



## NEWSLETTER September 2014

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)*



### PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Dear God, please make us dangerous women.  
May we be women who acknowledge our power  
to change, and grow,  
and be radically alive for God.  
May we be healers of wounds and righters of  
wrongs.  
May we weep with those who weep and speak  
for those who cannot speak for themselves.  
May we cherish children, embrace the elderly,  
and empower the poor.  
May we pray deeply and teach wisely.  
by the power of Christ, may we change the  
world.  
Dear God, please make us dangerous women.  
Amen.



**Dangerous Women Creed**  
*by Lynne Hybels*

### ASSOCIATION NEWS

S. Margaret Mary, S. Moira and S. Teresa joined members of our Pories from around the world for a Conference in Holland. They were particularly pleased to meet Véronique and Thérèse again who wanted to know news of all their friends in England and who sent their love to all. Visas permitting they will be in England next summer.



The Keynote Speaker at the Conference was Lieve Troch who was with us in England two years ago and was a speaker at the last General Chapter.

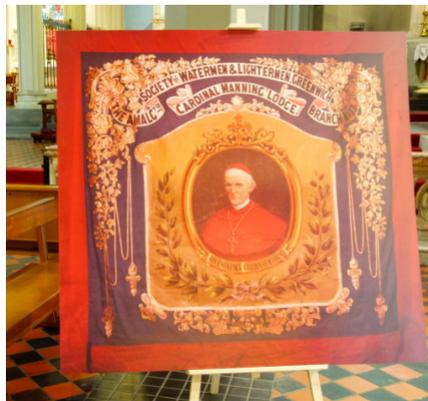


"I have read in Plato and Cicero sayings that are wise and very beautiful; but I have never read in either of them: Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden."

**St AUGUSTINE**

## CELEBRATIONS IN EAST LONDON

The Community in East London participated in events and celebrations to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Dock Strike and to give thanks for the work of Cardinal Manning in helping to bring the strike to an end.



## CELEBRATIONS IN MELBOURNE



July was a month of celebrations in Melbourne. First of all the Tour de France passed along the end of Melbourne Avenue, and was the occasion for a great street party. Secondly, the Community celebrated over ten years of work in the local community with a huge party with barbeque, games and live music.



## CELEBRATING WITH OUR DIOCESE



S. M. Gabriel and S. Patricia were pleased to be present at Bishop Alan's Episcopal Ordination in July. We pray for him and for the Diocese at this moment of new beginnings.

The Community celebrated a "special" birthday with S. Stephanie, and some of her family and friends. S. Diana made a Hedgehog Cake (forerunner of the trifle!) from an old Archive recipe for the occasion.

## CELEBRATING WITH S. STEPHANIE



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES



The Communities in Greenstead and Melbourne were part of children's holiday schemes in August. It was the 11th 'Fun Week' at the Scout Hut in Melbourne; and the first 'Summer Fun Days' at St Andrew's.



## BRADWELL 2014

The Community and Companions came together with friends for an afternoon of fun and reflection around the ancient church of St Peter's, Bradwell. The time together ended with Evening Prayer and the launching of many coloured balloons carrying prayers for the world.

## STOCK GARDEN PARTY

Thank you to Tom Willis and his family who again opened their beautiful garden in Stock for a fundraising lunch for our Sisters in the Congo. The event raised over £1,000 which will start a fund for a new school in the Kivu area of East Congo.



## THE FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE



As a Community we follow the Rule of St Augustine and so his feast on 28th August is always a special day for us. In East London and Melbourne the Community celebrated the feast with friends and parishioners.



## WISDOM GROUP OUTINGS



The Wisdom Group benefitted from the sunny months of June and July and had many happy outings. Thanks to the Tomlins family who hosted the group with homemade cakes and tea one Monday morning.

## LIVING EASTER

A large crowd of Community, Companions and friends gathered expectantly to hear S. Gemma Simmonds cj talking on Women in the Resurrection stories. Gemma had been the preacher for the final event of our 370th year celebrations, and those who were present had asked to hear more from her. They were not disappointed by her inspiring reflections, and still asked for more!



### Dates for your diary

October 11th 8pm	Fundraising Concert for Africa - All Saints Church, Stock
October 22nd 10am - 3pm	Quiet Day - 74 Howe Close, Colchester
November 8th 2pm	Mass for the Dead - New Hall Chapel
November 29th 5.30pm	Starting Advent together - Blessed Sacrament, Melbourne
November 30th 4pm	Tea followed by 4.30pm Evening Prayer for Advent - 74 Howe Close
December 7th 4pm	Tea followed by 4.30pm Evening Prayer for Advent - 74 Howe Close
December 14th 4pm	Tea followed by 4.30pm Evening Prayer for Advent - 74 Howe Close
December 19th 10am - 3pm	Quiet Day - 74 Howe Close, Colchester
December 19th 7pm	Advent Reflection - Blessed Sacrament Church, Melbourne

*All welcome to any of the above - for details and booking please contact [crssuk@canonesses.co.uk](mailto:crssuk@canonesses.co.uk) or phone 01206 867296*

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