



St Barnabas Bulletin - Autumn 2021

Changing of the Guard

College Chairman-Elect, The Reve David Williams will soon be taking over the reins from Interim Chair Mr Keith Luckhoo, who has been filling the role since the resignation of former Chair of Trustees Sir Paul Britton earlier this year.



David (pictured left) explains inside how he and the College came to meet.

In addition, The Revd Derek Chandler took up the new post of Chaplain last month, while in another change, longstanding Bursar and latterly Chief Executive Paul Wilkin retires in October.

In thanking him for some 20 years of unstinting service, we wish him a long and happy retirement.

The College Council have appointed Mr Monty Erskine to succeed him as the College's Chief Executive Officer.

Monty will be joining us from All Souls, Langham Place and we look forward not only to his arrival, but also to him introducing himself to you in a future edition of the St. Barnabas Bulletin.

The College and I

By Chairman-Elect, The Revd David Williams

How did the College of St. Barnabas and I come to meet ? Word had got around that I was enjoying an active retirement, and might yet be interested in becoming the new Chairman of the College's Council, in succession to Sir Paul Britton. I have to say that there was something distinctive that spoke to me about this invitation, which I gladly accepted.

Retirement is indeed relative. I retired for the first time from my position at Church House Westminster as Clerk to the Church of England's General Synod and Head of the Archbishops' Council's Central Secretariat in 2011. I re-invented myself as a country parson (having been ordained priest only in 2008) and served as parish priest of four delightful villages in south-west Oxfordshire for eight years, and as area dean for some of that time. I retired for a second time in 2019 and returned to my house in Dorking; and I now help out at two local churches, St. Martin's Dorking, and St. Matthew's Redhill (where I was curate). I also have several other areas of church and community involvement including being a relatively new community mediator with the Surrey Mediation Service and a (now largely retired) magistrate of 35 years.

What attracted me in particular to the College? As well as my wide-ranging experience of the Church nationally and locally in the areas of heritage, finance and administration, I am a historian by background, with a particular interest in 19th century church history and ecclesiology, and postgraduate study of the English parochial library. I am fascinated by the foundation by Canon Cooper of both St. Barnabas College and St. Luke's Hospital (now St. Luke's Healthcare), and co-incidentally I served on the St. Luke's Hospital Council for several years.

The College and the Hospital were both important developments in the care of the clergy and others who have served the church in different capacities. I have always been interested to see how and why institutions have been founded and how their history and tradition can be expressed today in the context of church and society; and to see how the past, the present and our hope for the future can be melded into one vision, for the furtherance of the church's ministry and mission.

And so it was that St. Barnabas called me and I responded.

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To leave a gift to charity in your Will

And it is also a common myth that you can't look after for your family and loved ones when you are gone, as well as helping the causes that have been important to you during your life. The reality, as more and more charity supporters around the country are finding out, is quite the opposite. After taking care of family and friends, it's amazing what one final gift can do, no matter how big or small, to help a smaller charity like the College.

Most of our funds result from the generosity of people like you and we hope that in time more and more of our supporters, too, will consider leaving a charitable legacy to the College, to help now and to help frail, vulnerable, elderly Anglicans in the years to come.

That's why, as a member of the national Remember A Charity consortium, we are taking part in Remember A Charity in your Will Week this September to help raise awareness of the importance to smaller charities like ours of gifts left in Wills.

Whatever the size of the gift, we are extremely grateful for all charitable legacies left to us, as they help us to continue to provide a home and to care for our oldest old Anglicans in time of great need and vulnerability.

Please remember during this Remember A Charity Week that taking care of your loved ones as well as giving a helping hand to the College through a final gift in your Will is probably so much easier than you think.

Visit www.rememberacharity.org.uk for more information, or speak to your professional advisor about leaving a charitable legacy to the College in your Will.

Alternatively, please contact the College for your copy of our free guide to making your Will.

6th—12th September 2021
Remember A Charity Week

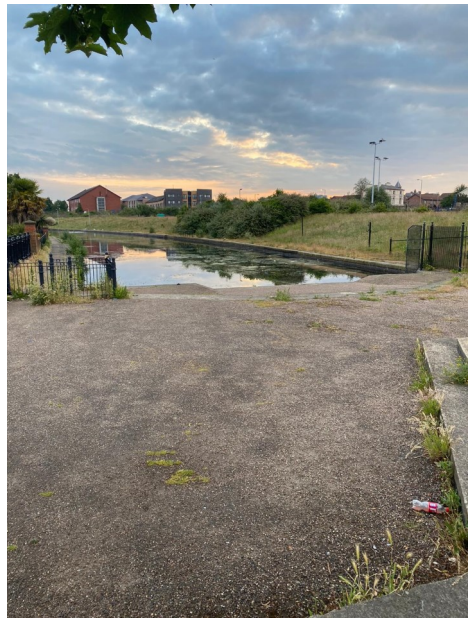
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A Valiant Effort...

touched by midsummer madness...

Tackling the 127.5 mile towpath and 91 locks of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal in one day was always going to be a tall order, not least since Fundraising Manager Mike Herbert hadn't ridden a bike for more than 20 years. After 6 weeks of training and one broken bike, Mike met up with Martyn Trueman of M&M Print and Mail, at 6am on the 21st June at the Liverpool end of the Canal to begin this epic journey.

It is fair to say that the terrain was not as expected, slowing progress considerably and requiring the utmost concentration not to end up in the cut. Mike's second bike fell victim to the lethal cocktail of huge cobblestones and sharp



The starting point in Liverpool



Martyn's Mean Machine, taking a well-earned rest.

gravel, the first repair expiring with terminal finality (is there any other sort?) at the 50 mile mark, and despite the best efforts of a true Knight of the Towpath who appeared out of nowhere in my time of need, necessitating a 10 mile push to the nearest railway station, and, in the words of the late, great Eddie Waring, "the early bath".

Martyn continued to carry the baton for Team Barnabas, but the slower-than-expected progress had its impact on him. He managed to get through to Keighley, just 12 miles from the Leeds end of the Canal, before poor light stopped play: quite simply in the fading twilight of the longest day it was unsafe to continue along such an unforgiving unlit track.



"Journey's End", or "Beware the Cobbles of Doom"

Both riders expressed huge disappointment at not completing the distance, but take some comfort from the fact that this endeavour has raised some **£8,000** towards the general work of the College.

As a footnote, Martyn has long since been back in the saddle and Mike's bike that failed on the day has been repaired. Sadly, the bike that gave out during training is, at the time of writing still languishing in Mike's shed, awaiting specialist TLC!.

Desperately Seeking Volunteers

It is often said...

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any charity. The College is very keen to welcome volunteers to help us tackle a particular problem. The issue is that despite our best efforts, relatively few people know about the College and that means there are Clergy and other Anglicans out there whose lives could be transformed by what we offer, if only they were aware of us and what we do. We are therefore looking to establish small teams of volunteers in each diocese who will assist in promoting the College in their area. The College will of course provide full support and any necessary training.

In particular, we are looking for people who can give a few hours of their time every so often to take leaflets about the College and our work to local Churches and church groups, to talk to individual people about the College and, if they feel able to do so, to talk to their own Church, other local Churches and Church groups about what we do. This is a developing initiative to make people who could benefit from our work more aware of what we can do to help them. As it develops, we envisage an important role for volunteers in increasing our reach across the country.

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This is a challenging time for all charities. If you have a few hours to spare every so often, feel that you could help the College move forward and would like to find out more about volunteering with us, please return the accompanying form in the prepaid envelope provided.

And finally...

Some dates for your diary...

September 6th—12th Remember A Charity Week

a good time to consider if, once you have made provision for friends and loved ones, you might be able to leave a final gift to the College in your Will

October 12th—14th Christian Resources Exhibition. Stand A18

Come and meet us at Sandown Park, Esher for the first CRE since before lockdown. We can offer complimentary tickets to supporters—a saving of £8 each. These can be ordered online at www.creonline.co.uk/tickets quoting discount code COLSTB

Heritage Open Day

We did have some tentative hopes of opening up for the day on the 18th September for the first time in 2 years, but while most of society can now open up, for all other healthcare settings - including the College -there are strict rules on visiting the premises, including the use of appropriate PPE and the need to test.

This means that although we would love to be able to welcome you back to the College, we cannot do so just now.

Thank you for your understanding.

