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Come and see us in London

The College will again be present at the International Christian Resources Exhibition from Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd May.



This year, the exhibition will be held for the first time at the ExCel Centre in London's Docklands. "We are looking forward to welcoming old friends and existing supporters along with many who have still to discover the work of the College," says the Warden, Fr Howard Such.

Come and see us on Stands B6 and B23. You are welcome as our guests. To order complimentary tickets, simply visit www.creonline.co.uk/buy-tickets/international-2015-tickets/ and enter the promotional code SDPAST15. Bring as many friends as you wish!

The Centre is really easy to reach by using the Docklands Light Railway and alighting at Custom House station. See you there!

Caring for retired Anglican Clergy

Characters from the College:

The Very Reverend Derek Goodrich

By Cliff Caswell

Born in London, Fr Derek Goodrich could not have imagined how far afield his calling would lead when he first sensed the majesty of God as a child in the Welsh countryside.

“We had moved to Wales because my father, a civil servant, was evacuated there with his office,” Fr Derek recalls. “I was already a Christian and came from a family of churchgoers that had several priests among them. The mountains, however, helped me see the glory of God and gave me a sense of awe and wonder.”



Having read history at Cambridge, he was called up for National Service and, as a conscientious objector, served in a civilian ambulance unit as well as carrying out building projects, including a hostel for the homeless.

He went on to train for two years at St Stephen's House in Oxford. He was ordained in 1952 to be a curate at St Andrews Church, Willesden.

“I had no sense of vocation to travel overseas,” he remembers, “and I only began to reflect on this when I heard the Archbishop of the West Indies, the Most Reverend Alan John Knight, preach during a deanery mission festival. I spoke with him afterwards and was soon on the slow boat to British Guiana and into the unknown.”

Fr Derek arrived in the Caribbean in February 1957, and served first as Priest-in-Charge at St Philip's Church in the capital Georgetown before embarking on a series of diverse roles. Ensuring that he was always personally meeting those for whom he was responsible has been a common thread throughout his ministry. “I was brought up in a visiting tradition,” he says, “and it has never left me.”

“I spent almost exactly half my life in Guyana, through interesting times including when the country was granted independence in 1966. It was also a challenge to be appointed Dean of the Cathedral in Georgetown.”

Having spent so long abroad, Fr Derek admits that his eventual return to the UK felt as if he were visiting a foreign country. “I had been abroad for 43 years and I came back into a society that had changed very significantly,” he recalls.

However, his ministry continues in retirement. He moved to the College in 2001 and plays an active role in the community here. He also travels extensively and has written several books.

“I have been blessed with many great friends at the College,” he reflects. “As far as my ministry is concerned, while I have collected various jobs and titles, I have always regarded myself as a parish priest. For me that has been the best job in the world.”

Happy Landing!

By Vicky Jones

The morning of 7th March was bright and sunny. I knew that my jump would go ahead. I couldn't face much breakfast.

I set off to arrive in Salisbury about 9.30. After I had signed in and completed the training session, there was a long wait until my turn came. At about 2.30 my name was called. I was given my jump suit and fitted with a harness. Then I met my instructor. "Hello Vicky," he said, "my name is Daniel. We have about 10 minutes to get to know each other and then I will save your life!" With that ringing in my ears I met my cameraman Nick and the three of us boarded the plane.

With butterflies going crazy in my tummy we soared to 10,000 ft where a number of people took their turn to jump. The door was then closed and we climbed the extra mile to the top height of 15,000 ft. Final preparations were made, my harness checked and tightened. The men kept me smiling but deep down I was feeling terrified. As the door opened and we shuffled to get into position, the nerves became very visible. I could feel myself shaking.

Before I knew it they were counting down ... and that was it — we jumped! Plummeting through the sky, the air rushing up in my face, I was unable to control the screams. The feeling that "this is it, it's all over" ran through my mind!

But seconds later, with the command to spread my arms and with the sight of my cameraman in front of me I couldn't stop smiling. I suddenly realised that all was ok, I was freefalling at about 120 mph and was loving it.



Before I knew it the parachute opened and I had slowed to a much gentler pace. At this point I was able to gather my thoughts, release the pressure from my ears (the altitude and speed had certainly taken effect) and then take in the stunning views. It was unbelievable. I was above the level of the clouds. The sun was shining beyond them creating a heavenly sight and the ground was still over a mile below me. It really was breathtaking. I was given the handles and took over steering for a short time. It was so much fun! We saw Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral.

Then it was all over, the ground was fast approaching, it was time to land! We landed well, on our feet and the realisation of what I'd just done hit me. I had really done it! I had achieved something amazing ... jumped out of a plane to raise vital funds for The College of St Barnabas.

I have to say thank you so much to everyone who has supported and sponsored me. I really couldn't have done it without you all. You have helped raise nearly £2,300 for this wonderful charity. Thank you!

Volunteers' Week 2015

This year's national Volunteers' Week runs from 1st – 7th June, which means that it is the week immediately before our own Festival Week.

We can't do anything during Volunteers' Week itself to mark the occasion because we are so busy finalising the Festival Week arrangements, but we will have information about volunteering for the College available on our Open Afternoon on the 13th June.

We are very keen to recruit volunteers around the country as well as here in Surrey, so if you are interested in helping by sparing us a little of your time but can't make it to the Open Afternoon, please do let us know.

You can contact us at the address on the front of the Bulletin, or by email to fundraiser@collegeofsbarnabas.com. We would love to hear from you.



College Care Partners



A growing number of people are providing vital, regular support to the College. We call them our “Care Partners”.

They help us by making monthly, quarterly or annual donations to the College by standing order. These donations are so important because they help pay day in, day out for the care our Residents need. If you would like to join this important group of people and become a College Care Partner, please do get in touch so that we can send you the necessary information.

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