

Cathedral News

the newsletter of St Christopher's Cathedral and Awali Church

September Celebrations:



Jon's Ordination

Guests will be coming from many different countries for the Ordination to the priesthood of Jon Lavelle in the Cathedral on **Saturday 5th July at 5pm** in a service led by our Bishop. Jon has been serving as a Curate in

our chaplaincy for the past year and he will continue to do so in the coming year, but following his ordination he will be able to preside at services of Holy Communion, which he will do on Sunday 6th September, both at 10.30am and 6.15pm. Following the Ordination Service there will be a dinner reception for all who attend the service, but please sign up the list in the cathedral porch or phone the Cathedral Office so we know how many to cater for.

Barn Dance



One of the popular annual events in our calendar is the World Family Bring-and-Share Supper and Barn Dance and this year we are holding it a

little earlier than previously, on **Saturday 19th September, 4.30pm** and finishing in good time so children can get to bed before school the following day. It's an occasion to welcome everyone back after the long summer break, to welcome those who are new to our community and to mix everyone up in a really fun way. Please bring a dish from your own country to share with others. No tickets required!



The Mission to Seafarers
Caring for seafarers around the world

To support the work of Mission to Seafarers' Chaplaincy in Bahrain and demonstrate our commitment to Stephen Thanapaul in his ministry, we are holding a

Dinner, Dance and Quiz on **Friday 2nd October, 7pm** (for 7.30pm) in The British Club. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of September at services and through the Cathedral office. It will take place during our Harvest Festival Weekend, which is appropriate given that most of the food we eat arrives on ships through the ports of Bahrain. This is very much a community event, so please invite friends and make up a table.

Friday Club for Young people

As we look forward to celebrating Harvest in **September** we go right back to the beginning of time, and the story of Creation, with God making the world and everything in it, including us.



In **October**, we follow David, as a shepherd boy in the



days of Samuel the prophet, having to learn to trust God for everything, from a wild lion in the desert to a wild King Saul.

And in **November** rehearsals begin for this year's Nativity play *Children of the World* exploring how children, in six different parts of the world, celebrate the coming of Christ at Christmas. Our leaders of Friday Club use creative ways in stories, music, song, dance, drama and craft to bring the Bible alive for our children and young people and relate it to their everyday lives.



TGIF Youth group

The first **TGIF**, the St Christopher's Cathedral and Awali Church youth group, for young people at secondary schools, will be on Friday 25th September at 5.30pm: a DVD and pizza evening. The venue will be announced.

Regular Services

Monday- Thursday 8.00am Morning Prayer

Friday 9.30am Holy Communion with Friday Club (All-age Family Service on 1st Friday of the month).

Friday 6pm Tamil Service

Saturday 10.00am (Awali Church) Holy Communion (All-age Family Service 1st Saturday of the month).

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 6.15pm Holy Communion (Evensong 2nd Sunday)

Homegroups meet for fellowship, study and prayer.

Living Room Dialogues

October –December 2015

Sundays at 7.30pm in The Deanery (following the 6.15pm Evening service). Bring and share food please.

Sunday 11th October **Nicola Smith** and **Stanna**



Wieclawska Kyriakou, President and Vice-President of *The Freedom*

Dolls Initiative are visiting us from Cyprus and sharing their experience in addressing human trafficking. As a Church, we have been supporting this organization through selling freedom dolls and ties.

Sunday 15th November **Kawthar Lanbari** will be



speaking on *The Role of Journalistic Translation in International Relations*, which is the subject of her PhD thesis, for which she is working at the Sorbonne. She is working at the Art Rotana Hotel, but she has been a prominent journalist with the Bahrain News Agency interviewing ambassadors and politicians.

Sunday 13th December A bring and share evening, not



just of food, but of carols, readings, poetry, art that have an Advent and Christmas theme.

Bring a contribution, from your own country perhaps, that will enrich all of our journeys to Christmas.

Cathedral Concerts

Contributing to the enriching of the cultural life of Bahrain and celebrating the creativity of many talented musicians who live in this small island



kingdom are the regular concerts held in St

Christopher's Cathedral on Thursday evenings at 6pm.

The first concert of the new academic new year is on

Thursday 1st October at 6pm: a recital co-ordinated by

St Christopher's School teacher and cellist Lis Holman.

Many come to these concerts, which last about an hour, and then go out for a meal. Tickets are priced very reasonably at BD5 and to encourage families, accompanied children are free.

Harvest Festival



The Harvest Festival weekend will be held over the first weekend of October. As well as monetary gifts, we also encourage you to bring non-perishable foodstuffs to the special services over the weekend suitable for use by the Ecumenical Conference of Charity (ECC) and the Mission to Seafarers to be used at the Seafarers' Centre in the port.

We regularly supply foodpacks for emergency needs for a month to people who are in need - these cost BD10 - or if you'd like to supply particular items, please see Jon Lavelle.

Service of Remembrance

There are two services of Remembrance in Bahrain: the first is held on Remembrance Sunday 8th November at



6.15pm in the Cathedral; the second is on Remembrance Day / Veterans Day Wed.

11th November and begins at 10.55am in the Old Christian

Cemetery, though you should be at the venue by 10.40am as security is thorough for this event.

Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals

These are all life events that can take place in the Cathedral or Awali Church.

Our Clergy and Administrator are very happy to guide you through the requirements for these occasions and enable you mark them with meaning and significance.



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