

Faith

Help others not to live, but to thrive

RECENTLY I had the joy of attending my eldest son's graduation and was in awe of the many students receiving their degrees.

It led me to reflect on God having given each of us a part to play in the common good of society.

Whether it is in the world of work, entering a caring profession, a business profession or an apprenticeship scheme, whether it requires a degree or not, every type of work is dependant on the other.

Good stewardship of our gifts re-

quires us to feed, clothe, protect and nourish ourselves and our loved ones.

Our faith, however, calls us to go beyond, and be just as concerned for the poor and disadvantaged whom we do not know and may never meet.

We are all part of the Body of Christ, each part dependent on the other. ('You shall love your neigh-

bour as yourself.')

How do we as a society balance the needs of all, respecting and protecting fundamental rights, promoting spiritual and temporal prosperity, and maintaining peace and security?

'The common good ... is the sum total of all conditions which allows people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment

more fully and more easily.' (Guadium et Spes, 26.)

It is not only about making sure people in society can exist or survive, but about creating circumstances that enable people to thrive. We are each called to create and support a society that improves the conditions of all human life—a challenge for us all during the forthcoming elections!



By Marta Pugsley, Beaulieu Convent School chaplain

Town Church releases birds of peace for Iraq

By Tristram Colledge

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HUNDREDS of origami birds have been installed at St Helier Methodist Church ahead of the United Nations' International Day of Peace.

The paper birds, which are symbols of peace across the world and which decorate the Children's Peace Monument in Hiroshima, have been attached to the ceiling of the church before a special service this weekend.

During Sunday's service, the congregation will be able to write prayers on the birds, which will later be sent to a conflict-stricken area of Iraq.

Minister Tony Morling explained that the birds would be sent to Canon Andrew White at the St George's Cathedral in Baghdad.

'Andrew has had a central role to play in the peace process and has done remarkable work to bring the warring factions in the country together, so we wanted to send prayers messages of support from our church,' he explained.

Mr Morling added that the service would be a celebration of peace and said that he hoped it would appeal to both religious and non-religious people.

'The important message here is that wherever people are com-



The Rev Dr Jongi Zihle (left) will speak at Sunday's service

Right: The church has been filled with origami birds

ing from or whatever their background, we do all we can to be peace makers. Across the world, we have to find a better way for our children.'

Sunday's service, which begins at 10.30 am, will also feature a talk by the Rev Dr Jongi Zihle, who lived through the height of apartheid in South Africa and who has since worked to create peace and resolve conflict around the world.

Dr Zihle will also be speaking at a Rotary Club event at the Pomme d'Or tomorrow evening.

Tony Allchurch, Rotary Club of Jersey international chairman, said: 'The dinner is a community event open to everyone who would like to hear an inspiring speaker. It is all part of the Rotary's peace programme and we want to recognise the people and the organisations who work for peace.'



Worship for Sunday 21 September

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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

Tuesday 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 (Fisherman's Chapel).

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

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: 8.30am, Holy Communion; 10.30am, Morning Worship.

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

St John: 8am, Holy Communion (BCP); 9.30am, Holy Communion (Common Worship); 11am, Contemporary Communion.

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

St Luke: 10am, Family Eucharist; 6pm, Evening Prayer.

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

St Mark: 10am, Family Praise.

St Martin: 8.15am, Holy Communion; 10.30am, Parish Communion with S'MART Groups.

Wed. 10.30am, Healing Service.

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

Thu (25th) 10.30am, Holy Communion (BCP).

St Matthew: 11am, Morning Worship.

St Ouen: 10.30am, Service of Healing and Thanksgiving.

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

Wed (24th) 2.30pm, Wednesday Worship.

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, Joint Service at St Helier Methodist Centre; 6.30pm, Rev Graeme Halls.

St Aubin: 11am, Rev Billy Slatter (Harvest).

Bethesda: 10.30am, Mr Richard Quenault; 4pm, Families @ 4.

Bethlehem: 10.30am, Rev Christine Legge (Harvest).

St Ouen: 10.30am, Mrs Lorraine Wheeler.

Ebenezer: 10.30am, Rev Liz Singleton (Harvest, Family Worship in Church)

Eden: 10.30am, Rev Debbie Godefroy.

St Martin: 10.30am, Dr Nola Webster.

St Helier Methodist Centre: 10.30am, Rev Tony Morling / Rev Jonge Zihle.

St Mary & St Peter: 9am, Polish Mass; 11.15am, Sunday Mass.

St Matthew: Sunday Mass at 9.30am.

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

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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 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.

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