

Goa Anglican Centre News

(May 2019)

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this May edition of the Goa Anglican Centre News. We have had an exciting month with our annual festival at St John's, Coventry (pictured) proving a real highlight. Do have a look at the full report on the next page and please consider joining us next year where we hope to make it an even bigger festival to celebrate the charity's 10 year anniversary.

Dates for your diary

Tues 28 May 7.30pm – Barnet Cell
Wed 29 May 7.30pm – York Cell
Sun 2 June 10am – West Midlands Cell
Thurs 6 June 10.30am – Bath Cell

The festival is always the biggest and best opportunity to pray with and for the Goa Anglican Centre but if you missed it this year it's not the only chance. Our regular cells meet as usual in Barnet, York, West Midlands and Bath. I look forward to joining the new Barnet cell this month for the first time, where we plan to have an evening together with snacks and drinks after Mass. If you are in or around North London or anywhere close to Barnet, please do come and join us. It's a great chance to give a bit of encouragement to our new cell, share some ideas and have an

informal chat about our work. We shall meet on **Tuesday 28 May after the 7.30pm Mass at St Mark's, Barnet Vale.**

Our volunteers have now all returned from Goa and we await further news. May is generally the time when Catholic clergy move jobs in Goa. This may well include our local clergy near the centre and those who run the homes and charities that we work with. I may have news next month but please do keep all our Goa based clergy friends in your prayers along with the archbishop and provincials who often have difficult decisions to take!

Thank you as always for your support in so many ways.

With all best wishes,

Richard Lees

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Annual Festival 2019



Our annual festival this year was a great success. We met at St John's Coventry on the evening of Friday 26 April. We opened the festival by praying Our Lady's rosary, particularly asking the prayers of Our Lady of Walsingham for the weekend. We then enjoyed a supper of fish and chips followed by a simple compline and a cheerful time of fellowship in the local pub.

Saturday started splendidly with a Sung Festival Mass. Fr Tristan Chapman, our trustee and associate for Barnet, celebrated and preached wonderfully, bringing some of his experiences in Goa last year into a rousing sermon. We then enjoyed an excellent cooked lunch provided by members of the congregation before the discussions on the work of the charity.

The talks covered areas including:

- the successful use of a small amount of bursary funding this year
- our wider work in Goa, including in the Anglican church and in our positive news website www.pruthagoa.com
- and the future growth of the charity.

There was useful and thoughtful feedback from members on all aspects including fundraising and publicity. We concluded with a plan to mark ten years of the Goa Anglican Centre in 2020 with a particularly large festival in Bathwick at the end of April.



Following the discussions, we were very pleased to enjoy tea and splendid cakes provided by St John's. The day ended in fine liturgical style with Evensong and Benediction at which Fr Dexter Bracey, Rector of St John's, officiated.

Thanks are due particularly to Fr Dexter and to all the wonderful people of St John's for their warm hospitality and enthusiastic participation. Thanks also to Fr Tristan for celebrating and preaching, to our trustees and to all who journeyed from afar to be with us. As a charity family we work hard over the year in so many ways. We pray, fundraise, spread the word, and even visit or work in Goa. I am so grateful for the contributions of each and every member over the last year. The festivals are an opportunity to share that, and also to have fun! See you next year!

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The Friends of GAC

I am grateful for all those who can support us in prayer. We have a cycle of prayer for our work and surroundings (printed below) which you are more than welcome to join in with. **Please pray especially for our cell in Barnet.**

Monday: People in need in Satari and Sanguem regions, for all who are hungry and starving and for the homeless

Tuesday: People in need in Quepem and Canacona regions and for peace between India and her neighbours

Wednesday: People in need in Mormugao region, for all visitors to Goa and for those who live and work at the Goa Anglican Centre

Thursday: People in need in Salcete region, for the unity of the church and for all visitors to the Goa Anglican Centre

Friday: People in need in Pernem and Bicholim regions, for the faithful departed and for all who are isolated or lonely

Saturday: People in need in Tiswade region and for all prisoners and those who are falsely accused

Sunday: People in need in Bardez region and that the churches in Goa may be an effective witness to God's love

Diary

Tues 28 May 7.30pm	St Marks, Barnet	Mass with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre
Tues 28 May 8pm	St Marks, Barnet	An evening with the Goa Anglican Centre's Richard Lees. An opportunity to chat informally and share ideas with a drink and a snack
Wed 29 May 7.30pm	St Mary's, Bishophill Junior, York	Mass with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre
Sun 2 June 10am	Emmanuel, Wylde Green West Midlands	Sung Eucharist with prayers for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the church hall after the service
Thurs 6 June 10.30am	St John the Baptist, Bathwick, Bath	Mass with intentions for the work of the Goa Anglican Centre. Tea, coffee and biscuits after Mass

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