

# Goa Anglican Centre News

(Summer 2022)

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this Summer 2022 edition of the Goa Anglican Centre News. As things slowly return to some sort of normality, it was a joy for members of the Goa Anglican Centre to take part in the National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in May. Our work in Goa was blessed at the shrine twelve years ago and it was particularly special to be there this year during the celebration of the centenary of the restoration of the image of Our Lady. If you have never been to Walsingham then do consider a visit this summer.



News from Goa for our charity is now all about the future. It seems increasingly likely that I shall be able to go in September and the immediate priority will be to meet our dear friends in the charities that we support and get a feeling for what has changed and where volunteers will fit in over the coming years. I am very much hoping that one or two volunteers might even be able to join us later this year. The visa application process is still a little odd but otherwise travel seems almost back to normal. Would you like to visit or volunteer? Do you know anyone who might? Please be in touch.

Thank you as always for all your support and prayers.

With all best wishes,

*Richard Lees*

Richard Lees,  
Development Officer  
The Goa Anglican Centre



## News from Cheshunt

Fr Eugene Hanshaw is a well-known face to many in the Goa Anglican Centre and you may remember that he now has his first parish at St Mary's, Cheshunt, and has been kind enough to set up a cell there with regular Masses offered for our charity and for all our intentions. Before Covid, Fr Eugene and I had a few chats about possible collaborations between our charity and St

Mary's. As with so many things, this was kept on ice during the pandemic and we are now looking forward to new possibilities. As a beginning, I was delighted to be invited by Fr Eugene to spend some time with the parish branch of the Mothers' Union. I spoke about the work of our charity and Fr Eugene was also able to share some stories of his time in Goa. The group were very interested in learning more. They were kind enough to donate generously to our bursary fund for supporting future volunteers and a few members were interested in getting more involved in the charity.

It was a joy to be 'on the road' again and building for the future of the Goa Anglican Centre. Would you like to organise an event for Goa in your church or community? While time may be a little short this summer, I would love to start some early planning and see where else we could take the charity. More than fundraising, it is all about spreading the word and reaching out to potential new volunteers by word of mouth. Do get in touch if you would like to help with this.

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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 (listed below) which you are more than welcome to join in with.

**Please pray especially for the future of the Goa Anglican Centre and that we may soon return to serving God in Goa.**

**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

I am so grateful to all those who continue to pray for us in these strange times. Many of you will know that there is a rosary offered every day for our charity and for you, our members. This is offered by different people on each day of the week. Please do email me if you have any particular prayer requests.

Four of our cells are now able to offer a monthly Mass for our work. Please do join them if you can but given the continuing uncertainty it would be wise to contact me or the local clergy in advance if you are planning on travelling a long way to attend. The regular cell Masses are:

-  **First Thursday of the month** at St John's Church, St John's Road, **Bathwick** BA2 6PT. Mass at **10.30am** followed by tea/coffee and fellowship in the church hall.
-  **Third Tuesday of the month** at St Mary the Virgin Church, Churchgate, Waltham Cross, **Cheshunt** EN8 9NB. A Holy Communion service according to the Book of Common Prayer at **7.30pm**.
-  **Fourth Tuesday of the month** at St Mark's Church, 56 Potters Road, **Barnet** EN5 5HY. Said Eucharist at **7.30pm**.
-  **Last Wednesday of the month** at St Mary's Church, 16 Bishophill Junior, **York** YO1 6EN. Said Mass at **7.30pm**.

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