

# The Anglican Centre in Rome

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*promoting Christian unity in a divided world*

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## **OUR VISION**

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## **OUR MISSION**

The Anglican Centre in Rome is the permanent Anglican presence in Rome.

It is a living symbol of our Communion's commitment to the unity of the Church.

It stands for our desire to work collaboratively with all Christians for justice and peace in the world and for the flourishing of all God's children whatever their origin or status.

We have a ministry of hospitality and prayer, and provide educational opportunities and resources.

We foster dialogue, friendship and respect..

Above all, our vision is of One Church, for one world - God's world.

## **OUR COMMITMENT IN THE FUTURE**

### **Presence**

- Being the continuing symbol and embodiment of the Anglican Communion's commitment to the vision of the one, holy catholic and apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.
- Maintaining a representative presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Communion world-wide, through the Director of the Centre.

### **Conversation**

- Facilitating the vision of meeting together, talking together and walking together.
- Maintaining and fostering conversations about unity, supporting ARCIC, IARCCUM, the national Anglican-Roman Catholic Commissions and other ecumenical networks, dialogues and institutions.

### **Worship, hospitality and education**

- Continuing to be a place of worship, hospitality and education for everyone.
- Providing advice on visits and pilgrimages, offering a quiet place of spiritual and intellectual renewal for sabbaticals, meetings, and study.
- Sponsoring courses and employing the resources of the Eternal City imaginatively, refining its role as educator, expanding into early evening seminars and colloquia as well as developing the theological content of *Centro*.

### **The exchange of gifts**

- Promoting new insights, ideas, experience and developments in Anglican-Roman Catholic relations, both in Rome and across the world.
- Creating opportunities for each tradition to hear and receive from the other its insights, fears and hopes – Receptive Ecumenism. In the unique situation in the heart of Rome, asking what might be learned or received with integrity from our Roman Catholic interlocutors, and what we might teach and give in return.

### **Initiating and encouraging: fostering collaboration and best practice**

- Brokering joint practical mission projects, statements and study.
- Building effective structures for common action.
- Being the focal point to facilitate Anglican collaboration with the offices of the Vatican, especially the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

**From: Archbishop Sir David Moxon**  
The Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See  
Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome

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### **Greetings from Rome**

This review covers the period from September 2013 until September 2014.

My vision for the next five years for the Anglican Centre in Rome and in my role as the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See is to produce these results:

- *Visible signs of Anglican and Roman Catholic 'walking together' in a number of shared approaches to the common good, such as the challenge of human trafficking.*
- *The provision of Emerging Leaders Courses for the global church.*
- *The provision of education packages for theological colleges.*
- *The development of pilgrimage opportunities for groups.*
- *The research results and field study of a number of Scholars in Residence.*
- *The hosting of an Anglican-Roman Catholic Summit on Christian social teaching.*
- *The provision of a course on women's leadership in the Church.*
- *The modelling of receptive ecumenism as a method to be learned and shared.*
- *An even closer relationship between Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin, as well as other Christian leaders.*

*All this means that we strive for more and more evidence of our common solidarity with God in Christ and of our willingness to labour together for God's Kingdom on the earth, a Kingdom of righteousness and justice.*

### **Being a presence in Rome**

The highlight in this period was the second visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, to the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis on June 15 - 17 2014. I helped organise the visit with Father Anthony Currer of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, since there isn't an Archbishop of Canterbury's ecumenical chaplain in position. My duties now include that role when it relates to Anglican-Roman Catholic ecumenism.

#### **The Archbishop's visit** included:

- A welcome dinner at the British Embassy to the Holy See.
- Visit to the Global Freedom Network office.
- Presiding and preaching at All Saints Church combined with St Pauls Inside the Walls Episcopal Parish, and visiting St Paul's Refugee Centre.
- Ecumenical vespers at San Gregorio Benedictine Monastery.
- A reception at the Anglican Centre in Rome.
- The launch of the new website of the International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission (IARCCUM) - [www.iarccum.org](http://www.iarccum.org)
- Evening prayer with the Community of St Egidio at Saint Bartholomew's Church.
- Meeting with Fr Adolfo Nicolas SJ, Superior General of the Society of Jesus.
- A private and then a public audience with his Holiness Pope Francis.
- A meeting at the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity.
- A visit to the St Egidio Refugee Centre.
- A visit with the Chemin Neuf Rome community.
- Interviews with Vatican radio, BBC and *The Tablet*.

The main feature of the visit was the struggle against slavery through the agreement of the Pope and the Archbishop, with others, to establish the Global Freedom Network.

Warm and strong relationships continue with **friends and colleagues in Rome**: with the British Embassy to the Holy See, the Australian Embassy to the Holy See, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, the Columban Fathers to support their work of reconciliation between churches and faiths in Pakistan, with the Society of Jesus at the Caravita Church and the Gregorian University, with the Venerable English College, and with many others mentioned later.

## Promoting the newest ideas and most helpful developments in Anglican – Roman Catholic relations, both in Rome and across the world

As **Co-Chair of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC III)**, I co-chaired the last meeting near Durban alongside Archbishop Bernard Longley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham.

ARCIC III is looking at how the universal church relates to the local church, and the way the church in this universal/local relationship, makes ethical decisions. We are due to make special case studies of a theology of work, hermeneutics, and slavery.

I attend the **International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission (IARCCUM)** executive by conference call, representing the Anglican Centre in Rome and ARCIC. This group are planning new initiatives in media and education through cyberspace, to promote the achievements of ARCIC I, II, and III to date, as well as publicising general Anglican-Roman Catholic ecumenical examples of cooperation and agreement.

*Centro* offers a very thoughtful and useful means of communication. It is our shop front in hard copy to the world and is a great take-away in a way that a website can't be.

## Worship, hospitality and education for all

The feedback from courses has been exceptionally gratifying; comments included

*'Our guides were inspirational.'*

*'I came thirsty and drank from the life-giving waters.'*

*'I feel renovated and keen to do and pursue my mission in life.'*

*'The talks were invariably stimulating, leaving a desire for more.'*

*'All this has given me a deeper appreciation of the incarnational nature of the faith.'*

The **Receptive Ecumenism course** for June was fully booked and received excellent feedback: we will do this each year for several years. It seems that Rome can offer a unique perspective on this new approach even though there are courses elsewhere.

Five **Anglican theological colleges** have responded to my offer to co-design field studies for ordinands. So far we are engaging with Ripon College, Cuddesdon, UK, St Mellitus College, London UK, Virginia Theological College, USA, Ming Hua Seminary, Hong Kong and the Church of Ireland Theological Institute; and an initial conversation has begun with the General Theological Seminary in New York.

The **St Mellitus college visit** occurred for the first time, planned in partnership with San Gregorio Monastery supported by the Prior Father Peter Hughes and was deeply appreciated, to the extent that a repeat each year is being sought.

New courses proposed for 2015 are:

**The Emerging Leaders Course**, coordinated by the Revd John Hornblow and Dr Jenny Hornblow. The focus is 25-35 year-olds, lay or ordained, with leadership experience, each nominated by a senior church leader and sponsored to attend.

**Women in leadership**, prepared by the Revd Dana English from Rome and the Revd Dr Lucy Morris from Australia, studying women in the early Church of Rome and today.

The weekly Tuesday **Eucharists**, followed by lunch, continue with an average attendance of 30. We wonder about growing the congregation by holding the Eucharist at the nearby Caravita Oratory and offering lunch at the Centre afterwards as usual.

We introduced the idea of voluntary **Honorary Associates**, using their expertise to expand the capacity of the Centre. The Associates work with us for a while, volunteering their skill to build up our mission. Four Associates have been engaged so far.

An audit of the Centre's **Library** has been overseen by the Revd Dr John Cullen who came to the Centre as a live-in Honorary Associate.

We hosted a **colloquium** at which the Revd Dr Richard Burridge, Dean of King's College London, presented. Richard had recently been awarded the Ratzinger prize for his work on the New Testament as biography. We linked with the Gregorian University, the Angelicum, and the English-speaking seminaries, including others.

A refurbished, self-contained cell unit adjacent to the Centre is now rented from the Palazzo, where Associates and other visiting field students, “**Scholars in Residence**”, live for up to a month. There have so far been six scholars in residence from New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, the United States and the UK. Our first African scholar is due in 2015.

### **The exchange of gifts**

I have been particularly encouraged by the growing relationship with the **Lay Institute** in Rome headed by Dr Donna Orsuto, whose new public relations appointee - an Anglican - is to be a bridge with the Centre.

I am also heartened by the developing relationship with **the San Gregorio Monastery** under the direction of Father Peter Hughes. We go to each other’s Eucharists, liturgies and meals as a sign of Anglican-Roman Catholic ecumenism and solidarity.

Both the Lay Institute and San Gregorio are places where UK ordinands will be staying for a term of study, as organized by the Revd Hilary Ison in London.

The Covenant between **Caravita** and the Anglican Centre was renewed in April. The exchange of gifts in this relationship has been particularly heartwarming and personally supportive, with Father Keith Pecklers SJ continuing to be a great bridge ecumenist.

With the encouragement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, I supported an informal meeting between the leaders of our two communions’ aid and development networks - **Caritas International** in Rome, including Michel Roy, and the leaders of the **Anglican Alliance**, including the Revd Rachel Carnegie - with a view to learning from each other and supporting each other in the field.

We have yet to progress our hopes for a mini summit on Roman Catholic and Anglican social teaching, but there have been discussions with the **Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace**, and with the PCPCU.

Association continues strongly with the **St Egidio Community** through Monica Attias, for mutual resource and people sharing. This Community deploys lay people in community-facing ministry for justice, development and reconciliation.

### **Initiating and encouraging: fostering collaboration**

#### ***The struggle against modern slavery and human trafficking***

**The Global Freedom Network (GFN)** has some of its earliest roots in the deep concerns about modern slavery of Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin Welby, in the Pontifical Academies of Science and Social Science Conference on Human Trafficking: Modern Slavery, which was requested by the Pope on November 2013 in Vatican City, as well as in the visits to the Vatican and Lambeth Palace by an Anglican, Mr Andrew Forrest, of “Walk Free”, the large Perth-based anti-slavery foundation.

The Network comprises a Council of representatives from the faiths involved, and there is a smaller Rome-based Executive Board of Directors of three: presently Bishop Sanchez Sorondo, Mr Andrew Forrest, and myself, working with our CEO, a full-time researcher and faith-based action planner, Ms Antonia Stampalija.

A five year action plan will challenge and encourage the different networks of the churches and faiths to act decisively and comprehensively across the world. This will involve the Holy See, the Anglican Alliance, governments and national authorities, civil society organisations, Christians, all religions and all people of good will.

The Anglican Centre in Rome is integrating some of its own time and energy into the cause as an example of practical mission-based ecumenism, where Anglicans and Roman Catholics, working in good faith together with many others, will coordinate their efforts to challenge one of the world’s worst evils and greatest forms of suffering. Mission will drive ecumenism in this way.

The GFN has a website [www.gfn2020.org](http://www.gfn2020.org).

### **Building Capacity**

We said farewell to **Marcella Menna** after 28 years of service. Tributes were paid from the past three Directors. Marcella's corporate knowledge was vast and she held the story of the Centre more than anyone else.

A direct consequence of our involvement with GFN is that we receive a grant, initially for this year, recognising our engagement in inaugurating and progressing this global mission based on Anglican-Roman Catholic ecumenism. The grant enables me to support GFN more fully by the delegation of some administrative tasks.

For these reasons we have appointed **Melanie Giannolo** as a first full-time Centre Administrator to replace Marcella's part-time role. Jan Hague will now focus more on course management and education as well as being my PA.

We have extended the capacity of the Centre by engaging **Anita Mancia**, previously a volunteer with great professional skills, as a part-time archivist and librarian. Juliette Anderson has her contract extended to cope with the increasing housekeeping and hospitality levels.

The appointment of the Revd **Marcus Walker** as the first full-time Associate Director for an initial six months is most welcome; I have very much appreciated working with someone of his experience and ability. The Centre cannot function fully and effectively without a Director and an Associate. Marcus has already greatly increased the Centre's reach and effectiveness in Rome, especially in the seminaries (he lives at the Venerable English College). Increased funding is needed to maintain this crucial two priest mission.

### **Conclusion**

This report shows that life has been very full, invigorating and challenging. The role has exceeded my expectations and has stretched me in ways I could not have predicted.

For the first time since the Reformation Anglicans and Roman Catholics are collaborating in a serious, in-depth long-term mission to challenge the global evil of modern slavery and human trafficking.

The new papacy continues to inspire and transform: the new Archbishop of Canterbury continues to speak and act in very refreshing ways.

This is a *kairos* moment to be in Rome and to be working from the Anglican Centre as well as to be representing the Archbishop of Canterbury. Thank you for this privilege.

I continue to be so grateful for the support and care of Bishop Stephen, Barry Nichols and Bill Snelson in particular as well as the interest and solidarity of the Board of Governors as a whole.

**+ David Moxon**  
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### **Finance**

The Anglican Centre relies upon donations and grants, including regular grants from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Episcopal Church of the USA, to finance its activities. During 2013 over £230,000 was raised and we are seeking to increase significantly this flow of income by building up a network of supporting parishes, individuals, religious communities and trusts in particular in the UK and USA. In England the *600 Club*, launched at the end of 2009, aims to find 600 people or parishes who will donate £5, £10 or more a month to the Centre. With Gift Aid this could raise up to £45,000pa. In 2013, 130 members generated gross income including Gift Aid of £14,500.

The roles and activities envisaged in the Five Year Plan outlined in this Review will require considerable additional funding. The Governors believe that those who share their vision for the Centre will wish to give it their support.