



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed it's the only thing that ever does.
(Margaret Mead)



S. ALICE BELLORD RIP

The Community would like to thank everybody for their support after the death of Sister Alice on September 12th.

Alice joined the Community after an exciting life travelling the world working in Africa, the Far East, New York - then joined the Civil Service.

At Retirement Alice was "called" to change track! She joined our Community in her sixties, a different type of adventure. Alice made her Final Vows in St James the Less Church Colchester in 2007.

Alice maintained close links with a large family and many friends from across the world. She chose to volunteer with organisations caring for vulnerable people - recently the Night Shelter, the Soup Run, Open Door in the Baptist Church, a Leonard Cheshire home. Alice was able to put the other person at the centre of her attention. She became ill in the autumn - it was her request that she went on living her Religious Life as fully as possible for as long as possible. Alice died after a short stay in Colchester General Hospital. As a friend wrote of these last few months, "Alice embodied peaceful acceptance of the Lord's love and presence."

May she rest in Peace.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Those who agree to carry and love what God loves, both the good and the bad of human history, and to pay the price for its reconciliation within themselves - these are the followers of Jesus. They are the leaven, the salt, the remnant, the mustard seed that God can use to transform the world. The cross is the dramatic image of what it takes to be such a usable one for God.

Richard Rohr



BRADWELL

The Community, Companions and friends enjoyed another balmy summer afternoon at Bradwell in July. Picnics in the fields were followed by a creative liturgy in the ancient Chapel of St Peter's which focused on the interconnectedness of all of creation.



OUR RESEARCH PROJECT

In late September, Dr Hannah Thomas gave us an update on her Research into our Cemetery at New Hall and its related history. She had visited Liège in August to find out more about the Community's beginnings in that city in the 17th Century. She will put her findings into a book which will be published in Autumn 2017.

FROM THE COMMUNITY IN EAST LONDON

"On Sunday September 11th the new Parish Hall built in the grounds of St Anne's church, Custom House was blessed and opened by Bishop Alan Williams SM and Mrs Patricia Holland, our local Councillor.

The celebration included music, singing and dancing from the different national groups in our Parish, and the young people formed a choir to sing Michael Jackson's song - *Heal the world make it a better place.*"



SOME SUMMER ACTIVITIES



The High Sheriff was the guest of honour at Melbourne Fun Week.



Greenstead Playscheme.

A wet Wisdom Group trip around the farm in June.



LINKS WITH OUR PRIORIES IN AFRICA



S. Margaret Mary and S. Moira were pleased to be part of the Jubilee celebrations in the Congo, marking fifty years since Mirhi's foundation as an autonomous Priory. A four hour Mass was followed by a celebration meal and entertainments lasting a further five hours!



August saw the end of S. Petronella's time as Prioress of Mirhi and the election of S. Floride as the new Prioress.

We hope that you will have a chance to meet her before too long.

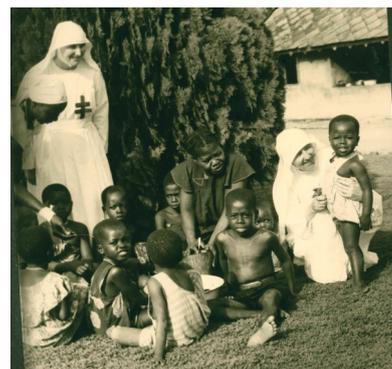
FROM OUR ARCHIVES

Our earliest archival records of the Congo date back to the 1950s. We have photographs which show the Turnhout (Belgium) sisters who worked in the Congo, prior to the foundation of the Daughters of the Resurrection in 1966.

Over these fifty years our relationship with the African sisters has been strengthened by reciprocal visits between the two Communities.

A newsletter account of a visit to New Hall by S. Agnes and S. Petronella in 1999 records: *"They made a great contribution to our understanding of conditions in the Congo and Rwanda and added colour to our liturgy with their songs and traditional dance."* To read more see:

<http://www.canonesses.co.uk/archives/daughters-of-the-resurrection-dr-congo/>



FUNDRAISERS

Thank you to our faithful Fundraisers especially to Tom Willis for another Summer Garden Party which raised over £1500 to create a Health Centre in Kindu. And to New Hall Prep whose fundraising Disco has contributed to the creation of a new classroom at the Ecole Mère Hadewych Primary School in Bukavu.



RWANDA VOLUNTEER PROJECT

In early September our first Rwanda Volunteer, Phoebe Lim, gave an excellent account of her time in Rwanda. Her reflections on the country, the political situation, the role of women, and the Church were incisive and thought-provoking.



We are looking forward to three more volunteers going out to Rwanda in the next year.

Sarah Stevenson in October,
Jackie Nevill and Marilyn Hickie
in January.



"God judged it better to bring good out of evil than to suffer no evil to exist."

Saint Augustine

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All are welcome to join S. Angela's Scripture Classes.

Mondays: Blessed Sacrament Church, Chelmsford (Paul's vision of Christ).

Wednesdays: Priory Street, Colchester (the First Letter of St John).

Thursdays: St John Payne, Greenstead (Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians).

Saturday 5th November: Dr Hannah Thomas and Mass for the Dead, New Hall School, Boreham, CM3 3HS, for sat nav CM1 6GY.

Saturday 26th November: To begin Advent together at 2.15pm the acclaimed film "Mediterranea" and Evening Prayer, Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 2DU.

Friday 9th December: Quiet Day at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD, 10am-3pm.

Friday 9th December: Advent Reflection, Blessed Sacrament Church, Melbourne, Chelmsford, CM1 2DU, 7pm.

All are welcome to any of the above - for details and booking please contact

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