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Pictured above: members of the Nordic and Baltic Deanery Synod, which met recently in Stockholm, Sweden. Photo courtesy of Andrew Caspari.

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The Senior Chaplain's Notes

My dear friends,

At the time of writing I have just returned from a few days in Stockholm. I was in the Swedish capital to meet with clergy and laity from our 'corner' of the Diocese in Europe at the annual Deanery Synod. The gathering brings together folks from Anglican congregations in Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Latvia – and Norway! (see the photo on the front page of this issue).

Over the course of several days together we had many inspiring inputs and discussions. However, for me, the speaker who made the most impact was the Revd Ulf Lindgren. Ulf is the Canon Precentor at Stockholm Cathedral and a Board Member of the European Council for Telephone Emergency Calls.

As Ulf explained to us, in Sweden, when one dials the emergency services telephone number, the options available are Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade – or Priest. The idea is that a person in distress – perhaps even a person contemplating taking their own life – can speak with a trained listener. But what can a priest say to a person in such extreme distress?

The perhaps surprising answer, said Ulf, is to be found in our five senses. Drawing on the spiritual wisdom of the Ignatian tradition of Christianity, Ulf explained how leading people to reflect on what they see, hear, smell, touch and taste is often the starting point for helping them to find meaning and hope. For example, from his own long experience of working on the emergency helpline, Ulf shared with us how encouraging people to remember childhood smells and meals can be a step towards wanting to continue to live.

It was a memorable presentation and a reminder to us that meaning and vitality – and God – can be experienced not only in our hearts and minds, but also in our everyday experiences of delight and joy. Might it even be the case that Western Christianity has put disproportionate emphasis on strictly intellectual or 'head-y' ways of engaging with the divine, and downplayed the reality that we are embodied beings – soul and body – and should be open to experiencing the 'really real' through all our senses?

If so, then perhaps this particular season of the year – when we are celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving services in all our congregations – is a good opportunity to not only 'taste and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) but also to see, smell, hear and touch all that the Creator has given us. For me, it reminds me of the great prayer of Saint Patrick –

the so-called 'Breastplate' – which rejoices in the all-surrounding and all-encompassing love of Christ:

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ
in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in
every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me.

Every blessing for the months ahead.

Revd Darren McCallig

Bergen notes

The Bergen congregation has been holding steady over the summer. As usual we welcomed in scores of visitors from all over the world to our summer services. One of the most well-attended services was led by one of our long-time PTO clergy, the Revd Harald Grønnevik, when Bergen hosted the very festive Tall Ships Races from 21 to 24 July. A real highlight to the service that Sunday was a visiting youth choir made up of 100 students from Ying Wa College, a Methodist boys' high school located in Hong Kong, that sang during the service.

After a wonderful summer, we now move into autumn. So far the autumn has been a busy time of welcoming a number of newcomers into our community. They come to us from the United States, Finland, Madagascar, Nigeria, South Africa and Norway.

Bishop David noted in his blog post on the recent Deanery Synod meeting in Stockholm, that the Nordic/Baltic Deanery could be the Church of England's most diverse. As an increasingly diverse community of faith in Bergen, we celebrate how God is using our community as a source of spiritual support for people who come from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds.

We are also looking forward to our annual Harvest Festival with a potluck lunch and Beetle Drive fundraiser in Mariastuen on Sunday 29 September. Food donations will be given to the

Salvation Army kitchen located in the Bergen city centre.

This year's Remembrance Sunday will be led by our Lay Reader Iris Evans-Bjørnø on Sunday 10 November, followed by the annual ceremony at the war graves at Møllendal. Christmas choir practice already begins in mid-October with Services of Nine Lessons and Carols again in both Korskirken (14 December) and Mariakirken (15 December). We conclude the season of Advent with a Christmas Day service in Mariakirken. May God bless the Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway and hold us all in His loving and eternal care.

*Revd Kirk Weisz
Bergen locum chaplain*



Stavanger notes

After a break from services at NMS for the month of July, we resumed weekly Sunday worship at Misjonsmarka 1 on Sunday 4 August. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all those – lay readers and clergy – who have preached and led services in the past few months.

Thank you to the Revd Geir Barlaup, Lay Reader Susan J Boyd, Lay Reader Iris Evans-Bjørnø, the Revd Morten Grindvoll, the Revd Tracy Rishton and the Revd Mary Strømmen. Thanks too to Canon John Newsome (acting Archdeacon for our part of the Diocese) and the Senior Chaplain. We must also pay tribute to our Youth Worker, Denise, and the members of the Stavanger church committee, for all their hard work and dedication.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the recent death of the Revd David Lewis. David was known to many folks in our Chaplaincy as he had served as Chaplain in Stavanger and Bergen. Ordained in 1988, his most recent appointment was as Rector of Elmley Castle with Bricklehampton and The Combetons in the Diocese of Worcester in England. Our prayers and sympathies go to his family and many friends. May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Looking to the months ahead, Remembrance Sunday will be observed on Sunday 10 November with Acts of Remembrance at both Eiganes Graveyard and Sola Cemetery (see centre pages for details). Then, in December, there will be carol services in Kristiansand (on Wednesday 18 December at 18:30

at Oddemes Church) and in Stavanger (on Sunday 23 December at 18:00 in the Cathedral).

We continue to hold all in Stavanger in our prayers.

Revd Darren McCallig, Senior Chaplain

Trondheim notes

We have in Trondheim had a new and exciting experience of welcoming locums for 2–3 months at a time. They have been staying in a Cathedral apartment in a protected building from the mid-1700s, rather warm at this time of year! The location is brilliant and they are in good company, with the church offices and Cathedral bells as near neighbours.

We are now awaiting the arrival of our third locum, the Revd. Jules Cave Bergquist who is English and married to a priest from Sweden. Her first service will be on 18 August in the Cathedral at 18.00. Thank you to our Senior Chaplain Darren, and to all our congregation, who help to make our service schedule function well. This is a good example of 'togetherness' in practice.

The holidays are over, and a new university term has begun. The opening student service and student guiding around the Cathedral, in August, have passed. We are now looking forward to our book sale on 7 September, Harvest Festival on 8 September, with lunch and a 'creation retreat' at a small traditional wooden church in Bymarka, Fjellseter Chapel.

Our bilingual service with the student congregation, the first for several years, and with a visiting Swedish choir, is in Nidaros Cathedral on 15 September at 18:00. We hope for a really good attendance. We are so fortunate as to have the services of one of the Cathedral organists on the third Sunday of the month and this 18.00 service is in English.

Our new visiting cards, giving the 3 different locations for our service and contact mail address have been happily received for display in selected hotels. Thank you for the idea Bergen! One of our faithful pianists is taking 'mamma-permisjon' so if anyone feels called to play at the 18.00 monthly service, please get in touch.

It only remains for me to say that we would like to welcome you to Trondheim!

*Susan J Boyd
Lay Reader*



Congratulations to our very own
 Revd Torhild Fikseanet, who was ordained Deacon
 in the Church of God on Saturday 29 June.
 Along with thirteen others, Torhild was ordained by
 the Bishop of Chichester, Martin Warner,
 in his Cathedral Church.
 She will serve as curate in the parish of Heathfield
 in the same diocese, and we wish her
 every blessing in her ministry.
 She is pictured here with the Revd Mary Strømmen,
 who made the journey to the south of England
 to bring our prayers and good wishes to Torhild.

Oslo notes

One of the great joys of ordained ministry is to officiate at weddings. And this summer it was a particular delight to be invited to be part of the 'Big Day' for two amazing couples (Ann-Marie and Mikkel, and Niri and Øyvind) and to assist another wonderful couple (Sharon and Neil) as they renewed their vows after 10 years of marriage.

At Ann-Marie and Mikkel's wedding in August I used my sermon to reflect on the power of

words and 'how words create worlds. Words make things happen.' I went on: 'If you don't believe me then just keep listening, because in a few minutes Ann-Marie and Mikkel will stand just there and they will say some words to each other in their marriage vows, and those words will change their lives for ever.'

'So, what I would like to say to them today is this: Continue using your words. Never stop communicating. Today you will say some of the most momentous words of your lives – "Ja!" – "Yes, I will marry you." But the words you will say tomorrow and the next day, and the next day, can be equally important – especially if they are words like "I'm sorry", or words like "Forgive me", or words like "Let's try again."

'Indeed, as a Christian priest I would go further and I would also say this: I would say that whenever we speak words of comfort, forgiveness and love to each other we are, in fact, echoing the Divine Word – we are echoing the Word of God. I would say that when we use the power of our speech to build each other up rather than tear each other down. When we use the power of our speech to heal and not to wound. When we do that we are doing nothing less than joining in with God's speech, God's Word, God's dream for the world as it should be. Yes, words are powerful. Words create worlds. Words make things happen.'

We wish every blessing and happiness to Ann-Marie and Mikkel, and to Niri and Øyvind; and many more years of married bliss to Sharon and Neil. We also rejoiced over the summer at the Baptism of baby Aryan, son of Thomas and Rebecca, on Sunday 11 August. May God bless him and keep him, and make his face to shine upon him.

We began the month of September with what I believe to have been our first ever 'Blessing of the Backpacks' as part of the 11.00 service. All those in full-time education – from nursery school to university – were invited to bring their school bags with them to church so that they could be blessed for the forthcoming term. After all, beginning a new year at school or college can be a challenging time and so we wanted to pray God's blessing on the year ahead, and give thanks for all those who support us in our learning and growing. We hope to make this an annual tradition.

Later in the same month, we had our Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 8 September, followed by a Harvest auction in aid of the

			Oslo		Bergen		Readings		Stavanger		Trondheim	
SEPTEMBER												
Sun	1	Trinity 11	11:00	All Age Service with Holy Communion	11:00	Holy Communion	Hebrews 13.1-8,15,16 Luke 14.1,7-14	10:30	Service of the Word	18:00	Evening Prayer Chapter House	
Sun	8	Trinity 12	11:00	Morning Prayer Harvest Thanksgiving	11:00	Holy Communion	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 John 6:25-35	10:30	Family Service	11:15	Harvest Festival <i>Fjellseter Chapel</i>	
Sun	15	Trinity 13	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Service of the Word	1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-10	10:30	Family Communion	18:00	Holy Communion Cathedral	
Sun	22	Trinity 14	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Holy Communion	1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16.1-13	10:30	Holy Communion	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	29	Michael and All Angels	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Service of the Word Harvest Festival	Revelation 12.7-12 John 1.47-end	10:30	Holy Communion		No Anglican Service (Services in the Norwegian Church)	
OCTOBER												
Sun	6	Trinity 16	11:00	All Age Service with Holy Communion	11:00	Holy Communion	2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10	10:30	Service of the Word	18:00	Evening Prayer Chapter House	
Sun	13	Trinity 17	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Holy Communion	2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19	10:30	Holy Communion	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
Sun	20	Trinity 18	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Service of the Word	2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 Luke 18.1-8	10:30	Holy Communion	18:00	Holy Communion Cathedral	
Sun	27	Last after Trinity	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Holy Communion	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	10:30	Holy Communion	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
NOVEMBER												
Sun	3	All Saints	11:00	All Age Service with Holy Communion	11:00	Holy Communion	Ephesians 1:11-end Luke 6:20-31	10:30	Service of the Word	18:00	Evening Prayer Chapter House	
Sun	10	Remembrance Sunday	11:00	Sung Communion	10:30	Service of the Word	Micah 4:1-5 Matthew 5:43-end	11:00	Remembrance Service <i>Eiganes Graveyard</i>	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	
			14:15	Act of Remembrance <i>Vestre Gravlund</i>	12:00	Act of Remembrance <i>War Graves, Møllendal</i>		12:00	Act of Remembrance <i>Sola Cemetery</i>	13:00	Act of Remembrance <i>Stavne Chapel</i>	
Sun	17	2 before Advent	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Holy Communion	2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19	10:30	Holy Communion	18:00	Holy Communion Cathedral	
Sun	24	Christ the King	11:00	Sung Communion	11:00	Holy Communion	Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43	10:30	Holy Communion	11:00	All-Age Holy Communion Vår Frue Church	



Shearly Cripps Children's Home in Zimbabwe. Many thanks to Licensed Reader Susan J Boyd for stepping in for the Senior Chaplain at short notice. Thanks too to everyone involved in the Service of Choral Evensong held as part of Oslo Culture Night on Friday 13 September. The event, which is Oslo's biggest one-day festival, is a great opportunity for us to welcome many visitors to our beautiful church building.

Also in September we held a very enjoyable and well-attended 'Coming Together' evening at the church. The purpose of the gathering was to meet and get to know people in the congregation as well as enjoy a good meal together. Huge thanks to Terry and Katty, whose idea the evening was, and thank you to all who made the preparations for what a very successful evening.

Looking ahead

In November we will mark Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 10 November. After the 11:00 Sung Communion at St Edmund's there will be a wreath-laying ceremony at the Commonwealth War Graves at *Vestre Gravlund* at 14:15. All are welcome.

Finally, please add the date for this year's Christmas Bazaar to your diary. This annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday 16 November at

the Swedish Church (Hammersborg Torg 8B, 0179 Oslo) from 11.00 to 15.00. As in previous years, it's the place to be for all your festive favourites – mince pies, Christmas cakes and pudding, homemade goodies, Christmas groceries, cards, handicrafts, toys, English books, collect-ables, and lots more. There will also be delicious refreshments from the cosy 'Loaves and Fishes' café, along with carol-singing from our fabulous Choir.

Revd Darren McCallig
Oslo Chaplain

Diocesan Synod 2019

This year's Diocesan Synod (of the Diocese in Europe, of which we are a part) was held at *Kardinal Schulte Haus* outside Cologne on 10–13 June. Your Synod representatives are Emmanuel Eneh (Licensed Reader in the Finnish Chaplaincy), our own Licensed Reader Susan J Boyd, and Jennifer Knudsen (from Germany). Our Senior Chaplain is the clergy representative from our Archdeaconry.

An important part of Synod is Bible study and worship, which is celebrated in four different forms and styles during the day. This year's Bible studies focused on the theme of 'Spirit,



Members of the 'Ysgol Gerdd Ceredigion' choir from Wales visited St Edmund's and joined our Sunday morning worship on 25 August. Their beautiful singing delighted all those present in the full-beyond-capacity church. Picture courtesy of Soo Lan Henriksen.

Scripture, Identity' and they were led by the Revd Dr. Christian Hofreiter.

Another key element in this year's Synod was the presentation – by Dr. Clare Amos (Director of Lay Discipleship) – of 'A Rule of Life for the Faithful for the Diocese in Europe.' A summary of this Rule, written by the Senior Chaplain, was published in the June–August issue of 'Together.'

There were also important inputs on themes such as: human trafficking and modern forms of slavery; migration and refugees; caring for the environment; support for BAME (black and minority ethnic) clergy; the Ministry Experience Scheme for people aged 18–30 who are discerning vocation; Brexit; and clergy well-being.

There was also a brief introduction to the implementation of the Setting God's People Free programme of the Church of England (more details and resources, here: www.churchofengland.org/sgpf). The aim is to enable us to spread the good news of Jesus from Sunday to Saturday, by learning to think differently, by changing culture around discipleship, and by releasing the talents of all the people of God. We also heard much about the importance of youth work and the opportunities afforded by the 'A Church Near You' website.

As always, Safeguarding was high on the agenda, with the aim of ensuring that our churches are safe spaces for all. A new 'train the trainers' course will take place in Venice on 10–12 October and a refresher Level 2 training course will also be held this autumn for established trainers. We also heard that a new 'Safeguarding dashboard' is being developed which will make it easier for all to navigate to find the information they require.

Synod was also reminded of the growing demand, across the diocese, for spiritual direction. Many are seeking a 'Soul Friend' and, as a result, a new three-year training course has been prepared and will begin in autumn 2020. Anyone who feels called to this important ministry can contact Ulla Monberg for details (ulla.monberg@churchofengland.org) and those who are looking for spiritual direction can contact John Newsome, (jknowsome49@gmail.com), who maintains a database of spiritual directors.

Finally, the June gathering heard updates on the proposed new Church Representational Rules from Aiden Hargreaves-Smith, the Diocesan Registrar, and an update on the deliberations of the

Common Fund Working Group. This group's guiding principles, we were told, are fairness, transparency, mutuality and justice. The group's work is continuing.

All in all, it was a full and intensive few days and there is much, much more that could be written! However, we hope that this short report gives you an idea of some of the issues which are, perhaps, most relevant for our part of the diocese. Please feel free to contact us if you would like further information on anything to do with Diocesan Synod.

Susan J Boyd and the Senior Chaplain



Bergen

Sun 29 Sep: Harvest Festival, St Mary's with visiting organist Philip Paul, followed by pot luck lunch at Mariastuen with Beetle Drive fundraiser.

Sat 14 Dec: Carol singing, Korskirken 15.00

Sun 15 Dec: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Mariakirken 18.00

Wed 25 Dec: Christmas Day Service, Mariakirken 11.00

Stavanger

Sun 23 Dec: Carol Service, Stavanger Cathedral 18.00

Oslo

Sun 10 Nov: Wreath-laying ceremony, Commonwealth War Graves, *Vestre Gravlund* 14.15

Sat 16 Nov: Christmas Bazaar, Swedish Church, (Hammersborg Torg 8B) 11.00–15.00

Trondheim

Wed 11 Dec: Nine Lessons and Carols
Nidaros Cathedral, 18.00.

Kristiansand

Wed 18 Dec: Carol Service, Oddernes Church 18.30

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. ...



Trondheim Locum Priest, the Revd Jules Cave Bergquist

Jules was born and brought up in London. After a degree in Theology at Durham University, she moved to Italy – Assisi and then Rome - where she spent several years studying Spirituality at the Franciscan University. Returning to Oxford, ('as soon as the Church of England thought I was finally old enough'!) she trained for the ordained ministry and was ordained deacon in 1987. Over 32 years she has been in parishes in Canterbury, St Albans and London dioceses, chaplain in the universities of both Cambridge and Oxford, Diocesan Director of Ordinands for the Bishops of London and Oxford, Selection Secretary for the Archbishops' Council, and the National Vocations Adviser.

Ann-Marie and Mikkel, who were married at Eidsverket on Friday 9 August by the Senior Chaplain and The Revd Unni Sveistrup.



When she is not working, Jules tends a large vegetable garden in London, where she lives with her husband, Anders Bergquist and their son Thomas Johan. Their daughter, Maria Louise Agneta, teaches Classics and lives at the school where she teaches in north London. The whole family enjoys cooking, travelling, languages, art, archaeology and spending time with friends and family throughout Europe and Scandinavia. Their family home was for over 20 years in central Italy, which gave them ample opportunity to do all those things.

A committed Europhile, Jules has over the last 20 years collaborated with several Italian dioceses on grassroots ecumenical initiatives and spends much time (outside the growing season!) in Assisi, where she is researching the history of religious communities there in the nineteenth century.

New Archdeacon

excerpt from an announcement from
Bishop Robert Gibraltar in Europe and
David, Suffragan Bishop in Europe

Dear Sisters and Brothers

It is with great joy that we announce that the Revd Canon Dr Leslie Nathaniel has been invited to take up the post of Archdeacon of the East and Archdeacon of Germany and Northern Europe, in succession to the Ven. Colin Williams. As you may know, Canon Nathaniel is currently Chaplain of St Thomas à Becket, Hamburg; he will resign that position effective from 16 October 2019, in order to be commissioned and licensed to his new Archidiaconal ministry on 17 October, subject to the completion of the usual formalities.

With our prayers and good wishes
Your brothers in Christ

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe
+ David

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no later than Sunday 10 November

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and the Revd Trond Løberg
Niri and Øyvind
Ljan Church
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by the Senior Chaplain
and The Revd Unni Sveistrup
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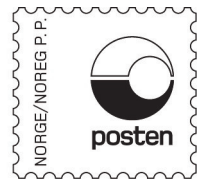
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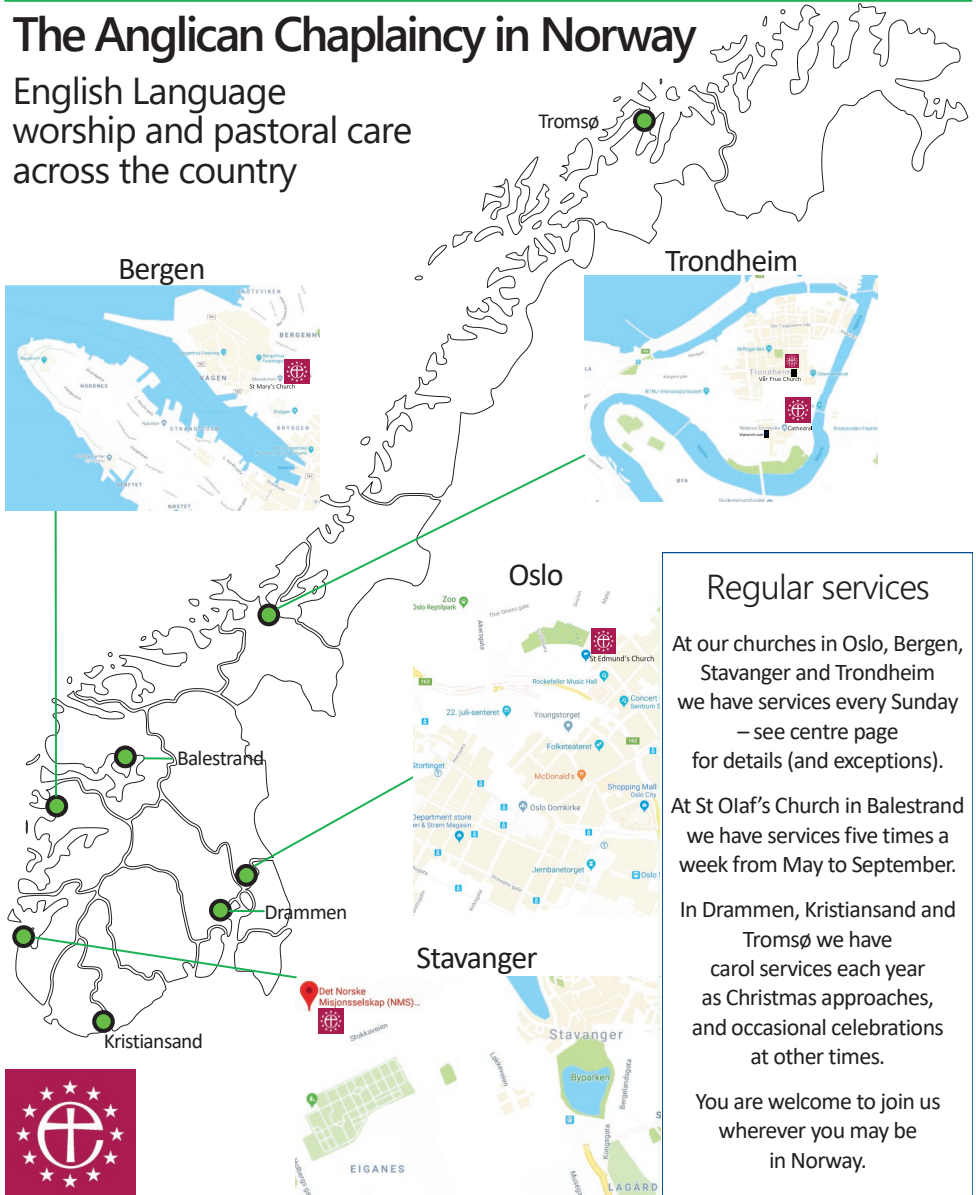
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for details (and exceptions).

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we have services five times a
week from May to September.

In Drammen, Kristiansand and
Tromsø we have
carol services each year
as Christmas approaches,
and occasional celebrations
at other times.

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wherever you may be
in Norway.