
El Corazón

From the Anglican Chaplaincy of St George, Malaga
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Hello again and welcome to October's El Corazon.

We hope that you are all looking forward to another edition.

Once again would like to make sure we draw your attention to the important details around **St George's** [Mission Action Plan](#) on page four of this month's offering.

Please do go on line and complete the [questionnaire](#), so that you can have your say in our future.

Also, inside this edition:

- [Louis](#) welcomes the Rt. Revd. And Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally, who is to become the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury.
- [Michael](#) continues exploring our American connections in the fifth part of the series
- [Colin](#) introduces us to the nurse Edith Cavell.
- Colin also gives us a chance to hear about one of his favourite hymns
- Full details of all the [upcoming services and events](#).

As always, you can scan the QR code on the right to stay up to date with news, events, and services.

Wishing you all our best — and we hope you enjoy this month's El Corazón

Mike and Jo Eaton



ALL ARE WELCOME

St. George's is part of the Diocese in Europe within the Church of England.
Fr. Louis Darrant, Chaplain

There's always a lot going on at St George's!

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A Word in Season

Fr. Louis Darrant



This month I would like to focus on the recent news of the appointment of the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE who is to become Archbishop of Canterbury.

The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury since Saint Augustine arrived in Kent from Rome in 597, Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office.

She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral on 25th March 2026.

Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman to hold that role, and previously served as the Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse. Bishop Sarah has described nursing as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God".

The most senior bishop in the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry combines many roles including serving as the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, as well as primus inter pares – or first among equals – of the Primates of the global Anglican Communion, which consists of around 85 million people, across 165 countries. In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury is one of 26 bishops who comprise the Lords Spiritual.

Bishop Sarah said: "As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager.

"At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen deeply - to people and to God's gentle prompting - to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing.



"I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and for it to shape our actions.

"And I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with the millions of people serving God and their communities in parishes all over the country and across the global Anglican Communion.

"I know this is a huge responsibility, but I approach it with a sense of peace and trust in God to carry me as He always has."

Bishop Anthony Poggio, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, said: "The Anglican Communion Office is fully committed to supporting her ministry as she works with other Provinces and the Instruments of the Anglican Communion. Let us pray that God will pour out His Spirit on the Anglican Communion to boldly share Christ's transformational love and the hope of the Gospel in today's world."

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said: "I'm delighted that Bishop Sarah Mullally has been appointed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury and the very first female in the role. She is a person of huge courage, wisdom, integrity, and experience. In the many challenges the Church of England faces at the moment, we need the kind, godly and stable leadership Bishop Sarah will bring. It will be my great pleasure to serve alongside her, and I hope that together we can continue the work of helping the Church of England be simpler, humbler and bolder in its proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ and in our service to the nation."

The Rt Revd Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham, said: "During her tenure as Bishop of London, Bishop Sarah has always shown the greatest respect for the different theological traditions which coexist within the Church of England. Now that she has been called to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury, she has the assurance of my prayers. May God grant to Bishop Sarah wisdom, courage and joy in her new ministry."

The Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, Bishop of Kensington, said: "Bishop Sarah is a woman of profound compassion and courage. It has been a joy and a privilege to work alongside her in her role as Bishop of London."

"While we will miss her deeply here in the Diocese of London, we are glad that she will only be moving just across the river. I am excited to see her bring her wise and determined leadership to the Church of England and the wider Anglican Communion, as together we seek to build up the Church of Christ and share his love with the world."

A prayer for the Archbishop of Canterbury

Almighty and everlasting God,
the only worker of great marvels,
send down upon your servant Sarah,
called to be Archbishop of Canterbury
and all who are committed to her care,
the spirit of your saving grace,
and that they may truly please you,
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.
Grant this, O Lord,
for the honour of our advocate and mediator,
Jesus Christ.

Amen.

St George's Mission Action Plan

Over the coming months, St George's Church is developing a Mission Action Plan (MAP), a vision for the type of church that we want to be in 5 years' time and the steps we need to get there. This is not just some 'nice to have' document that sits in the shelf. Rather, having a credible forward plan helps us to better explain our mission as a Church, focus our activities, take informed decisions, and use our resources more effectively.

Our aim is to launch the MAP on Advent Sunday, 30th November. In order to achieve that, we would like:

1. Members of the congregation to participate in a Consultation Process (Sept/Oct), which takes the form of an online questionnaire run by an organisation called 'Holy Cow',
2. Leaders of the 5 Chaplaincy Council Working Groups - **Finance, Fabric, Outreach, Events, Liturgy** – to consider how their area might change in 5 years and how we can shape that change (Sept/Oct/Nov), and
3. As many people as possible to attend a Congregational Vision Workshop (Nov) when we feedback the results of the consultation and together we discern our future.

Meanwhile the clergy team will be identifying changes in the Church's wider context over the coming years, and the Standing Committee will take responsibility for writing it all down and authoring the Plan.

You can find more information about the MAP on a bespoke webpage on the church's site, using this link, <https://stgeorgesmalaga.com/MAP/>, or the QR code below. You will see regular updates on that page, find the link to the Consultation Process questionnaire, and, in time, the link to book a place on the Congregational Vision Workshop.



SO NOW YOU KNOW



HISTORICAL JOTTINGS usually relating to St. George's Church, Malaga.

The 65th in a series prepared for your interest and enjoyment by Michael Edwards



We continue this month with another American of renown who, like his compatriots that I have featured earlier in this series, found his final resting place within our English Cemetery here in Malaga.

Now this American nearly "missed the boat". Let me explain.

Within my copy of the Register of those interred within the English Cemetery at Item No. 383, Column 1 (Where Surnames are recorded), the author of this Register, a German Consul's wife - I know not why, has included the words " GOODENOUGH or GOODNEW " in respect of an American Consul. Yes, another one.

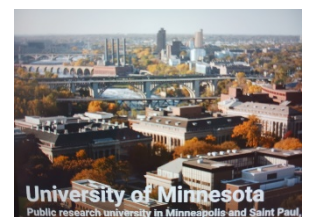
During my initial investigation I could not find any such Consul with either of these two surnames. So it was with some surprise that in August this year on arriving at St. George's one Sunday morning that a fully loaded skip, full of debris was present next to the Church and "rescued" from this debris were three damaged headstones. All three looked forlorn as they were caked in dry mud. And yes, you've guessed it, one of them was our American Consul, with his gravestone broken into two parts. After a bit of a clean up, the text of the inscription could just be deciphered. It read " To the memory of John Goodnow, formerly Consul General of the United States at Shanghai, China. Born June 29, 1858. Died Dec. 7, 1907 " Accordingly he would have been only 49 years of age when he died.



John Goodnow was born in Greensburg, Indiana, the son of Lt. Col. James Goodnow of the 12th Indiana Volunteers and lived near the junction of North Broadway St. and East Central Ave.

He was educated at the University of Minnesota and later became a renowned businessman .

He lived in Minneapolis until 1897 when he would have been 39 years of age.





John Goodnow in his Study.

He was nominated for the position of United States Consul-General in Shanghai, China by Republican President William McKellen after holding the position of President of the Republican State League.

His nomination, however, had been opposed by local Republicans in his home state, all as reported within the New York Times of July 8th, 1897. However, the Senate approved his nomination, and he took office after Thomas R. Lernigan.

After 8 years in service working with the Chinese in Shanghai, Goodnow resigned following an investigation into alleged misconduct in office. This included permitting the transfer of Chinese ships to the US flag under a fraudulent bill of sale; irregularity of accounts; improper threat of legal proceedings and breaking and entering into premises of a US citizen. Following his resignation in Malaga during his resignation year of 1897, he died of diaphragmatic paralysis on the 7th of December and was buried on the following day in the English Cemetery.



A cartoon in the Minnesota Journal reflecting Goodnow's Shanghai political dealings.

Quite recently in 2007, local Malaga journalist Alfonso Vazquez, a contributor to the newspaper La Opinion of Malaga reported that he had located Goodnow's gravestone within some Cemetery debris located behind the Church. It was he who reported this evidence that confirmed that Goodnow was indeed interred in the English Cemetery. However, since the date of Vazquez's report and in subsequent years from the information I have found, it clearly records that Goodnow's gravestone had been lost. Accordingly, it is good to know that my very recent "find" has found a little place in history! It would be good if Goodnow's gravestone could be replaced or repaired in the fullness of time before it disappears once again.



Front Cover of the paperback "Drew vs Sylvester .Report and Judgment "

The Historical text "Drew vs Sylvester. Report and Judgement" authorised by John Goodnow (the subject of a book some 36 pages long by Vazquez published quite recently in October 2015) seems to offer and I quote, "...a rare glimpse into this legal dispute at the turn of the 20th century in Shanghai's US Consular Court. The primary focus of this case as reported in these legal proceedings involved an arms shipment bound for Singapore, an area it was considered to be rife with political intrigue at the time and with international law restrictions."

SO NOW YOU KNOW

Michael Edwards.

OCTOBER NOTABLES

Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1865-1915.



Edith Cavell was born in Swardeston in Norfolk in 1865, where her father was vicar. Initially she worked as a governess before training as a nurse at the London Hospital. Subsequently she worked in a number of locations including Maidstone, St Pancras, Shoreditch and Manchester.

In 1907 Edith was invited to become matron at a large nurse training centre in Brussels. She worked there for seven years until the First World War broke out and Belgian neutrality was violated by the German armies seeking a direct route to Paris and the Channel ports. Belgium found itself a war zone and the Brussels nursing school became a Red Cross hospital.

Edith refused the opportunity of returning home to England and was much involved in tending wounded soldiers from both German and Allied armies.

This even-handed approach to the wounded became more difficult as did Edith's clandestine work of assisting in the process of smuggling British soldiers across the border from Belgium into the Netherlands. Some 200 were enabled to escape by this means.

In August 1915 Edith was arrested and kept in solitary confinement for a number of weeks before being tricked into making a confession to a charge which carried the death penalty. But she showed neither regret for what she had done, complaint for her sentence nor bitterness to her captors.

On the night before her execution, she was visited by the Anglican chaplain in Brussels, the Revd Stirling Gahan. Together they said the words of Abide with me and Edith received Holy Communion. Gahan reported her words: 'I am thankful to have had these ten weeks of quiet to get ready. Now I have had them and have been kindly treated here. I expected my sentence and I believe it was just. Standing, as I do, in view of God and eternity, I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness to anyone.'

Unsuccessful appeals for postponement of her execution were made by the American and Spanish ministers to Germany; she was shot by firing squad on the 12th of October 1915.

After the war her body was exhumed and returned to England. Vast multitudes attended her memorial service at Westminster Abbey. She was buried at Norwich Cathedral and a commemorative statue was erected in St Martin's Lane, near to Trafalgar Square in London.

(Adapted from "Saints on Earth" a biographical companion to Common Worship – Darch & Burns Published by Church House Publishing)

Edith Cavell is commemorated in the CofE Common Worship lectionary on October 12th

Major Feasts this month:	St Luke the Evangelist	Oct 18th
	St Simon & St Jude Apostles	Oct 28th



Colin Somerville

Letter to the Editors: from Colin Somerville regarding favourite Hymns

I greatly enjoyed reading “Pat’s Favourite Hymns” in El Corazon and I thoroughly endorse her latest favourite hymn, “O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”. This was sung at my brother’s funeral and I hope, when the time comes, it will be sung at mine too (as an aside however, I do not agree with Pat regarding “pews versus chairs”!).

Having shared Cathie’s memory of her first hymn I am reminded of the many choruses we used to sing as children in Sunday School. They were fun or, at least that is how I think they were experienced, especially when accompanied by “actions” as for example in “The wiseman built his house upon a rock”. Others like “Jesus wants me for a sunbeam!” and “Jesus Loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so” were typical of what we were presented with in Sunday School and I dare to mention “I will make you Fishers of men” (!!).

The first hymn that I remember having an effect on me was “It is a thing most wonderful” by the nineteenth century Bishop W. Walsham How, the first Bishop of Wakefield, sometimes known as “The poor man’s bishop”. The words below had a strong influence on my early Chirstian experience.

It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God’s own Son should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died
For love of those who loved him not.

I sometimes think about the cross,
And close my eyes and try to see
The cruel nails, the crown of thorns,
And Jesus crucified for me.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.

AROUND THE PARISH

Wednesday 15th October at 7.30pm.

New monthly home group at St George's

An opportunity to pray and study together beginning with the topic 'Where did the Bible come from?'

Saturday 18th October from 15.00 to 18.00

Afternoon Tea at the Chaplain's Apartment

I am hosting a tea at home - come and say hello and enjoy some refreshments. Please RSVP as able. Fr Louis.

October 20th to 24th

Parish Trip to Tangier - Come and join us on a very special few days exploring the history, culture and community of Tangier. We'll have the time to pray, learn together and enjoy some wonderful experiences. For more information, please speak to Fr Louis.

Saturday 25th October

Confirmation Service at St George's with Bishop Robert. Please speak to Caroline or a member of the clergy if you are interested in being prepared for Confirmation. October Event - Saturday 25 October 8.00pm.



Chamber Music for an Autumn Evening. Book online now! Tickets: €20

<https://stgeorgesmalaga.com/events/>

Milk Fund Donations – needed every month!

St George's has contributed for many years to the work of the Comedor de Santa Domingo in Malaga, who help families and children in need through practical help. St George's contributes several hundred euros each month to buy a pallet of milk as a contribution towards this work. Please donate in the cow box in the entrance to the church or if you would like to make a one-off or regular donation then please contact Rosella Parmiter on +34 638 339 691 November

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