



St Barnabas Bulletin - Spring 2018

End of an era

Warden bids farewell

Our Warden for the last 10 years, Fr Howard Such, and his wife, Lynn, left the College in mid-January for what we hope will be a long and happy retirement for them. We wish them both well.

Among one of Fr. Howard's many responsibilities was the editorship of this Bulletin and in this, as in so many other areas of the life of the College, he is sure to be a hard act to follow.



Please do accept our apologies for the delay in producing this edition. We are about a month late in going to print with it, and please do bear with us while we try to pick up where Fr. Howard left off.

His efforts in getting the Bulletin into shape have been rewarded by a lot of positive comments and feedback from readers, and we would like to thank you for that. Your observations and insights are always most welcome.

Our new Warden, Fr. Kevin Scully, takes up his post on the 1st of May.

Caring for retired Anglican Clergy

Characters from the College

Fr Alan & Mrs Peggy Spray

Residents since 2013, Peggy and Alan are pictured celebrating their Silver wedding anniversary

Peggy & Alan 
Congrats!
✨ 25th Wedding Anniversary ✨



College hits the Road

By Mike Herbert, Fundraising Manager

A new direction for our fundraising efforts

The changes to data protection law mean that we have to try to make our first contact with possible new supporters by meeting them in person. As a charity with a UK-wide and indeed international remit, but with only a very small fundraising team, this is going to be quite a challenge, all the more so because at the same time we need to maintain our existing fundraising work. We hope that we will be able to find some volunteers among our existing supporters who, with a little training, might be able to help out. If you are interested, please do let us know.

As you may already know, we have had a stand at most of the Christian Resources Exhibitions (“CRE”) that have been held over the past 7 or 8 years, and will continue to do so. 2018 will see us build on that experience as we set out our stall at a number of other regional events.

In addition to helping with the crucial work of finding new supporters, these events also give us the chance to meet and have a chat with people who already help us, especially those among you who, for whatever reason, are unable to visit the College.

We will have a stand in the exhibition area of the events listed below. We would be delighted to see you if you are able to come along!

Big Church Day Out South 26th & 27th May, Wiston House, Steyning, West Sussex

For more info visit www.bigchurchdayout.com/south

Big Church Day Out North 1st & 2nd June, Capesthorpe Hall, nr Macclesfield, Cheshire

Further details at www.bigchurchdayout/north

The ONE Event 24th—28th August, Lincolnshire Showground, nr Lincoln

For more information go to www.one-event.org.uk

CRE 2018, 16th—18th October, Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey

Visit www.creonline.co.uk

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Nowhere to go, nowhere to be.

By Mike Herbert, Fundraising Manager

"No-one eligible is ever turned away for want of means"

Thank you so much if you sent a gift in response to our Christmas Appeal. I went away for Christmas, visiting one of our larger cities, and I was appalled to see so many people reduced to begging to get by. But these people, I noted were younger or middle-aged adults who at least could for a while endure the seeping cold rising up from the flagstones they sat on, and the sleet lashing their faces.

But what of the elderly poor?

You rarely see them on the street, sitting down facing the door of a fast food restaurant, huddled in a dark doorway or down on the pavement in front of a busy shop, but there are very poor elderly people, too, who no longer have the means to properly support themselves. And among them are elderly Clergy.

We are proud that no-one has ever been turned away from the College because of a lack of means. We are proud of the work we have carried out over the past 120 years to help relieve Clerical poverty, to provide shelter, warmth, sustenance and care for the poor, the sick and the vulnerable. It was why we were established.


But our pride is tinged with the sadness and regret of having to still be here, 120 years down the line. We are still here because the need never completely went away, and now Clerical poverty is back. Back with a vengeance. Determined to blight the twilight years of people whose devotion and commitment to others during their working lives has cost them comfort and ease in their retirement.

Without the College of St. Barnabas, these dedicated community servants, forced to scrape by on a few £s a week, with no property of their own and inadequate or non-existent pension provision, might well be living alone in substandard accommodation, or blocking a bed on an NHS ward. For them, the College is the provider of last resort. For them, there is nowhere else to go. Nowhere else they can be.

120 years ago, it would have been the workhouse for them, and of course it was. Finding elderly Clergy in the Workhouse spurred our founder on to establish the College. So that poor and elderly Clergy didn't have to always end up that way.

The workhouses have gone, but the cruel scourge of poverty has not. That is precisely why the College of St. Barnabas is still here, looking after some of the frailest, poorest and most vulnerable members of the Anglican community.

They need your help, and will continue to need your help for as long as Clerical poverty remains an issue.



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