

# Faith

## Patriotism is not a vehicle for hatred

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One of the First World War's most poignant memorials is that of Edith Cavell outside London's National Portrait Gallery. Before 1914, this British nurse served as matron to a training hospital in Brussels.

After the outbreak of war she chose to remain in occupied Belgium, tending to German and British soldiers alike. In August 1915

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she was accused of helping 200 British and French prisoners-of-war to escape to neutral Holland.

During her trial, Edith Cavell admitted that she was guilty and she was sentenced to death. The night before her execution, on 12 October 1915, she confided: 'This I would say: standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred

or bitterness towards anyone.'

Opinion has varied as to how best remember this devout Anglican lady. In 1940 Adolf Hitler ordered the Edith Cavell memorial in Paris to be destroyed. In Canada they named a glacier and mountain in her honour. Today, the Cavell Nurses' Trust supports 650,000 registered nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants.

Was she foolish to remain in occupied Belgium when she could have returned to England? Was her death appropriately used by the British Army recruitment authorities? Was a German soldier shot alongside her for refusing to take part in the firing squad?

Many questions. But I suggest that the greatest challenge she poses is how can we behave humanely to one another and not allow patriotism to be a guise for fear or hatred.



# Leader in the fight on terrorism who answered the call of God

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AN Island priest who spent decades of his life fighting terrorism and crime in Canada says that it was 'a vocational call by God' that led him into the Catholic Church.

It was only three years ago that Father John Lavers became a priest following a 30-year career in the Canadian government, in which he served in a number of different departments, including the police, military and national security.

In that time he helped to create the Marine Security Operations Project, in addition to gaining a Master's degree in police and criminal justice studies.

It was towards the end of his time in the government, he says, that he realised he

had a different calling. 'Once you have done everything in terms of your career, you start to think how can you give back and serve in a different way,' he said.

'I had a vocational call from God which had been there for a number of years. It was just a matter of deciding when to follow that call.'

Fr Lavers moved to Jersey from Newfoundland five weeks ago after an approach from the Bishop of Portsmouth Philip Egan, head of the Diocese of Portsmouth, of which Jersey is part.

And although the role is very different, the 51-year-old said that the years he spent working in the security services were helping him in his church work.

'I can't say too much about my life with the government because I worked in sensitive areas,' he said, 'but

my services in the different departments and the police have given me good life experience that can help me to offer advice in the community.'

It's been a busy few weeks since he came to the Island, and Fr Lavers has been carrying out baptisms, delivering Mass and leading funerals services at St Thomas' Church in St Helier, St Patrick's Church in St Clement and the Lady of the Annunciation Church in St Martin.

He is unsure about how long he will stay in the Island, as that is the Bishop of Portsmouth's decision, but he is enjoying his time here.

'I am just happy to help out wherever I can,' he said. 'Culturally, we both have strong links to Britain, as Newfoundland was once a Crown Dependency, so Jersey's heritage is not that different from home.'



Fr John Lavers: 'My work in the past has given me good life experience'

**TWO special events are being held at different churches over the next few days. A choral festal evensong, led by The Cantabile Ensemble, is being held at St Martin's Church at 6 pm this Sunday evening. And the first of what is hoped will become a regular Songs**

**of Praise service is being held at St Aubin-on-the-Hill Church next Thursday evening. The service, including an address by the Rev Bill Matthews and with music from Acapella Brass, starts at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome and anyone requiring a lift should phone 741941.**

## Worship for Sunday 16 November

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND

St Helier: 8am, Holy Communion (BCP); 9.30am, Contemporary service; 11am, Holy Communion (BCP); 6pm, "Sunday at Six".

Tue. (18th) 1pm, Holy Communion (BCP) in the St Helier Chapel.

All Saints: 10am, Family Communion.

St Simon: 11.30am, Holy Communion.

St Andrew: 10am, Morning Service with Communion; 11.30am, Family Worship.

St Brelade: 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP); 10.30am, Parish Communion (CW);

6.30pm, Celtic Evening Prayer (Fisher's Chapel).

St Aubin on the Hill: 10.30am, Morning Worship with Holy Communion.

Thu (20th) 7.30pm, Songs of Praise with rev Bill Matthews and Acapella Brass.

St Clement: 8am, Holy Communion; 10.30am, Holy Communion.

St Nicholas: 9am, Holy Communion.

Gouray: 8am, Said Eucharist; 10.30am, Family Eucharist; 6pm, Sung Evensong.

Grouville: 9.30am, Combined Service of Holy Communion.

Holy Trinity: 8.30am, Holy Communion (BCP); 11am, Family Communion; 6pm, Holy Communion.

St John: 8am, Holy Communion

(BCP); 9.30am, Holy Communion (CW); 11am, Contemporary Worship With Baptism.

St Lawrence: 8am, BCP Holy Communion; 9.30am, Morning Worship.

St Luke: 10am, Family Eucharist; 6pm, Eucharist with Prayer for Healing.

Daily Eucharist 12.30pm, Mon & Fri; 10am, Tue., Wed., Thu., Sat.

St Mark: 10am, Morning Praise; 4.30pm, Family First.

St Martin: 8.15am, Holy Communion; 10.45am, Family Communion with our first time communicants; 6pm, Choral Evensong with Cantabile Ensemble.

Wed. 10.30am, Healing Service.

St Mary: 8.30am, Holy Communion (BCP); 9.45am, Children's Sunday Club; 10am, Parish Communion.

Thu (20th) 10.30am, Holy Communion.

St Matthew: 11am, Morning Worship.

St Ouen: 8am, Holy Communion; 10am, Holy Communion.

St George: 11.15am, Morning Worship.

St Paul: 9.30am, All-Age Worship; 11.15am, Morning Worship; 6.30pm, Holy Communion.

St Peter: 8am, Eucharist; 10.30am, Parish Eucharist; 6pm, Evensong.

St Saviour: 8am, Holy Communion (BCP); 9.45am, Parish Eucharist.

General Hospital Chapel: Mondays:

10am, Holy Communion.

### METHODIST

Georgetown: 10.30am, Rev Graeme Halls; 6.30pm, Rev Liz Singleton.

St Aubin: 11am, Rev Billy Slatter.

Bethesda: 10.30am, Rev Eric Lucas; 4pm, Families @ 4.

Philadelphie: Tue (18th) 2pm-4.30pm, Messy Community.

Bethlehem: 10.30am, Rev Debbie Godefroy.

St Ouen: 10.30am, Rev Christine Legge (Sunday School Anniversary).

Ebenezer: 10.15am, Rev Liz Singleton (Communion); 11am, Rev Liz Singleton.

Eden: 10.30am, Mrs Lorraine Wheeler.

St Martin: 10.30am, Mr John Perkins. Fri (21st) 3.30pm-5pm, Messy Church

St Helier Methodist Centre: 10.30am, Rev Tony Morling. Thu (20th) 3.30pm-5.30pm, Messy Church.

St Mary & St Peter: 9am, Polish Mass; 11.30am, Sunday Mass.

St Matthew: Sunday Mass at 9.30 am.

St Patrick: First Sunday Mass on Saturday at 6pm; Sunday Mass at 11.

St Thomas: Saturday: First Sunday Mass at 6pm;

Sunday: 9.15am, Mass; 3.30pm, Mass in Portuguese; 6pm, Mass; 7.30pm, Mass in Polish.

Little Sisters: Daily Mass at 10am.

Worship at Hautlieu School, Wellington Road, St Saviour.

Greater World Christian Spiritualist Church: 6.30pm, Divine Service, 13 Dorset Street.

Lighthouse Christian Church: 10.30am Sundays in the Grand Suite at the Grand Hotel.

New Life Church: 11am and 6.30pm, to Communicate, St Brelade.

Quennevais Evangelical Church: 10.45am & 5pm Rev Roger Davies.

Report on work of Slavic Gospel Association by Rev Chris Menzfeld (SGA Representative) following evening service at earlier time of 5pm.

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers): 10.30am, Worship; Wed. 1.15pm to 1.45pm; 71, La Colombarie.

Salvation Army: Worship at 10.30am and 6pm at Salvation Army, Minden Street.

Seventh Day Adventists: Tel: 638802.

Tesson Chapel: 10.30am, Morning Worship led by Mr Tomi Owens.

United Reformed: 10.30am, Morning Worship led by Rev'd Dr. David Prothero.

Jersey Bahai Community: Monday 7pm, Open Meeting with Meditation/discussion.

For information on The Baha'i Faith, 19 Day Feasts and other local events contact: 728817 or 734946

Jewish Synagogue: Saturday, 10.30am, Sabbath Service.