, it is in exactly these times, that it is important for us maintain our contact with our congregations to regularly receive grace, fellowship, challenge and encouragement. It is now that we come repeatedly before God asking to be healed, both of our wounds and of our own complicity. Let us pray that God will teach us to love as God loves us all.



Trondheim congregation at Fjellseter Chapel  
(including visitors from elsewhere)

Our Chaplaincy looks forward to hosting the Deanery Synod in Stavanger and the arrival of our new Senior Chaplain in Oslo. In Trondheim, the new semester has begun, bringing with it the start of our regular Sunday School gatherings, involvement in *Bymisjon's* ecumenical Taize services, and the Anglican Book Café. Following up on last year's success, we will again join with the Anglican Communion Environmental Network to hold a Season of Creation service up at Fjellseter Chapel in *Bymarka* on 1 October (for more info see: <http://acen.anglicancommunion.org/resources/season-of-creation.aspx>). This autumn we also have two new activities:

**Autumn Movie Nights** for University Students: This semester Our ASF (Anglican Student Fellowship), Trondheim will host two social film evenings at SiT (the student welfare organisation) Moholt's Activity House. All NTNU students are welcome to evenings of free popcorn, snacks, Kahoot quizzes with prizes and the viewing of *The Ultimate Gift* (27.08) and *Chariots of Fire* (16.11). Welcome!

**October Grief Group:** Revd. April, who did a Clinical Pastoral Care internship at Stanford University Hospital, and Revd. Mary Strømme, who is one of our Diocesan team of trained spiritual directors, will be co-leading an

Anglican Grief Group in October. We will meet on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm to discuss themes from the book *Good Grief* by Revd. Granger E. Westberg. 'Good Grief' has been described thus: 'Whether mourning the death of a loved one, the end of a marriage, the loss of a job, or other difficult life changes, *Good Grief* is a proven steady companion in times of loss.' Revds Mary & April will then lead together our All Saints Holy Communion Service in the Chapter House at 18:00 on 5 November, where those who wish will have the opportunity to light candles of remembrance and prayer. This group is free and open to all who would like to join us.

May God bless, inspire and refresh you today and always,

Revd April Maja Almaas  
Trondheim assistant chaplain  
Oslo notes

St Luke tells us in his ninth chapter that you should never look back while ploughing, otherwise you don't get it straight, so you should look forward. This of course we try to do.

But allow me some words looking back.

Since Brian left us, (we had a very nice but rainy farewell party for Brian and Pam and our annual picnic), we in Oslo have been very blessed with locums being with us in our Sunday worship in St Edmunds. We need to say thank you to Julius, who for many Sundays preached for us, while he was still busy with his studies. Julius is now heading back to Uganda. We wish him all the best.

For 3 weeks we enjoyed also the company of Kevin and Liz. Kevin took even time to visit the elderly and to administer home communion. Liz joined happily a meeting of the Ladies Guild. What a good time we had. Summer is nearly over and of course we are looking ahead to meet our new Senior Chaplain Darren. From October he will be in Oslo, but before that we still have a lot on our minds: There will be other locums to help out. Steve will be with us leading a Choral Evensong at Oslo Culture Night (*Oslo Kulturnatt*). Again we will take part in this event of the City of Oslo and we keep the Church open on Friday 15 September for new worshippers or for people just walking by.

On Sunday 18 September we will have our Harvest Festival, where we again will sing the famous hymn 'We plough the fields and scatter' by Matthias Claudius. I am sure, as all the years

			Oslo		Bergen		Readings		Stavanger		Trondheim	
SEPTEMBER												
Sun	03	Trinity 12	11:00	Family Service of the Word	11:00	Communion	Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28	10:30	<i>Bethel unless specified</i> Café Church	18:00	Evening Prayer Chapter House	
Sun	10	Trinity 13	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Family Service of the Word	Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	10:30	Communion with Children's & Youth Church	11:00	All Age Service of the Word Vår Frue Church	
Sun	17	Trinity 14	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Communion	Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	10:30	Family Communion	18:00	Communion Cathedral	
Sun	24	Trinity 15	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Communion	Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	10:30	Communion with Children's & Youth Church	11:00	All Age Communion Vår Frue Church	
OCTOBER												
Sun	01	Trinity 16	11:00	Family Communion	11:00	Communion Harvest Festival	Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32	10:30	Café Church	11:15	Season of creation communion Fjellseter Chapel	
Sun	08	Trinity 17	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Communion	Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46	10:30	Communion with Children's & Youth Church	11:00	All Age Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	15	Trinity 18	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Communion	Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14	10:30	Family Communion	18:00	Bilingual Communion Cathedral	
Sun	22	Trinity 19	18:00	Sung Communion Licensing of Sr Chaplain D McCallig	11:00	Communion	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22	10:30	Communion with Children's & Youth Church	11:00	All Age Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	29	Trinity 20	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Communion	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46	10:30	Shoebox Sunday		Sorry, no service (5th Sunday)	
NOVEMBER												
Sun	5	4 before Advent All Saints	11:00	FamilyCommunion	11:00	Communion	1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12	10:30	Café Church	18:00	Communion Chapter House	
Sun	12	3 before Advent Remembrance	11:00	Sung Communion Act of Remembrance	10:00	Communion	1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13	11:00	Remembrance Service <i>Eiganes Graveyard</i>	11:00	All Age Communion Vår Frue Church	
					12:00	Act of Remembrance <i>War Graves, Møllendal</i>				13:00	Act of Remembrance Stavne Chapel	
Sun	19	2 before Advent	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Communion	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30	10:30	Family Communion	18:00	Communion Cathedral	
Sun	26	1 before Advent Christ the King	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Communion	Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46	10:30	Communion with Children's & Youth Church	11:00	All Age Communion Vår Frue Church	





before, the church will look lovely with many flowers, groceries, vegetables, fruits, loaves and other gifts. And as always we will have an auction with the proceeds going to the Shirley Cripps orphanage in Zimbabwe.

And on Sunday 24 September the church council will meet the congregation in Trondheim.

On the first Sunday in October we will be welcoming our last locum. Janet Heil will preside and preach at the Family Communion Service. So there is a lot to look forward to, of course including Darren's arrival. His first Sunday is 8 October and his licensing will take place on Sunday 22 October in the late afternoon. So please mark this in your calendar and come along.

*Ingeborg Wörheide  
forstander*



## Upcoming events



### Trondheim

Thu 5, 12, 19, 26 Oct Anglican Grief Group using Weberg's classic book *Good Grief*, led by Revd April & Revd Mary Strømmen.

Waisenhuset 18–19:30

Sat 10 Oct Anglican Book Café 13–15:00

Thu 16 Nov Anglican Student Fellowship

*Movie Night* (Chariots of Fire)

SiT's Moholt Student Activity House 19–22:00

Sun 03.09, 17.09, 05.11, 19.11 Sunday School

Waisenhuset, 11–12:30

Sun 25 Nov Anglican Christmas Sale 13–16:00

Fri 01.09, 06.10, 03.11 Ecumenical Taize Services

Vår Frue Church 18:00. Q? Ask Priscilla Beck.

### Oslo

Sat 18 Nov St Edmunds Christmas Bazaar at the Swedish Church 11–15:00

## Kristiansand

Fri 15 Dec Carol Service in Oddemes Church  
18:30

## Stavanger

Thu 7–Sun 10 Sept Synod Meeting

Sun 3 Dec Christingle (Bethel)

Sun 10 Dec Crib Service (Bethel)

Sat 23 Dec *Service of Nine Lessons and Carols* in  
Stavanger Cathedral

Sun 24 Dec No service

Mon 25 Dec Christmas Day Family Communion  
(Bethel)

## Bergen

Sun 1 Oct: Harvest Festival, followed by potluck  
lunch in Mariastuen.

Sat 16 Dec *Carol Singing* 15:00 in Korskirken.

Sun 17 Dec *Service of Nine Lessons and Carols*  
18:00 in St Marys Church

## Drammen

Tue 12 Dec *Carol Service* 16:00 in Bragermæs  
Church

## Anywhere else?

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

You never who is travelling where ...

Please submit material for the next issue of Outpost  
by Sunday 29 October

From the registers

## FUNERALS

### St Edmunds

Thursday 3 August 2017

Leif-Arne Eriksen

Leif-Arne was the dear husband of choir  
member Amy and was himself  
an honorary choir member.

For over 30 years he contributed to the  
life at St Edmunds, excavating out the  
crypt with his cousin Odd, transporting  
choir gowns, making supper in the crypt  
for the choir while they practised upstairs  
etc, and will be sorely missed by many.



# St Edmunds annual Christmas Bazaar

will take place this year on Saturday 18 November from 11:00 until 15:00 at the Swedish Church.

Christmas provisions and homemade delicacies including jams, chutneys, cakes, gifts, crafts,  
English language books, DVDs and CDs, toys, a lucky draw and of course  
the **Loaves and Fishes Café** with its British specialities.

Carols will be sung at regular intervals throughout the day.



## Editing Outpost

**There is a need for volunteers to be involved in the editing and production of our quarterly magazine. It is fair to assume that the task of editor-in-chief will continue to be taken by the senior chaplain, but this is a plea for more people to help.**

For the past five years or so I have been doing most of the editing of Outpost. I started by offering to help Sammy, who had taken over the task from Janet. Then when Sammy left I ended up with most of the responsibility alone.

I already have quite a few commitments in the church in Bergen, and am finding that Outpost is a bit more than I can manage to my own satisfaction. You may have noticed that the last couple of issues – including this one – did not come out until a while into the period they were supposed to cover – one symptom of an editorial staff of one! An editorial staff of two or three people would be ideal.

### **What would an editorial staff do?**

The main tasks are

- to receive notes from the four regular chaplains and any other people who would like to contribute; to proofread and when necessary condense these contributions.
- to compile the calendar of services (with readings) in the four main churches
- to receive and include entries from the registers (provided by the senior chaplain)
- to find and select an illustration for the front cover (not difficult)
- to place all the above in a readable (and hopefully attractive) format

There are also a few occasional or optional tasks:

- to update the deadline for contributions to the next issue
- to include small adverts
- to compile a list of important events
- to find and include other material to fill what little space is left!

### **Who are the people in an ideal team?**

- a nerd or a graphic artist: someone with a bit of computer savvy who can deal with layout
- a writer: someone who is good with words – who can proofread and condense if necessary
- an organiser: someone who can compile the calendar (each time) and update Who's Who (as necessary), and perhaps be the one who keeps everyone else on track. It may be that a clerical employee of the church has this as one of their duties.

This could be one, two or three people (or more). The list above, with the addition of a little musical competence, is about the sum total of all my own skills. It would be more enjoyable, I expect, if the skills were divided amongst several people, so the task would not be a solitary one.

### **Does all the team need to be in the same place?**

I see no reason why not, but with electronic communication as it is these days, there is no reason either why there should not be one person in Tromsø, one in Stavanger and one in Trondheim. Or anywhere else for that matter, including people who are too far away from one of our churches to be able to attend regularly – a wonderful way to keep your finger on the pulse.

I would like to complete a hand-over in time for the December 2017–February 2018 issue, but am willing to be involved in passing on information and 'training' in the skills involved in a transitional period. I am sure a face-to-face meeting could be arranged (I can offer hospitality in the Bergen area if that is the best place), and if there are a few volunteers (I am hoping and praying, and am sure you will join me in doing so), it could be quite a lot of fun.

Those of you who are tempted by the prospect or would be willing to offer your services, please write (fammartin@outlook.com) or phone (988 277 04), or if you prefer, talk to your own chaplain about it.

*Roger Martin  
editor-in-practice*

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**Date: 1 October 2017**

**Time: 11:15**

**Venue: Fjellseter kapell  
in Bymarka, 7020 Trondheim**

Trondheim's Anglican congregation  
will host a *Season of Creation* prayer service  
at Fjellseter Chapel.

After the service there will be a 'bring & share' potluck and games.  
All are welcome!

Queries to Revd April:  
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**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

[www.SeasonofCreation.org](http://www.SeasonofCreation.org)

## English Christmas Carols by the Anglican Church in Bergen

**Korskirken**

**Saturday 16 December 2017 at 15:00**

**Traditional Christmas  
hymns, songs and carols in English**

led by the Christmas choir of the  
Anglican Church in Bergen

with Bible readings in English

Come and join in singing popular carols:

**O come, all ye faithful  
Hark, the herald angels sing  
Once in royal David's city  
and many more ...**

**Collection for Kirkens Bymisjon**

**Mariakirken**

**Sunday 17 December 2017 at 18:00**

The annual  
**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
of the  
Anglican Church in Bergen

**led by the church's Christmas choir  
and  
Revd Kirk Weisz**



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