

### Faith, Hope, Love – the Call to Mission

“I call you to be people who express faith, bear hope and embody love” said the Bishop of Croydon, Bishop Christopher, when he spoke at the first Area launch of ‘Faith, Hope, Love – Bishop Christopher’s call to mission’.

He was speaking at St Alfege Church, Greenwich on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January when representatives from parishes and schools in the Woolwich Area had gathered to hear him launch the initiative. After he had spoken, the Venerable Dr Michael Igrave gave more details of *Faith, Hope, Love* which at this time is focussed on the response of individuals in the diocese.

Bishop Christopher will write to all members of congregations in the diocese shortly asking them to reflect prayerfully on Faith, Hope, Love and to make a response, to take seriously their part in God’s mission in Southwark Diocese. Diocesan schools and chaplains have been asked to consider how pupils and the others they work with might become involved.

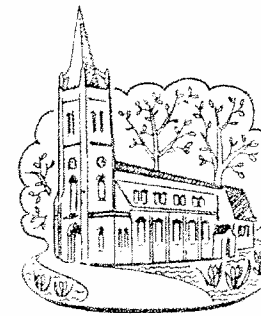
Further launches have been held in the Croydon Area on 26<sup>th</sup> January and in the Kingston Area on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

‘Faith, Hope, Love’ resource material is available on the diocesan website [www.southwark.anglican.org](http://www.southwark.anglican.org).

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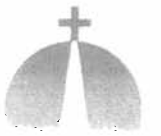
### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Articles etc for inclusion are most welcome and can be left at the back of church or sent to the editor (details above). Items for the next issue should, if possible, be with us by the second weekend of the month. If you are organising a fundraising event or have any other news, please let us know and we can advertise it. Please think about writing something for *your* newsletter – we look forward to receiving your contribution. If any of the information in this newsletter is out of date or incorrect, please let the editor know so that it can be updated.



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### The Vicar’s Monthly Letter

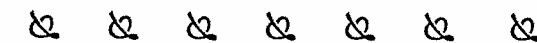
Dear Friends

The diocese of Southwark has announced that the new Bishop of Croydon is to be the Revd. Jonathan Clark. Fr. Jonathan is at present Rector of St. Mary’s Stoke Newington in the diocese of London, and Chairman of Affirming Catholicism. Please pray for him as he prepares to take up his new ministry as our Bishop. He will be consecrated as Bishop on the 21st March, and begin his ministry at a service in Croydon Minster at 6 p.m. on the 20th May. In a letter to the clergy of the Croydon Episcopal Area Fr. Jonathan says that he is looking forward to working with those from right across the church traditions as well as those from various parts of the world represented in our congregations. He also says - "In my ministry to date I have valued the opportunity to work with people who have been involved in new and varied forms of mission and ministry and I look forward to encouraging the many ways in which we can engage in the mission of God to which Bishop Christopher has especially called us in Faith, Hope, and Love."

We are encouraged in Bishop Christopher’s mission call Faith, Hope, Love, to reflect and act on our faith, as individuals, as a parish, and as part of the wider church. To do this effectively we need to deepen our understanding of that faith. This Lent on Monday evenings we are holding a meeting with speakers and discussion with the title "What Christians Believe." Details included in this newsletter. Please consider coming along to these informal gatherings. As we begin the period of Lent, we remember that it is fundamentally a preparation to enter more deeply into the central mystery of the Christian faith, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the new love, life and hope God offers the world, in the life of his son.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Leonard Marsh



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