

# Church Newsletter

For the Diocese of London Deaf Churches.

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## A message from the Chaplain

Time feels very elastic at the moment, it moves very slowly, especially when we want life to get back to normal and then it goes very quickly when it is time to say 'goodbye'.

It is now three months since I announced that I would be moving to the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Bridgwater, Somerset and all of a sudden it is November and I will soon be moving house.

I will be sad to leave you all, as many of you have become good friends and it has always been lovely to meet regularly for worship and then spend time for a chat with a cup of tea and piece of cake. I would like to say 'thank you' to you all for your friendship, help and support during my time here in London.

It is hard to be leaving you without saying a proper goodbye, but I hope that you will invite me up to see you again next year, when church life gets back to normal and we can meet in person. We can then have our delayed celebrations and have a chance to share that cup of tea and piece of cake once again.

I may be leaving you physically, but my heart will always be with you as well as remembering you all in my prayers.

Catherine Carlyon



## When will there be a new chaplain?

The answer at the moment is that we do not know.

The Bishop of Edmonton, the Rt Revd Rob Wickham and the Archdeacon of

Hampstead, Ven. John Hawkins are already in discussion about this with the Bishop of London and the Deaf Church leadership.

It maybe a year before any new person can be appointed chaplain because the process is slow during the Covid-19 situation.

Updates on progress will be shared through our Facebook page and the newsletter.



## Where to get help during the vacancy?

### Hayes and Acton Vale

The Revd Vera Hunt with the help of lay assistant Sue Whalley will support the churches in the West of London.

### Enfield

Laurence and Sue Banks with the help of the Enfield Sign Church committee will support the area of London

### South Croydon

Penny Beschizza with the help of the vicar of St. Peter's, South Croydon will support Croydon Sign Church.

### Newsletter

Penny Beschizza and Sue Whalley will send out a newsletter every two months to keep you up to date with news and when services will begin again

## Contact during vacancy

For up to date information during the vacancy please visit our Facebook page... deaf church @London diocese or our website [www.londondeafchurch.com](http://www.londondeafchurch.com)

If you require information about weddings/ baptisms or funerals please contact Sue Whalley for advice Email: [sue@alivebsl.co.uk](mailto:sue@alivebsl.co.uk)



**Licensing Service of Revd Catherine Carlyon as Vicar of the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi, Bridgwater in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.**

I will be licensed as the Vicar of St. Francis on Thursday 26th November at 6pm. It usual for me to invite my friends and family to support as me as I start my new job. However, because of the Covid-19 restrictions we are only allowed about 30 people in the church and we are not allowed to serve refreshments.



The good news is that we will be filming the service and live streaming it through Facebook with BSL interpreters and so you will be able to join me from the comfort of your own home. I do hope you will be able to join me on the next chapter of my ministry and continue to hold me in your prayers as I move to Somerset.

**BSL access to worship**

We were disappointed that our plans to go back to church 'in person' had to be delayed because of the recent second wave of Covid-19 infection. We will not be having our usual services at Crown Centre or Enfield Baptist Church until late spring, when we hope that the infection will decrease and a vaccine will be available.

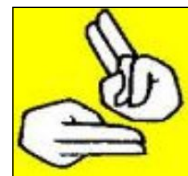
Services will continue online through our Facebook page until we are able to return to our churches. We will aim to have a service at 3pm every Sunday on deaf church @londondiocese.

**Interpreted services are available at**

St Albans, North Harrow 10am on 1st and 2nd Sunday each month

St. Davids, Westbourne Road at 11am on 3rd Sunday each month.

If you would like to be involved in helping with the online worship please be in contact with Revd Vera, Sue Whalley, Laurie Banks or Penny Beschizza.



**Christmas Carols at Annunciation Church, Marble Arch.**



The annual carol service is cancelled this year due to the Covid-19 situation, but we are booked to hold it on 3rd December 2021! Remember to put the date in your diary.



To everyone who has sent cards of thanks and prayers as I move to Somerset.