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7.00am Eucharist  
 9.00am Coaches leave University campus for Lambeth Palace  
 12.00pm Lunch at Lambeth Palace  
 2.45pm Coaches depart Lambeth Palace for Buckingham Palace  
 c. 6.00pm Coaches depart Buckingham Palace for Festival Pier  
 c. 6.30pm Embarkation on *Bateaux Mouches*  
 6.45 - 9.30pm Boat trip along the Thames  
 9.30pm Coaches depart Barrier Pier for University campus

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## Bishops on the run

Bishops swapped purple for whites as teams captained by Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali (Rochester, England) and Bishop Arthur Malcolm (North Queensland, Australia) met for a cricket match on Sunday afternoon. Bishop Nazir-Ali's team batted first, making 133 for eight with good performances by Bishop Bill Ind (Truro, England), 37, and Tilewa Johnson (The Gambia), 29, in their 25 overs. The second team made 121 for five with a spirited opening by Bishop Mano Rumalshah (Pakistan) who made 68. Bishop Nazir-Ali was not out for 20 and took three wickets. Bishop Clyde Wood (North Queensland), a former Australian representative, kept wicket for the Nazir-Ali side.



Photos: Anglican World/Leif Seils

# Bishop Spong apologises to Africans

by David Skidmore

An escalating rift between conservative African bishops and Bishop John Spong (Newark, US) appears headed for a truce. In an interview on Saturday Bishop Spong expressed regret for his earlier statements characterising African views on the Bible as "superstitious."

Bishop Spong came under fire early in the Conference because of his strong support for the full acceptance of gays and lesbians in the Church, and his criticism of African bishops' understanding of Scripture, which he saw as out of touch with modern scholarship and

scientific theory.

Bishop Spong has been in the crosshairs of conservatives since last November when he engaged in a caustic exchange of letters with the Archbishop of Canterbury over homosexuality. In May he published his latest book, *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, which questions the validity of a physical resurrection and other central principles of the creeds.

As bishop in a metropolitan community near New York City, his concern is to reach an unchurched, "post-modern" community that is deeply sceptical of traditional church practices and

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## Dr Carey tells spouses of Communion 'anchored in real life'

by Sally Hastings

The use of violence to enforce religious beliefs was denounced by the Archbishop of Canterbury in an address to the Spouses' Programme yesterday.

Giving a keynote presentation—"Together in God's Mission: The Vocation of the Anglican Communion in

the 21st Century"—Dr Carey said: "We are often told that 'religion is a cause of the problems. Just look at what is going on in the world today between religious groups, whether in Northern Ireland, the Sudan or the Middle East.'"

"But I reply: you will not find true believers killing people or blowing up houses or injuring others.

"The Gospel is about peace, and

Anglicans have made a fine contribution to making peace and building bridges between communities."

Dr Carey added that the Anglican Church is a rich, international world Church on its way to becoming 'a Communion.'

"But we shall only become a real 'Communion' when we learn the lessons of sharing the suffering, the pain and the distress of one another; the poverty and the denial of justice; along with the sharing of our riches and resources."

After visiting the Sudan Dr Carey returned home burdened by what he had seen but frustrated that there was so little he could offer immediately. He called for the setting up of a crisis fund.

"I began an appeal and raised £400,000 within a few weeks and sent money to the Church. But I should not have to do that, even though I was glad to do so. If we really are a Communion we should have structures to assist one another," he said.

He spoke of his initiative, the Anglican Investment Agency, which he

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## Poignant start to interfaith plenary

The plenary to discuss Christian-Islam relations opened on a poignant note.

Bishop Nazir-Ali (Rochester, England), formerly of Pakistan, told the session: "We have just had news that three nuns, Missionaries of Charity, have been killed in the Yemen, so before we begin let us be silent for a moment."

The deaths, linked by news agencies to Islamic extremists, formed a harsh backdrop to the opening of the plenary session.

The question of Christian-Islamic relations showed up as a key question for Anglicans around the world as Conference planners researched the key issues, Bishop Nazir-Ali told the plenary.

"Nearly every part of the Anglican Communion...said relations with people of other faiths were very important for them," he said.

Some parts of the Church wanted to discuss interfaith cooperation to tackle issues of international debt or the environment, while for others interfaith dialogue was important, he said.

However, "Islam and Christianity are both missionary faiths and

they find themselves in the same place and at the same time, sometimes in competition with one another, particularly in Africa, in East Asia but in nearly every part of the world."

Bishop Nazir-Ali reminded the plenary of the long history of

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## Nuns shot in Yemen

The shooting of three nuns who worked with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity has been linked to Muslim extremists, according to news agency reports.

The nuns—one from the Philippines and two from India—were shot early yesterday by gunmen carrying automatic rifles. They had just completed a hospital visit in the Red Sea city of Hodeida.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, according to news agencies in the region.

The Missionaries of Charity have worked in Yemen since 1970, helping hundreds of physically and mentally handicapped people.

## Cathedral arts intrigue visitors

by Nan Cobbey

"*Maravillosa!*" said Bishop Julio Holquin Khoury (Dominican Republic) as he sat catching his breath at Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday night.

"Our cathedral [in Santo Domingo], built in 1528, was the first in the New World. You can see 500 years. But here you can see 800!"

Bishop Khoury was one of 600 bishops and spouses who toured the historic mother church of the Anglican Communion, some following human guides,

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Cathedral stonecutter demonstrates her craft.

Photo: Anglican World/Lynn Ross

# Bank president responds sharply to debt video

by Alan Reeder

World Bank President James Wolfensohn did not mince words after viewing the video which opened Friday's plenary on international debt.

The video, "Chains of Debt", focused on the debt problems of Tanzania and Jamaica. It was created by Christian Aid, associated with Jubilee 2000, a coalition of agencies campaigning for debt cancellation.

Mr Wolfensohn said the tape "would have you believe that I rather like children dying, that I have no faith, that my interest is to collect debts, that I have no understanding of education or health, that I know nothing about the impact of payments imposed by governments."

"And all I can say to you is that I believe each of those assertions is wrong."

The video told stories from the developing world of a dying baby, children denied an education, and a cholera epidemic in Tanzania caused by the lack of clean drinking water.

According to the video, the government could not afford to create a sanitary water system because "30 percent of its annual revenue goes for debt repayment."

A woman in the video called on the World Bank to visit the Jamaican slums to see the local impact of government

debt repayments. But Mr Wolfensohn responded that he had already been to the slums himself, visiting "the worst sections and segments of Jamaica and of Kingston."

He said: "I met with gang leaders who were armed, where I sat by the roadside... talking about how we could alleviate poverty, and where we as a bank have put \$200 million into Jamaica to try and make life more tolerable."

Mr Wolfensohn claimed that the World Bank is at the front line of tackling international social issues: "The highest item on our agenda on which we're putting \$3 billion this year is education and health."

Programmes initiated by the World Bank "have nearly eradicated River Blindness in Africa for 30 million people," he said. "We're the major fighter in the world against AIDS. We're the major fighter in the world against malaria. None of that is in your film. None of it."

"I am not angry about the film. I'm upset. I'm upset because it paints a picture of our institution which is quite simply wrong."

"I work with 10,000 people in the bank who are committed to poverty eradication. We do not get up every morning and think what we can do to ruin the world."

He outlined the limits to the World Bank's capacity to cancel debt. Even if the 180 countries participating in the



James Wolfensohn

bank "want me to forgive debt," despite a "balance sheet of \$150 billion, I can forgive \$23 billion," he said. "Why? Because the only capital I have is \$23 billion."

Since the amount that the bank can borrow to assist countries is restricted by the bank's capital, he appealed to the bishops: "Look at the realities of what you are suggesting."

If he used his balance to cancel debt, "I cannot do \$75 billion worth of business because I cannot borrow the money because the money I can borrow depends on the capital I have."

He also reminded the bishops that the World Bank is only one player in a complex network of international development loans. He said he constantly tries to convince governments to spend more to alleviate poverty.

"They are not giving the money for either debt relief or for overseas development assistance at the rate that it should be done," he said.

Mr Wolfensohn said the Conference should emphasise cooperation, not accusation.

"The reason that I have come to admire the Archbishop of Canterbury to such an enormous extent is that he has shown to me an openness to say, 'We're both fighting poverty. Let's see

what we can do together,'" Mr Wolfensohn said.

"The more positive thing that I would suggest is that, instead of fighting each other and levelling accusations, we focus on the kids that are dying, and on the children who are not being educated and on the horrors of poverty together," he said.

"Together we can do a lot. We have expertise. You have expertise. We know a lot about development. You know a lot about people and communities. You have the best distribution system of any NGO in the world. You are out there in the field with your flocks, you and other religions," he said.

"And we can both service the poor better together and we can influence governments better together and I believe we can make a real possibility that our children will have a better chance of living in peace and prosperity if we work together."

Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane of South Africa, who spoke after Mr Wolfensohn, said the bishops had not come to Lambeth "to cast stones..." but to reason together and to find solutions at the dawn of this millennium."

Other bishops said Mr Wolfensohn had over-reacted.

"(His) response to a rather tame film shows a level of intolerance and insensitivity which surprised even someone like me who did not expect much," said Bishop Alfred Reid (Montego Bay, Jamaica).

Bishop Reid, a member of the subsection on international debt, added: "It is not lost on me that the President devoted only five to seven minutes of his 25-minute speech to the actual sub-

ject of debt—the rest being nothing more than a defensive diatribe against the Christian Aid film. He left before the responsive speech by the Archbishop of Cape Town."

Archbishop David Gitari of Kenya said Mr Wolfensohn "should not have reacted all that bitterly against the film. After all, the film was meant for educating people, not for criticising the World Bank."

Bishop Sergio Carranza-Gomez (Mexico) said: "I understand part of his reaction but he over-reacted. We cannot deny the fact that the bank and the IMF are really squeezing life from many of our countries."

Dr Roger Williamson of Christian Aid told a news conference after the plenary that his organisation stood by the video.

Bishop Peter Selby (Worcester, England), chair of the subsection dealing with international debt, publicly endorsed the video in the plenary's last address.

"Copies of the video are on the way for all the bishops," Bishop Selby said. "It is a gift from Christians in this country. They see it as a resource. I see it as an honouring of our Conference and an honouring of the subject."

The video took particular aim at the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) initiative of the World Bank and the IMF, claiming that it was too small. "Europe spends on ice cream alone twice as much as HIPC," a United Nations Development Programme official said.

• With reports by Nan Cobbe, Katie Sherrod, David Skidmore, Lisa Barrowclough and James Thrall.

The Daily welcomes letters from its readers. Prior to publication, letters may be edited to conform with space requirements. Submissions are collected each day from The Daily mailboxes in near the main entrances of the dining halls in Darwin, Eliot and Rutherford colleges.

## Daily Voices

### Letters

#### On building Anglican unity

As a member of the Anglican Consultative Council, I have some insights for further development of Anglican unity. In history, to love each other does not simply mean to look at one another, but to move in the same direction, and to look forward to that together. We are here to do this with Jesus, with fellows in Christ and even with the people outside of the Church.

(The Rev) **John Jae Jung Lee**  
ACC member  
The Anglican Church of Korea

#### Many thanks, indeed

Congratulations on the splendid Lambeth Daily you produce with such professionalism.

(Dr) **Willet Fernando**  
The Christian Art Group in Canterbury

## Remembering Lambeth '68: last Conference in London

by Bob Libby

The last Lambeth Conference in London was in 1968. The 100th Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Michael Ramsey, presided, and the Conference lasted six weeks.

While there was an opening service in Canterbury Cathedral, all the plenary sessions were held at Church House, Westminster, and the concluding service was in St Paul's Cathedral.

Bishops stayed in London hotels, bed-and-breakfast guest-houses, or were guests in private homes.

No matter how it was done, it was expensive. The cost was heightened by a welcoming brochure which recommended some of London's most upmarket eating places.

The secular press had a field-day. This prompted organisers of future Lambeth Conferences to halve the time and costs, and to make the

move to the University of Kent, which occurred in 1978.

Then, as now, the bishops met and debated against the backdrop of world events. Vietnam, the turmoil of the '60s, the Cold War, and the nomination of Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon for the US Presidency—all had their impact.

When Russian tanks rolled through the streets of Prague, the bishops marched in silent procession to St Margaret's Church next to the Abbey to pray for the people of Czechoslovakia. And when the Pope prohibited the birth-control pill, the world press descended on the Conference which in turn gave the bishops the opportunity to reaffirm their 1958 declaration that family planning and birth control were not only allowed but a Christian responsibility.

**Were those the days?**  
Communication was much sim-

pler. Major-General Adam Block was the communications director for the Church of England. He was assisted by press officer Michael Delaney and radio and TV officer Michael Seward, now a canon at St Paul's Cathedral.

The general proudly showed me the pressroom at Church House. It contained a phone booth, pencil sharpener, two chairs and a table.

A coalition of Canadians and Americans (Jerry Hames and Dick Berryman from Canada and Jim Long and myself from the US) established the North American Communication Centre on the ground floor of Church House where we had IBM selectrics, telex, xerox, audiotapes of the plenary sessions and briefings.

It was a far cry from today's sophisticated Lambeth Communications Centre, with its global telecommunications operation, but it was a beginning.

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### Daily Question

What is God speaking to you through your Bible study on 2 Corinthians?

**Bishop Martin Nyabuho, of Makamba, Burundi**  
"As a Church we have a specific mission to reconcile the world with God and reconcile the people we are called to serve. The hope the world needs will come from us. We are the channels of hope."  
Interviews by David Duprey, Photos by Harriet Long

**Bishop C.B.M. Frederick, of Rayalaseema, Church of South India**  
"It is the sharing of experiences that differ, yet witnessing to consensus. I am very much called to reconciliation, forgiveness, generosity, sharing, and complementing one another in faith."

**Bishop Barnabas Theaung Hawi, of Sittwe, Myanmar (Burma)**  
"The communication in my language is very weak. Yet, I can share that because of the care and the grace of God the Anglican Communion has become strong and continues."

### Daily Quote

"Conversion is always to God. It is not we who convert; God converts"  
Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali of Rochester, England

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# Mission tops agenda for Japanese Church

by Carol Barnwell

An ageing population, apathetic youth and a general shortage of priests are challenges facing the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, says the new General Secretary, the Rev Samuel Koshiishi. He was appointed at the province's first General Synod, held last May.

"The challenge for the Anglican Church in Japan today is to create an interest in mission within the general population," he says, adding that the province recently approved the ordination of women and moved to review its entire structure.

It currently has 300 churches in 11 dioceses and a total of 50,000 active members.

"Most people in Japan are nominally religious," Mr Koshiishi says. They use Buddhist or Shinto services mainly for weddings and funerals.

Most Anglicans come to faith through their association with Anglican schools.

The first missionaries arrived as Japan was moving out of feudalism, but the profound impression they left dissipated when all missionaries were expelled before World War II. The imposed theo-

logical isolation was difficult for the Christian Church to overcome, Mr Koshiishi says, adding that in a more westernised Japan the Church "offers the possibility to be moral leaders."

Mr Koshiishi began work for the province 13 years ago, with Partners in Mission and as secretary for the provincial office. But his journey wound from Japan through Canada and Central Pennsylvania where he studied and was ordained before serving churches in both Takasaki and Urawa.

He received a Master's degree in Theology from St Paul's, Tokyo, furthered his studies in Old Testament at Trinity College, Toronto, and was ordained in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (a companion to his home Diocese of Kita Kanto) in 1976.

He is attending the Conference as a member of the Anglican Consultative Council and says it has exposed him "to the variety within the Communion, yet given me the sense of one Church."

"There are many positive signs in our Church in Japan," he says, citing an exchange of students with Korea and a youth pilgrim-



Samuel Koshiishi Photo: Carol Barnwell

age between United States and Japan. Ecumenical work with Lutherans and Roman Catholics also is important.

Married with three grown children, Mr Koshiishi chuckles as he considers his youngest son's career choice. "He is 23 and studying in New Zealand to become a circus clown," he muses.

Another son studies art in Tokyo and his daughter attends a Presbyterian university in Yokohama where she is studying French and managing an ice-hockey team.

**Candlelight Pilgrimages** are available for those wishing to visit Canterbury Cathedral tomorrow and on Monday, August 3, and on Friday, August 7. Arrangements may be secured with the Diocesan Hospitality Desk in the Giles Lane Enquiry Office. Transport to the Cathedral leaves Rutherford College at 7.30pm; tickets are priced at £4 each.

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Christian-Islam relations: "The Prophet himself had very close relationships with Christians and Jews; some were among his closest friends and colleagues. The Koran, the holy book of the Muslims, is full of references to figures in the Bible and to figures in Christian history.

"If there has been such a long history of co-existence and co-operation in culture and learning and political life, what then has gone wrong?" he asked.

The rise of Islamic fundamentalism was a key factor, Bishop Nazir-Ali added. Fundamentalism had grown, he suggested, as a reaction to colonialism, corrupt leaders, the failure of capitalism and civil wars.

The plenary also heard stories of bishops from Africa, Asia, Britain and the Middle East.

**Further coverage of the Interfaith plenary is scheduled for Thursday's edition of The Daily.**

# Holy Land is College laboratory

by David Duprey

St George's College in Jerusalem prides itself on being an educational facility that unites the Anglican Communion.

Since its inception in 1962, the College has hosted a wide range of Anglican Christians.

Bishop Bob Jones, Dean of the College, says: "Every Province of the Church has been represented in our student body, from Japan to Tasmania to Nigeria to Alaska. Now we're expanding into Europe—Spain, Germany, and Russia, countries which have not formally sent many students to St George's."

Having an Anglican foundation, yet with an ecumenical outreach, the College has welcomed students from 92 countries and 96 distinct Christian traditions.

Bishop Jones is the fourth Dean of the College, succeeding the Rev Canon John Peterson, who left to become Secretary-General of the Anglican Consultative Council and Secretary of the Lambeth Conference.

"I don't know of anyone else who is doing what we're doing," Bishop Jones says. "Our laboratory is the Holy Land."

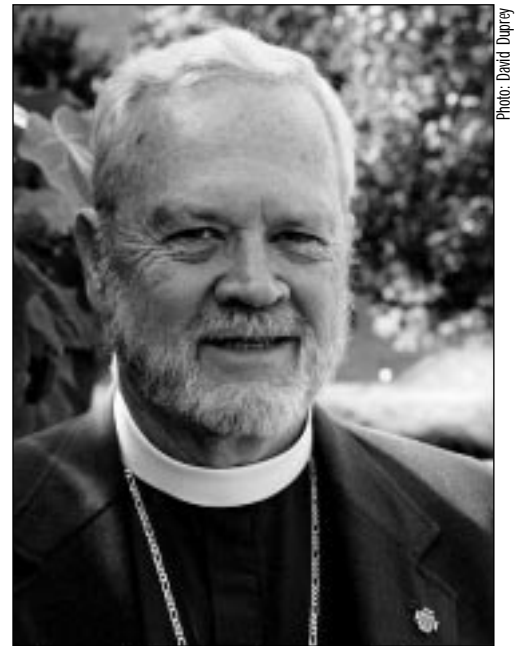
At the St George's College booth in the

Lambeth Conference Market Place, visitors will find either Bishop Jones or Mr Henry Carse, who is course director at the College. Either is happy to explain the uniqueness of St George's educational experience.

Their aim is to teach "the text in context," which means the land itself becomes the "fifth Gospel."

Not only is the College interdisciplinary and inter-cultural, it is also inter-generational.

One of the most popular programmes is an international youth course that has gathered Palestinian Christian youth with Western youth for a unique two-week experience every summer for more than 10 years.



Bob Jones, Dean of St George's College

## Briefly

**The Compass Rose Society** has donated \$6,500 to the Sudan appeal last Sunday. The total now exceeds £10,000.

**Church of Nigeria celebrates Decade of Evangelism:** Do you know that the Church of Nigeria is one of the fastest growing provinces in the Anglican Communion? To hear more about this growth, Conference participants are invited by Nigeria's bishops to a presentation set for 8pm on Friday, July 31, in the Franciscan Study Centre at Giles Lane.

**Spouses' Programme excursions:** Outings to various scenic sites of interest are scheduled, including Sissinghurst Gardens, Romney Marsh, Walmer Castle and Gardens. Each desitination is a separate excursion, set for tomorrow, and again on August 5. Additional trips to Brogdale Orchards, Pilgrim Way Walk, and St Mary's Abbey (West Malling) are set for Friday, and again on August 7.

Further information is available in the Spouses' Programme office.

**Weekend arrangements:** Bishops who have accepted diocesan hospitality over the weekend of August 1-2 and still have not checked in with Mrs Sue Humphriss are asked to do so as soon as possible at the Diocesan Hospitality Desk at the Enquiry Office between 11am and 7pm.

**Pilgrimage to Walsingham on August 1:** Bishops and spouses are invited for a day-long visit to the Roman Catholic National Shrine. Further information is available from Priest Administrator Martin Warner on 01328 820266.

**Play a round with a bishop:** Any bishop who would like to play golf on Saturday, August 1, should send his or her name to Canon John Sargant, Eliot College, or telephone 01903 859779.

## Did you know? Three dioceses serve London area

Greater London is served by three dioceses: Chelmsford, London, and Southwark. Bishop Richard Chartres leads the London diocese (established in 314), which includes some 394 parishes and 475 churches located largely in the City of London and Greater London north of the Thames. Bishop John Perry leads the Chelmsford diocese (established in 1914), which includes some 489 parishes and 609 churches located largely in Essex and in London's East End. Bishop Tom Butler was recently appointed to lead the Southwark diocese (established in 1905), which includes some 303 parishes and 378 churches, most of which are found in Greater London south of the Thames. (Figures are quoted from the 1998 Church of England yearbook.)

## Daily Events Tomorrow

### Wednesday July 29

7.15 am	Eucharist (Province: The Episcopal Church in the USA) followed by Bible Study video with <i>Dinis Sengulane, Bishop of Mozambique</i> 2 Cor 6
8.15 - 9.15 am	Breakfast
9.30 - 11.00 am	Morning Prayer and Bible Studies
11.00 - 11.15 am	Coffee
11.00 - 11.30 am	<b>Spouses:</b> Presentation by Anglican Networks
11.30 - 12.30 pm	<b>Spouses:</b> Workshops - <i>The Anglican Communion</i> (1) - <i>Creative Workshops</i>
11.30 - 1.00 pm	Sections including <i>Midday Prayer</i>
1.00 pm	<b>Spouses:</b> Gentle Keep Fit Exercises to Music
1.00 - 2.30 pm	Lunch
2.00 pm	<b>Spouses:</b> Excursions
2.30 - 3.00 pm	<b>Spouses:</b> Presentation by Anglican Networks
2.45 - 3.45 pm	Regional Meetings including <i>Tea</i>
3.00 - 4.00 pm	<b>Spouses:</b> Workshops - <i>The Anglican Communion</i> (2) - <i>Creative Workshops</i>
4.00 - 5.30 pm	Sections
5.45 pm	Evening Prayer (Province: The Church of the Province of Melanesia) followed by Bible Study video with <i>Robin Eames, Archbishop of Ireland</i> 2 Cor 7
6.30 - 8.00 pm	Dinner/Free Evening
7.30 pm	<b>Spouses:</b> Evening at the Old Palace
8.30 pm	Market Place Events: CARA: UK-based Aids ministry. <i>Rutherford Upper Senior Common Room</i> Emmaus: UK-based programme of spiritual and community development. <i>Grimond Lecture Theatre</i> 3 Christians Aware: Offering opportunities within Britain and the Developing World for justice and peace. <i>Rutherford Lecture Theatre</i> Open Churches Trust: Programme called "Celebration 2000." <i>Cornwallis Lecture Theatre</i> Concert: Girl Choir of St Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, New York. <i>Gulbenkian Theatre</i>

# What's cooking?

## An avalanche of food

by Carol Barnwell

**A** career in the Royal Navy and eight years aboard the Royal Yacht, *Britannia*, have put Jeff Stoddard in good stead to command the kitchens for the Lambeth Conference.

"We began planning menus last September," says the cricket enthusiast and University of Kent's executive chef.

"After checking with dioceses around the world I started scouring book-shelves for African and other ethnic recipes."

Once the menus were finalised, Mr Stoddard worked with suppliers to procure more difficult-to-find ingredients such as plantains, a banana-like sidedish.

At least one ethnic dish is prepared daily and there's always a vegetarian alternative available. Mr Stoddard and his staff of 30 chefs also see to special menu requests.

Oversight of the Conference appetites means serving at Darwin, Eliot and Rutherford colleges, running a portable kitchen at the Home Tent and delivering breakfast to the 1,000 Conference participants living in Parkwood.

"That took several lorries," he says of the 1,400kg of cornflakes, 20,000 individual packages of Wheatabix, 200 750g jars of coffee and 200 bottles of Fairy cleaning liquid seen to by his suppliers.

Mr Stoddard reviews menus and checks supplies daily, altering details and alleviating queues where he can. "We've put sandwiches and salads in the bars at the colleges," he says, "because some people may be happier with just a pint and a roll."

Ordering of food is done almost daily. Before the Conference is fin-



Jeff Stoddard (upper right) oversees team of chefs and helpers to feed Conference participants. Rob Jeffkins (above) prepares eggs then helps Natasha Reed (at right) and Adam Wrench serve them up.

Main photo: Anne Wetzel, Insets: Carol Barnwell

ished, kitchen staff will have served 609 cases of chips and roasted potatoes, 1,154 cases of pre-sliced gateaux and cheesecake, 2,264 pounds of gammon steaks, 22,680 containers of yoghurt and 15,750 eggs.

The normal university staff of 250 helpers has been doubled for the Conference. Mr Stoddard is ably assisted by chefs Sylvia Hughes at Rutherford, David Jordan at Eliot and Senior Chef Michael Rose at Darwin.

Seven hundred and fifty breakfasts are served in the colleges, 600 lunches at Eliot and Rutherford and 400 in the Home Tent and at Darwin College. Eighteen hundred dinners are served daily across campus.

"We're here to do a job and are flexible in order to respond to peo-



ple's likes and needs," Mr Stoddard says. "This is the biggest thing here in 10 years and we are working to please everyone."

Menus for the second week will not repeat but the third week will be a combination of some of the more popular dishes. The grilled trout and roast beef have been favourites so far.

"Our biggest headache was having to change meat suppliers two weeks before the Conference," Mr Stoddard says. He set up Origins bar and bistro in Darwin College while planning the Conference catering.

By the end of the Conference, Mr Stoddard will have seen to 112,350 meals. And after August 10? He says he plans "to have a couple of pints and take a few days' rest."

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symbols, he said. In the process of communicating with those members, he said, he seems to have unintentionally alienated his African colleagues.

"I don't know what to do about that," he confessed. "Religion is a deeply emotional thing. It gets into the very fibre of our soul. It is part of our security system."

His criticism of attitudes in the developing world, said Bishop Spong, was not intended to denigrate the personal faith commitments of the bishops nor of their churches.

His point was that cultural differences between churches in the developed and developing worlds require the Gospel to be communicated using different language and symbols.

"In the process of saying that, I've been heard to insult Africans, for which I am really sorry. That is certainly not my intention," Bishop Spong said.

In using the word "superstitious" to refer to African views on theological issues, he was misunderstood to be labelling Africans as superstitious. That is not the case, he said.

"That was an unfortunate word

and I think it communicated an unfortunate message," he said.

Bishop Spong said he had paid two visits to Africa and was impressed with the vitality of the churches' witness and ministry, particularly given the economic hardships and human rights violations they must deal with.

Though the section group dealing with sexuality is currently at a stand-off on how to constructively address the issue, Bishop Spong expressed hope that the section would consider the process proposed in the paper he co-authored with Bishop Peter John Lee of South Africa.

Written with the knowledge of the Archbishop of Canterbury, *A Catechesis on Homosexuality* recommends that the Conference undertake a study of the three issues on which there is deep division: the blessing of same-sex couples, the ordination of gays and lesbians, and the authority of the Bible.

"I would be delighted if we could at least say that we think gay people ought to be treated with justice before the law; that we think marriage is an institution worthy of our full support; and that we think predatory and promiscuous sexuality dehumanises the victim," Bishop Spong said.

## Not a bad habit among them



Members of religious orders witness to the joy of their vocation as they pose with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Carey on the campus green. Dr Carey makes it a habit to regularly go on retreat with the religious, and invited them to join Friday's Conference witness for justice concerning international debt.

Photo: Anglican World/Jeff Sells

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others carrying tape-recorded explanations or reading from guidebooks.

The curious and fit climbed the 76 steps to the belltower platform and watched volunteer ringers pull "the peal" of 14 bells in several sequences.

Group after group stood, awed, on the martyrdom transept before the sculpture marking the place of St Thomas Becket's murder. Adaku Ihuoma Grace Iheagwam, wife of the Bishop of Egbu (Nigeria), had never heard the account before. "I enjoyed hearing about...a bishop who stood on his principles for the Church and against the king," she said.

Everyone wandering through the 900-year-old cathedral heard assistant organist Timothy Noon demonstrate the organ console above the pulpitum screen. Only a few dozen were able to actually visit his aerie at any one time.

Mr Noon said people "seemed quite surprised at the number of pipes—three and half thousand." The largest, he told them, was 35 feet; the smallest less than an inch.

Visitors wandered the chambers of the cathedral for several hours, watching stone carvers and candle-makers, talking to librarians and repairers of vestments, hearing stories of archbishops and pilgrims, learning of tombs and history before settling down for Compline, then the coach-ride home.



Waxing eloquently: Candle engraver practises art. Photo: Anglican World/Lynn Ross

## Mothers' Union backs campaign

The Mothers' Union has produced a resource pack in support of the campaign to break the chain of international debt.

The pack has been endorsed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and contains facts and figures on the effects of world debt on women and families.

Packs are being given to every primate and bishop attending the Conference.

Anyone who does not receive a pack can obtain one by leaving a message at the Mothers' Union booth in the Market Place.

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described as a simple but imaginative way the Communion can use the huge funds of the developed churches to help the developing churches.

He also referred to the "scandal" that so few provinces of the Communion pay their full contribution to the Anglican Communion of Churches budget.

"Should we not return home from this Conference to our provinces and say that our dues to the ACC budget must be paid because we weaken the Communion by our reluctance to give?" he urged.

Focusing on the vocation of the Anglican Communion in the 21st century, he said the Church was already learning that we must welcome people, care for them, ensure that they feel at home in our worship, and relate our faith to the needs of people outside.

The presentation included Peter Williams' video footage of Dr Carey in Mozambique and spot-photos by Jim Rosenthal of *Anglican World*.

Growing churches are welcoming, with lively worship. "Services can be a lot brighter and more interesting than they often are. They need to be culturally relevant to the people we minister to," Dr Carey said.

He also encouraged Anglicans, par-

ticularly in the West, to be less apologetic about being spiritual. "The world wants us to speak of God; to speak of our faith, our love of God and the meaning of life and death."

Posing the question 'What is distinctive about the Anglican Communion?' Dr Carey said: "We have never claimed that we are the final form of Christianity or that we are a perfect Communion. What we have claimed is that we are both 'catholic' and 'reformed.' Anglicans also are 'anchored in real life.'"

He argued that Anglicans have never been comfortable with just preaching the Gospel, but have always endeavoured to live it and put it to work.

As examples he listed the five particular forms of ministry in which the Church has been active:

- Healing, including setting up hospitals and clinics;
- Education, schools, colleges, training and teaching programmes worldwide;
- Empowerment, helping people to help themselves through development work;
- Conflict resolution, protesting against everything that dehumanises people and all that strips them of their human rights;

• Compassion for the weak.

"By their fruits you will know them," said our Lord to all who follow him. We are there among the poorest of the world, and we are glad to be," Dr Carey said.

He spoke of the importance of young people. "Let us be affirmers of young people; let us use their gifts, use them in God's service, be good role models for them."

Dr Carey also paid tribute to the role of women. "Women are the natural 'priests' of the home; they are at the epicentre of family life; indeed the family swivels around the mother.

"But women can also be natural evangelists and the transformers of society with their gifts of relationships and their connections in the community.

"I want to encourage these gifts for the sake of the kingdom," Dr Carey said.

A video featuring work by women in India brought to life Dr Carey's praise for women's ministry. He added his thanks "for the support you give your bishop partners; thank you for the sacrifices you have made, and for the way you support and help us."

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