

SCP Membership

Membership is open to all bishops and priests who:

- believe that the churches of the Anglican Communion are part of the one holy and catholic and apostolic church;
- are in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury;
- believe that as a witness to the universal nature of the priesthood of Christ, that the church should ordain to serve as deacons, priests and bishops in the church of God, all those whom the church discerns as being called by God to such offices regardless of ethnicity, gender, disability or sexual orientation;
- believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist;
- use and practise the seven sacraments of the Church.
- we welcome deacons to our meetings!

Rule of Life

Members of the Society are committed to the following rule of life:

- the Daily Office
- Eucharistic centred spirituality
- use of a Spiritual Director
- use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- prayer for the sisters and brothers of the Society
- offering confidential pastoral care of each other.

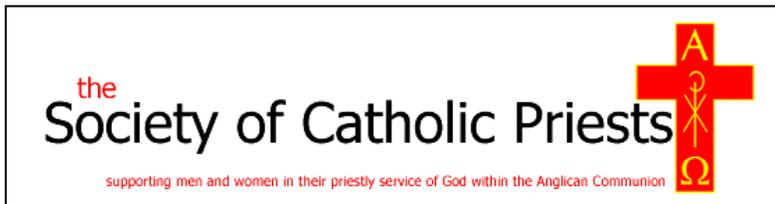
SCP Prayer

**Father, we thank you that you have called us to your service,
to feed your people by word and sacrament.**

By the power of your Spirit,

keep us faithful to you and to those in our care.

**Keep united in the bonds of peace and love the members of
our Society, that by sharing Christ's priesthood here on earth
we may come to share in the joys of his eternal kingdom,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



GUILDFORD CHAPTER - 2022

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The Society of Catholic Priests is a federation of Anglican Chapters working in dioceses across the UK, Europe and internationally. In our Guildford Chapter we meet at least six times a year, often for a concelebrated Eucharist, followed by a time of fellowship and discussion.

Do you need a new SCP badge?

No worries! Just email our Treasurer Christopher and he will get one ordered for you!

SCP GUILDFORD – Your Chapter, Your Voice, Your Society!

Dear friends in Christ,

In the past week we have said farewell to Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the South African activist who campaigned for human rights and brought international attention to apartheid. He was Bishop of Johannesburg from 1985 to 1986, and Archbishop of Cape Town from 1986 to 1996. I briefly met Archbishop Desmond Tutu 20 years ago at The College of the Transfiguration Grahamstown, where I was on placement as part of my theological preparation. His sermon was energetic – and long! Clearly theological education was close to his heart, and he enthused the congregation with his inclusive message of hope. At the dinner afterwards, he worked the room, chatting to all the students and staff, before he disappeared. Quite by chance I popped into the kitchen where I found Desmond, at the sink, washing up. “Will you join me brother.” He said with a wry smile. “If you don’t mind!” I replied, quickly picking up a tea towel. He smiled and a theological conversation followed, amongst the soap suds. I tried not to look too closely at the plates that were far from clean, but he delighted everyone in the room. Afterwards, one of the kitchen team told me that she had met the Archbishop before, once again in the kitchen, where he insisted on helping. “He always makes sure he has met the staff. We are important too, but he won’t do me out of my job with those dirty plates!” Archbishop Desmond understood the importance of everyone, and pastorally sought inclusion for all. He sought reconciliation, lived-out a ministry of service, sacrifice and suffering too – he was counter cultural and his inclusive heart burst with a desire for justice. He will be missed; and we still have a lot to learn from him.

I would suggest that 2022 should be the year of reconciliation, the ‘new normal,’ when we seek renewal in the life of our churches, chaplaincies, and religious contexts. But I don’t underestimate the challenge we face for the Gospel. We may feel weary and perhaps worried about finance, attendances and so much more. Covid has accelerated changes that were, in many ways, already happening and change is all around us. Injustice also lurks within wider society – and within the church some feel unloved or unlovely. As leaders, we can also feel like civil servants, especially in a small context that can’t afford paid administration. What would Archbishop Tutu speak into these challenging times? I believe he would direct us towards pastoral ministry and encourage us to gather faithfully as sacramental people to share our hopes and fears, to pray and support one another, to love and challenge each other as we look to serve, and not to be served. Perhaps we need to discover a theology of

washing dishes! I pray that our SCP chapter can be the shot in the arm that we need here in Guildford Diocese, resourcing ourselves as Christ-centred priests who live out our call to service in the real world where theology takes place.

Friends, you are loved and cherished, needed and wanted, as the person God has called you to be, for the building-up of His kingdom. May God bless your work in the Lord’s service this 2022, and I look forward to catching-up with you on the great feast of Candlemas at Guildford Cathedral and dinner afterwards.

Every blessing and prayer, in Christ, Father Damian Harrison-Miles.

SCP GUILDFORD MEETINGS DURING 2022

Feb: Choral Eucharist for Candlemas, Guildford Cathedral
Wednesday 2 February, 7pm, Guildford Cathedral, GU7 7UP.
Followed by Spring Social at Cote Brasserie, 35 Castle St, Guildford, GU1 3UQ – *reserve your space with Louise in advance.*

March: St James’ Church, Weybridge
Tuesday 29 March, 12:00 – parking in Churchfields Car Park, KT13 8DE. Eucharist followed by conversation and lunch nearby.

June: Willow Grange, Guildford
with the Rt Revd Andrew Watson, Bishop of Guildford.
Tuesday 14 June, 12noon – Willow Grange, Woking Rd, Jacob’s Well, Guildford, GU4 7QS. Eucharist followed lunch.

July: St Mary’s Church, Thorpe
Thursday 21 July, 7:30pm, Church Approach, Egham, TW20 8TQ.
Eve of the feast of Mary Magdalene *concelebrated Festival Eucharist (white stole)*
Followed by Supper & AGM.

September: Guildford Cathedral
Tuesday 27 September, 12noon. The Lady Chapel, Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP. Discussion and lunch in Seasons.

November: location tba
Wednesday, 16 November, 7:30pm – tba,
followed by conversation and food.