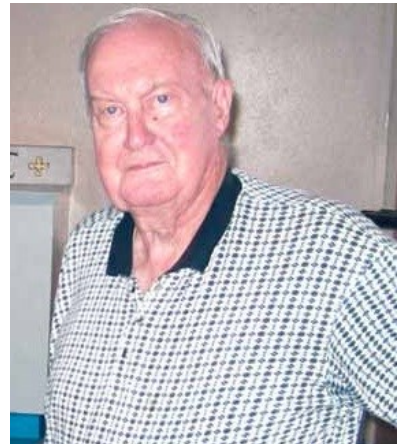




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20 years of College Life

**On 4th March, The Very Revd
Derek Goodrich celebrated
20 years as a resident of the
College.**



Here's what Dean Derek had to say:

“When I returned to the UK in 2000 after 43 years in Guyana, I expected to enter the Charterhouse but that did not materialise, so after living with a Guyanese family I was put in touch with the College of St Barnabas. I then received two letters on the same day, one inviting me to meet with the new Master of the Charterhouse, the other offering me a flat in Morley House at the College.

The definite nature of the second seemed to be the Holy Spirit in action, and I have never regretted my acceptance”.



We are very grateful to The Venerable Moira Astin, the Archdeacon of Reigate and Trustee ex-officio of the College of St. Barnabas, for giving us a glimpse of her role.

The Archdeacon of St Barnabas

I wonder what you think of when you hear the word Archdeacon?

If you are a great reader of Victorian novels you may think of Archdeacon Grantly of Barchester and his battles with Bishop Proudie. Or maybe you remember all Gas and Gaiters with the well-meaning, but rather fond of his drink, Archdeacon Henry Blunt. Those of you who are more up to date may recall the Archdeacon from 'Rev' with his black gloves and travels in a London Cab, bringing fear into the hearts of his clergy.

Today's Archdeacon fits none of these stereotypes. While we do support the Bishop as in 'All Gas and Gaiters' and sometimes have to have the hard conversations as in 'Rev', the heart of our role is to care for the clergy and church wardens of our Archdeaconries. This care will lead us to spending time with the Diocesan Advisory Committee presenting the plans of our churches for modification – recently I found myself having to become an expert on the merits of cast aluminium guttering compared with cast iron to help a parish with their plans. We also have to spend time with the Diocesan

Bishop and the Diocesan Secretary thinking about budgets and Parish Share, to ensure there are the funds to house and pay the clergy. We inspect Vicarages when there is a Vacancy, deciding what repairs are needed to ensure the incoming priest has a house which will be able to be a home and not cause worry. We support parishes in Vacancies to see what God is calling them to be and help them write their Parish Profile and advertisements to help the right clergy to be attracted to apply.

For clergy our role begins at ordination, or even before. It is the Archdeacon who reassures the Bishop that the candidates have even appropriately trained for the role, and I enjoy working with the regional training course, St Augustine's College of Theology, teaching Church History and talking to final year Ordinands about their future lives as clergy, so that I can confidently say to the bishop that these candidates are ready for what faces them in the parishes.

We also encourage clergy as they are looking to move posts, often trying to match make the clergy we know with the posts that are vacant so that we can have the right people in the right places. Once the Bishop has licensed a new priest it is the Archdeacon who installs them, a delightful task of literally putting the new priest in their stall. In doing so they become our responsibility, part of our care. We meet with clergy to review their ministry and are there for them when problems arise.

It's a varied role, which I love. As Archdeacon of Reigate I'm the Archdeacon for the College of St Barnabas. I'm one of the Trustees ex-officio and am delighted in this way to be able to continue my care of clergy after their retirement in supporting the College to be a good home for the community.

“YOU CAN ONLY DO IT ONCE” they said...

But let's prove them wrong!

By popular demand...it's what we've all been waiting for....

Cast off a year and a half of those old Coronavirus Blues!

Don't bother with your dinner jacket.

Don't buy an expensive new frock. Leave the cocktail ring in the jewellery box.

Don't let lockdowns and social distancing grind you down! Think of how much cash you can save, simply by not taking part!

Forced upon us by that vile virus that has knocked fundraising events on the head, we are nonetheless delighted to bring you:

The College of St. B's Second Occasional Non-Event Fundraiser!

Excited? Why shouldn't you be?

So do keep an eye out—it is coming soon through a letterbox near you, your disinvitation to the wowfabgrooviest not-a-gala fundraising dinner of them all .

.....STAY AT HOME.....SAVE MONEY.....HELP THE COLLEGE....