

# The Window

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## Anglican-Lutheran Society celebrates change and growth at its Annual General Meeting held on March 16

Change and growth were themes of the Anglican-Lutheran Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held Saturday, March 16 at the Swedish Church in London. Some 30 people enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Swedish congregation throughout the meetings which began with coffee at 11am and ended with coffee at 4pm. In between were a Eucharist, lunch, the business meeting, a stimulating talk by the Rev Paul Oppenheim of Hannover, Germany and opportunity to meet old and new friends.

An additional attraction at the church was an exhibition of paintings by Swedish artist Lennart Forsling. He paints landscapes in the snow and ice of Nordic winters, doing all his work in the open air.

### Gillian Court reports

Gillian Court, who is co-editor of *The Window*, reports on the day's activities. Pastor Lennart Sjöström welcomed us and led a Eucharist according to the Swedish rite. The theme of the service was the bread of life. Pastor Ronald

Englund spoke briefly on the origin of the hymns sung during the worship. The collection was given to Lutherhjälpen, a Swedish agency like Christian Aid.

After a traditional Swedish lunch which was provided by the congregation, the Rev Flora Winfield, Anglican co-moderator of the Society, chaired the AGM. Valerie Phillips, secretary, read greetings from our presidents: the Rt Rev David Tustin, Bishop of Grimsby, England, and the Rt Rev Erik Vikström, Bishop of Porvoo (Borgå), Finland.

As the minutes of the 1995 AGM had been inadvertently lost when our former secretary moved to Canada, members were provided with a written *aide mémoire* of that meeting and invited to comment on any omissions and inaccuracies. Members discussed ways of increasing membership.

The Rev Brian Coleman, treasurer, presented the audited accounts for 1995. He said that he was "cautious but confident" about the Society's financial position. (The Society had £1,239.44 in its UK account and \$1,262.13 in its US account at the end of 1995.) The officers

have found no need to increase the annual membership fee for the time being.

The co-moderators tabled a written report for the past year. It included news of the international membership of the Society, *The Window*, Nordic hymn services and services to commemorate the 450th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther, preparations for the 1997 conference of the Society, bookselling and fundraising.

Marianne Haig (Lutheran), Valerie Phillips (Anglican) and the Rev Volkmar Latossek (Lutheran) were ratified as new members of the Society's Committee. The next AGM will be held on March 8, 1997.

### Paul Oppenheim speaks

Our guest speaker was Oberkirchenrat Paul Oppenheim of Hannover, Germany, who is co-secretary of the Meissen Commission. He spoke with warmth and humour about the "mutual fascination" which exists between members of the Church of England and those of the Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (EKD). He said that differences between us are rooted in culture, church life and tradition rather than in fundamentals of faith and that, while those differences are deep, the dialogue would be dull without them.

At a more local level there are still mutual misunderstandings about the nature of our churches. It tends to be assumed in Germany, for example, that all Anglicans are automatically in the Protestant tradition. For the Anglicans, he explained that the EKD is a federation of Lutheran, Reformed and United churches.

Ok Oppenheim highlighted the stress placed by Anglicans on the historic episcopate for the unity of the church, while Lutherans stress the Confessions as the basis. This difficult question was *continued on page 2*



The Rev Lennart Sjöström, pastor of the Swedish Church in London, presided at the Eucharist which began the Annual General Meeting of the Anglican-Lutheran Society on Saturday, March 16. An English translation of the liturgy of the Church of Sweden was used in the celebration which included traditional Swedish hymns sung in English. (Photo by Alan Symes)

## Bishops Tustin, Vikström send greetings

Special greetings from the presidents of the Anglican-Lutheran Society were read at the Annual General Meeting at the Swedish Church on March 16.

The Rt Rev David Tustin, Anglican Bishop of Grimsby, England, wrote:

"I am sorry that another engagement in Grimsby prevents me from joining you at this year's Annual General Meeting. I am greatly encouraged to hear how membership of the Anglican-Lutheran Society is steadily increasing. Considerable public interest is likely to be aroused by this autumn's celebrations of the Porvoo Agreement, and I hope that this can be channelled into active support for building an ever wider network of committed Anglican-Lutheran relationships. Members of this society are well placed to support this process with locally based twinning links, with personal friendships and with accurate information about one another's churches. I do send my warmest encouragement to all our members to be fully and actively involved in this very fruitful strand within the broader ecumenical movement."

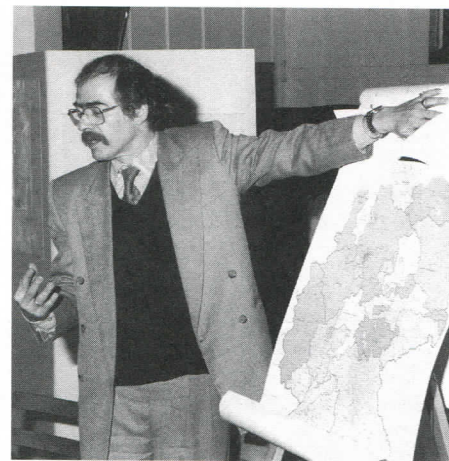
The Rt Rev Erik Vikström, Lutheran Bishop of Porvoo (Borgå), Finland, wrote:

"I am glad to be able to send my greetings to all Anglican-Lutheran friends gathered at the Annual General Meeting. I would like to draw your

attention to two different symbols. The first is the little cross on the very top of the Porvoo Cathedral. You can see it on the front page of the Porvoo Declaration booklet. It is a cross with the thorny crown of Christ. Isn't that a beautiful symbol of the crucified love of God, our Father! That cross high on the roof illustrates Christ's own promise that he will draw all men to himself when he is lifted up from the earth. Let us commit ourselves to that crucified love - in this holy time of Lent! Let us lift Him high!

"The other symbol that came to my mind is the triangle. That is, of course, the symbol of the Trinity. We have it also in the western wall of the same cathedral - a big triangle with a very big cross in it. But in our Anglican-Lutheran Society we are living with another triangle. I think about the English - Nordic/Baltic - German aspect that is at the core of our fellowship. Let us remember this threefold aspect that goes with us always. We need each other together with fresh insights from the USA, Africa and other places. Each corner in this special triangle has something important to contribute. We have to strengthen those three connections in order to contribute still more to Christ's Church worldwide."

Although Bishops Vikström and Tustin are actively involved in the work of the Society, neither was able to attend this year's Annual General Meeting.



Oberkirchenrat Paul Oppenheim of Hannover explains the complicated structure of the Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (Protestant Church in Germany), at the Annual General Meeting of the Anglican-Lutheran Society. (Photo by Alan Symes)

## Report of annual meeting

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discussed at the theological conference which brought him to England in time for our meeting. He commented that German Lutherans had been surprised by the emphasis laid on the historic episcopate in the Porvoo Agreement. He referred also to the very different way in which English Anglicans and German Lutherans talk about the nation state.

Visible unity has however already begun, he said, for members of the Commission centre their discussions in shared prayer and celebration of the eucharist. He was delighted that two members of the EKD had been invited to a meeting of the General Synod of the Church of England in 1995 and that member churches of the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland were represented for the first time at the Kirchentag last year. He reported that our churches exchange papers and read each other's documents. EKD students also come to England to study theology.

On the way to the AGM, my eye was caught by a large American flag flying outside a shop called "Shaker", opposite the Swedish Church. Afterwards I went to investigate. It sells reproduction artefacts of this 18th century Quaker revival community. I found a delightful musical box which plays a form of what we know as "Lord of the Dance". Apparently it was originally a Shaker song. My fellow passengers on the underground home had a taste of the day's ecumenical activities.



Three members of the Anglican-Lutheran Society Committee, new since the last Annual General Meeting, were ratified during the business session on March 16. They are, from the left, Marianne Haig, a Lutheran from the Swedish Church in London; the Rev Volkmar Latossek, pastor of St Mary's German Lutheran Church, London; and Valerie Phillips, an Anglican lay reader in the Kimpton Parish, Hertfordshire, England. Mrs Phillips is also a member of the German Lutheran congregation in St Alban's. (Photo by Alan Symes)

# The ALS during the past 12 months: Co-Moderators' Report

given by the Rev Ronald T Englund and the Rev Flora Winfield at the AGM on March 16, 1996

## Introduction

Change and growth marked the year 1995 for the Anglican-Lutheran Society. All but one member of the Society's Committee are new since the last Annual General Meeting (AGM). We have a host of new members and contacts. We are experimenting with new opportunities to fulfill our three official aims: to promote a wider interest in and knowledge of our respective traditions and to study contemporary developments within them; to develop opportunities for common worship, study, friendship and witness; and to encourage prayer for the unity of the Church, especially between Anglicans and Lutherans.

## The ALS Committee

The only member of the Society's Committee who is not new to the job is Brian Coleman, treasurer. Paul Williams, who was secretary at the last AGM, has moved to Canada. The present officers are: Anglicans - Flora Winfield (co-moderator), Brian Coleman (treasurer) and Valerie Phillips (secretary); Lutherans - Ronald Englund (co-moderator), Marianne Haig and Volkmar Latossek. We are grateful to our continuing presidents who are actively involved in our work: Erik Vikström, Lutheran Bishop of Porvoo (Borgå), Finland; and David Tustin, Anglican Bishop of Grimsby, England.

The Committee has met three times since our last AGM: June 8 and September 14, 1995; and February 1, 1996 (meeting postponed from December 7, 1995). The information in this report reflects discussion and decisions by the Committee.

## How British and how international?

The Committee is trying to work out a balance between focusing on Anglican-Lutheran concerns in Great Britain and trying to cover the entire world. Seventy percent of our members live in the United Kingdom and our office is in London. With the Porvoo Agreement between British and Irish Anglicans and Nordic and Baltic Lutherans being celebrated in 1996, there is much interest in Anglican-Lutheran matters. It was five years ago that the Meissen Agreement was signed between the "Evangelischen" (Protestant) Churches

in Germany and the Church of England. The implementation of these historic documents continues. With the Lutheran Church little-known in the UK, it seems appropriate to provide books and other information in English not generally available in Britain and Ireland.

Yet there are exciting and important developments between Lutherans and Anglicans taking place in other parts of the world. In 1997, Lutherans and Episcopalians (Anglicans) in the United States will vote on a Concordat of Agreement which would bring them into full communion. With 20 percent of our members in the USA, we want to report their news as well as sharing news internationally. We invite members and friends to make suggestions for our role as a small society, with volunteer staff, with enormous possibilities for promoting the Society's aims.

## Membership

Membership growth and building a higher profile of the Society is one of the Committee's priorities. We set a goal of 150 members by the end of 1995 and fell short by only three members. Our paid membership total has now reached 177 and we hope to top the 200 mark in the next few months. The membership breakdown by countries: UK 122 (70 percent of total); USA 36; Germany 6; Sweden 2; Finland 2; France 2; one each from Belgium, Denmark, Jamaica, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland. We especially encourage group memberships from national and regional churches, parishes, boards, institutions and other organizations. Our membership now includes 15 groups as follows: UK 9; USA 4; and one each from Sweden and Switzerland.

Because the Society depends so much on its modest membership subscriptions, the Committee decided to keep careful membership records. Membership includes only those who have paid their fees for 1995 or 1996. We expect many renewals of membership from those who paid in 1995, as well as many more new members this year.

The number of members in each country shows how much needs to be done to help the Society to grow. There is considerable scope for membership growth everywhere, but especially in the

Nordic and Baltic countries, as well as in Germany. Letters of invitation to join, sent to all US bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church, continue to bear fruit. We hope to continue to grow in North America. We also hope that more lay people will join the Society and play an increasing role in its work. We are not for the clergy only.

## Our newsletter, *The Window*

Our chief means of communication with our members and others throughout the world is our quarterly newsletter, *The Window*. Five issues have been produced since the last AGM. The response to our new format and emphasis on news of coming events has been enthusiastic. Happily we now receive more news than we can publish. Gillian Court and Ronald Englund edit *The Window* with help from lots of members and friends.

We print about 500 copies of each issue and most of them are used. Besides mailing to members, we also send to the press and other multipliers. One encouraging development is to see how the church press and multipliers, like Lutheran World Information, reprint news from *The Window*. A small number of courtesy copies are sent to church leaders.

Members are encouraged to ask for a supply of the newsletter and brochure to distribute to others. We are generous in sending promotional mailings or making our material available at meetings. All this helps to make the Society better known.

## Special services

Six special services were organized by the Society since the last AGM. Nordic hymn services were held September 17 (St Leonard's Anglican Church, Streatham, London) and November 12 (Westminster Abbey). Four other services were held at the Lutheran Church of St Anne and St Agnes in the City of London: a Choral Mass featuring a contemporary mass in Estonian by Urmas Sisask on October 28; and three services to commemorate the 450th anniversary of Martin Luther's death in February 1996 - a version of Luther's

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## Co-Moderators' report

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*Deutsche Messe* by Peter Lea-Cox on February 4 (Brian Coleman preached); a Luther hymn service led by Ronald Englund on February 11; and a Bach Vespers on February 18 (Volkmar Latossek preached). Ronald Englund also wrote and presented a programme on Luther's hymns for the BBC World Service series, "In Praise of God", on February 18. We are grateful to Nordic and Baltic congregations in London for financial support: Estonian, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish. We are also grateful to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hannover, Germany, for financial support for the Luther services.

All six special services were well-received and the Society hopes to plan more events including many outside of London. We await more requests to advise or help or participate in services to help celebrate the Porvoo Declaration or the Meissen Agreement.

### International conferences

Every other year the Society plans an international conference. "Facing Full Communion" was the theme of a successful conference held March 23-25, 1995 at St Mary's Anglican Church, Putney, London. Some 40 attended the sessions which centred on the Porvoo Declaration. Papers were presented by Professor Lars Österlin of Lund, Sweden; Dr Eugene Brand of the Lutheran World Federation, Geneva; Professor Ola Tjørhom of Stavanger, Norway; and Dr Colin Podmore of London.

The Committee is working on plans for the 1997 conference which may be held in Norway.

### Bookselling

The Society sells books on Anglican-Lutheran relationships plus a few books in English on Luther and the Lutheran Church. This is primarily a service to people who may not know about these books or be able to get them easily. The Society makes a small profit on these sales. Books are advertised in *The Window* and sold by post. They are also on sale at the Society's events.

### Fundraising

In order to develop our newsletter and cover other costs of special services and events, the Society needs support from

various sources. The sharp increase in our gathering and sharing of information has also increased the costs of postage, telephone and office supplies. The Nordic and Baltic congregations in London gave generous support in 1995 for special services of music from their countries. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hannover gave us a grant of DM2,000 (nearly £900 or US\$1,375) to support our three Luther anniversary services, for general promotion of the Society and for the reprinting of our membership brochure. This has been a boon to our work and we are grateful to all who have given and to those who will be giving support in 1996.

British pianist Andrew Wilde will give a benefit recital for the Society and for St Anne's Lutheran Church at St Anne and St Agnes in London on March 21. The Society hopes to receive sufficient funds from this recital to support a fifth issue of *The Window* in 1996 or to support a special six-page issue. We hope to plan other musical events for the benefit of the Society.

A number of individuals give special gifts, some of them covenanted (a British tax arrangement whereby a registered charity gets a tax return on gifts from individuals and groups). We encourage members and friends to support the Anglican-Lutheran Society with special gifts. We are confident that generous support will continue.

### Conclusion

The presidents and committee are grateful to those who have served the Society in years past, especially to the co-moderators who retired from their posts at the last AGM, in March 1995: Jonathan Draper (Anglican) and Walter Jagucki (Lutheran). We are grateful to Colin Podmore of the Church of England's Council for Christian Unity for his advice and encouragement.

We are also grateful for the enthusiasm and support of many people around the world. As newcomers to the leadership of the Anglican-Lutheran Society we are still finding our way. Thank you for your patience with us. May God continue to bless our efforts together as we seek to play our role in building closer links between Lutherans and Anglicans.

*Ronald T Englund and Flora Winfield are the Lutheran and Anglican Co-Moderators of the Society.*

## Society's membership at new high of 188

Membership in the Anglican-Lutheran Society has increased by one-third in 1996, to a new high of 188, as this issue of *The Window* goes to press. There were 142 paid-up members at the end of 1995. In less than three months, 46 new members have joined the Society.

The last issue of our newsletter asked: "Will we have more than 200 members by the end of this year?" We could top the 200 mark by the end of April.

Individual membership is UK£12 a year (US\$20 or 30 German marks). Group membership (churches, boards, parishes, etc.) is UK£25 a year (US\$40 or 45 German marks). Group members receive five copies of *The Window*. You may send new membership subscriptions to the appropriate person listed below.

The Rev Brian Coleman, ALS treasurer, invites members to renew their 1996 fees in the first half of this year. Send both new and renewal fees to him at 18 Vicarage Gate, Onslow Village, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5QJ.

New and renewal membership fees in US dollars may be sent to the Rt Rev Cyril M Wismar, 342 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, CT 06031, USA. Payments in German marks may be sent to Gudrun Kaper, An Owl's Barn, Birkenstraße 70, D-71155 Altdorf, Germany.

The ALS office will send you, free of charge, copies of brochures and samples of newsletters for promotion. Please ask.

## Rusama to help in Finland

The Rev Dr Jaakko Rusama, who recently returned to Helsinki after three years as director of the Finnish Institute in London, is the new correspondent of the Anglican-Lutheran Society in Finland. He has much experience in ecumenical affairs and the Society welcomes his help. His address: Porintie 2 D 53, 00350 Helsinki, Finland. His telephone and fax: +358 0 557928.

## Englund to visit Minnesota

The Rev Ronald Englund, ALS co-moderator, will attend the meeting of the Lutheran-Episcopal Dialogue of Minnesota at St Mary's Episcopal Church, St Paul, Thursday, 11 April at 7pm. This is the oldest Episcopal-Lutheran dialogue group in the USA.



History was made at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on March 7 when a Norwegian Lutheran bishop took part in the consecration of an Anglican, the Rev Canon Christopher Hill, who is the new Bishop of Stafford. The Porvoo Agreement between Lutherans and Anglicans made it possible for the Rt Rev Andreas Aarflot, Bishop of Oslo (second from left), to participate. In the photo, from left: Bishop Tord Harlin of Uppsala, Sweden; Bishop Aarflot; the Rev Colin Fletcher, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Chaplain (partly hidden); Bishop Emeritus Sigisbert Kraft of the Old Catholic Church in Germany; the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey; Bishop Emeritus Teun Horstman of Haarlem, Netherlands (behind), representing the Union of Utrecht; Bishop Hill; and Bishop Keith Sutton of the Diocese of Lichfield. (Photo courtesy of the Anglican Consultative Council)

## Lutheran seminary in USA provides joint course for ordination to Episcopalians and Lutherans

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California, USA, provides a theological education for students pursuing an alternate route to the ordained ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and in the Los Angeles Diocese of the Episcopal Church.

The course, started in 1991, is for people serving in local parishes who are not ordained. Students may pursue their three years of theological studies without having to give up their regular positions in the church.

The classes are taught by the seminary faculty from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (Anglican) and other seminaries related to the Graduate Theological Union in Claremont, California. They cover Biblical, historical and practical fields.

Class time is integrated with a mentoring system in which each student is assigned a pastor or priest as tutor. In the case of the Episcopal students, one academic tutor, the Rev Carmen Guerrero, Hispanic Missioner to the diocese, and several parish priest tutors assist them with field work over the three-year period of the programme.

Lutheran and Episcopal students worship and live in a community setting while on campus and take most classes

together. The exceptions are with courses on polity, church doctrine and liturgy which are taught by professors from the respective traditions.

All students receive a certificate of completion from the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. The Anglican students add one year of theological studies on site taught by faculty of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley. Internships (curacies) in parish settings and pastoral clinical work may also be required.

The Rev Dr Edmond Yee, director of Multi-Cultural Ministry at PLTS, supervises the programme. Local southern California assistance comes from the Rev Dr Roger Rogahn.

## Meissen conference held

Some 20 theologians from the Church of England and the churches of the Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (EKD) discussed the episcopacy at a conference March 17-22 at the Emmaus Conference Centre, West Wickham, Kent, England. The theme was "Episkope in the history, theology and practice of our churches, and in the future we share." The conference, which came out of the Meissen Agreement signed five years ago, looks forward to more discussions on this subject.

## Porvoo celebrations set for three regions

Three official signings and celebrations of the Porvoo Agreement, linking four Anglican churches in Great Britain and Ireland with eight Lutheran churches in the Nordic and Baltic countries, will be held later this year.

The first will be Sunday, September 1, at 6pm at the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim, Norway. The second will be the evening of Sunday, September 8, at the Toomkirik (St Mary's Cathedral), Tallinn, Estonia. The third will be Thursday, November 28, at 7pm at Westminster Abbey, London.

The Porvoo Declaration is named after the place in Finland where it was approved and sent to the churches involved for discussion and approval. Among other things, it welcomes members to receive the sacraments in the others' churches, allows for exchanges of clergy and invites one another's bishops to take part in the laying on of hands at the ordination of bishops as a sign of the unity and continuity of the church.

All four Anglican churches endorsed the Porvoo Declaration: the Church of England, Church of Ireland, Scottish Episcopal Church and Church of Wales.

Six of the Lutheran churches have also endorsed it: the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania, the Church of Norway and the Church of Sweden.

On January 16, the synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia voted 76-73 to postpone a decision on Porvoo. All arguments for and against were to be submitted by March 16 and a decision will be made later this year.

The Church of Denmark decided in August of last year not to sign Porvoo.

## New post for Dr Rusch

The Rev Dr William G Rusch will become director of the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA in New York City on April 1. He is well-known in Anglican-Lutheran circles for his years as director of the Department of Ecumenical Affairs of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## Blackburn and Brunswick to form link on May 5

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brunswick (Braunschweig), Germany and the Anglican Diocese of Blackburn, England, will sign a formal document at a choral evensong at Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday, May 5, at 4pm. Landesbischof Christian Krause of Braunschweig and Bishop Alan Chesters of Blackburn, together with other representatives of the two churches, will sign the document. Bishop Krause will preach at the historic service.

The service will highlight a visit by eight delegates from Braunschweig to Blackburn from May 3-8. Oberlandeskirchenrat Peter Kollmar is overseeing the development of the link for the German church.

The document, in the spirit of the Meissen Agreement, will establish a formal link for five years and may be extended. It includes promises to pray regularly for each other, to join together in worship as fully as the canons of the churches permit, to exchange visits and information, to share in Bible study and theological reflection and to discuss lifestyles, Christian witness and matters of justice and peace.

The Rev Philip Atack of Appley Bridge, near Wigan, England, who chairs the Braunschweig Link Group for the Blackburn Diocese, reports that informal discussions began in 1994, followed by delegations from each church visiting the other church.

Future plans for the link include choir visits by three English parish choirs to Braunschweig this summer and a visit by ten junior clergy later in the year.

## Apologies to Norway!

An editing error in *The Window* (no.47) placed a church in Oslo in the Stavanger Cathedral! We apologize to Norway and to the Rev Patrick Irwin, a British Army chaplain, who has served Lutherans. The sentence, which tells of his tour of Norway, should have read: "In Stavanger Cathedral, dedicated to an English saint, Swithun, I administered the sacrament at the Sunday Eucharist with a congregation of five hundred and no less than ten hymns! In Oslo I preached and administered the sacrament at the Sunday Eucharist in the Royal Chapel at Akerhus Castle."

## Norwegian and Swedish Lutheran clergy to visit Anglican dioceses of Winchester and Lincoln

Pastors from the Church of Norway and the Church of Sweden will visit the Anglican dioceses of Winchester and Lincoln of the Church of England during April. These visits are examples of the growing links between Nordic Lutherans and British Anglicans following the Porvoo Declaration.

The Rev Tormod Wasbø of Stavanger, Norway, is to visit the Winchester Diocese during Holy Week and Easter and the Rev Eva Noréus of Uppsala, Sweden, will visit the Lincoln Diocese from April 15-29.

The Rt Rev Dr Geoffrey Rowell, Anglican Bishop of Basingstoke (Diocese of Winchester), explains that Winchester has a historical link with Stavanger because the first Bishop of Stavanger was Reginald or Reinald, a monk of Winchester. He took with him to Stavanger an arm of Saint Swithun and from that developed a cult of St Swithun in Stavanger. The Norwegian Church there still celebrates Saint Swithun's Days which, for them, occur towards the end of June. There are still a number of schools and other institutions in Stavanger which bear the name of Swithun for this historical reason.

Bishop Rowell continues: "Although the Diocese of Stavanger is twinned with the Diocese of Carlisle, there has been some link between Stavanger and Winchester Cathedral. Following my visit for Saint Swithun's Days in Stavanger last year, I proposed to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester that one way of taking forward the link in the light of the Porvoo Agreement was to think in terms of a "Visiting Canonry" at the Cathedral to be named, perhaps, the Saint Swithun's Canonry. This would enable someone from Stavanger, or perhaps more widely from the Nordic churches, to come and spend a time in Winchester, linked with the Cathedral. We are still exploring some such possibility but were glad to seize the opportunity of Pastor Wasbø's visit, when he specifically asked to see something of the life of a cathedral during Holy Week. Pastor Wasbø is a liturgist with close links to the Stavanger Cathedral. He is spending two weeks before his Winchester visit at St Stephen's House in Oxford.

"It is our hope that, as a sign of the

Porvoo Agreement, Tormod Wasbø would concelebrate the Maundy Thursday Eucharist in the Cathedral with the Chapter."

Following his visit to the Diocese of Winchester, Pastor Wasbø will spend some time in the Diocese of Carlisle.

Later in April, Canon Eva Noréus assistant to Bishop Tord Harlin of Uppsala, Sweden, will visit the Diocese of Lincoln. The Ven Roderick Wells, Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey, who will be host to Pastor Noréus, has planned a full programme which includes many aspects of the church's life and mission. She will visit parochial church councils, meet with groups concerned with diocesan finance, the care of churches, post-ordination training, child protection policy, industrial mission, youth work, team ministry and clergy housing. She will even meet with a group of rural deans who will discuss the management of time!

In addition, Pastor Noréus will preach at mattins at Lincoln Cathedral on Sunday, April 21 and spend a weekend in an urban priority parish. Her itinerary lists April 29 as the day to "travel home to recover!!"

The Lincoln Diocese has close links with the Church of Sweden, with many visitors going from one church to the other. There will be 18 members of the Bishop's Council from Uppsala in the

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