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Compass Rose parish, St Luke's Church Germantown, Philadelphia, USA, at Christmas. A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND PEACE AT THE NEW YEAR to you all. God bless us all, everyone!

A letter from the President

Dear friends,

What wonderful memories we have from our Annual Meeting in London and the study trip to Salisbury. Among the highlights of the Annual Meeting were the reports from the Secretary General outlining some of his work this past year, a fascinating lecture by the Revd Nadim Nassar - guest speaker, comparing and contrasting Christianity and Islam; a report on the successful mission trip to Mexico and the election of new board members. We welcome to the board Bishop Victoria Matthews, The Reverend Canon Brenda Husson and Mrs. Janie Stevens.

The service of Compline co led by Bishop Colin Johnson and Bishop Peter Lee with a homily offered by Reverend Rick Lord was a delightful end to the dinner at Lambeth Palace hosted by the Archbishop and Mrs. Williams.

The study trip to Salisbury Cathedral complete with choral evensong led by the outstanding girls and boys choir, lectures on the history of Salisbury and the Sarum Use gave great insight into this significant part of our Anglican World.

Canon Jim Rosenthal and Board Member Elliott Holman assured a very smooth and pleasant experience for all.

Mission and study trips help provide the heartbeat for the Compass Rose Society. I encourage you to think very



Bishop Poole at the Lambeth Palace Meeting
Photo by Norris Battin

seriously about experiencing one. The board is considering mission trips in 2008 to one of Haiti, Cairo or the Canadian North. We are truly fortunate to have the opportunity to experience the church in very unique and challenged situations.

I am deeply grateful to each of you for your past and current support of the Compass Rose Society. Without you much we have accomplished would be impossible.

Please continue to pray for our Anglican Communion and particularly for our Brothers and Sisters who struggle to be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in situations of extreme poverty and enormous conflict. Know that this comes with my prayers and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
**The Right Reverend Philip Poole,
President, Compass Rose Society**

The London General Meeting Propels Compass Rose Forward

A summary by Sonja Krastman with attribution to The Very Reverend Richard A Lord

The Annual General Meeting of the Compass Rose Society was officially called to order by the Rt. Reverend Philip Poole, President of the Society and Suffragan Bishop of the Dioceses of Toronto on October 3rd. The program included a summary of the accomplishments for the year as well as presentations by our finance, communications and mission committees including a slide show presentation of the Compass Rose Mission Trip to Mexico by the Reverend Daphne Grimes of Thomas the Apostle Center in Cody, Wyoming. Punctuating the 1st day was a dynamic presentation by the Revd Nadim Nassar, the only Anglican

Bishop of Syria and founder of The Trinity Foundation who reminded us, through inspired words, not to forget that at the center of the Anglican Communion is Jesus Christ...not politics or biblical interpretation...but Our Lord and Savior. As a microcosm that supports the strength of the mission of the Anglican Communion through our mission work, The Compass Rose Society was eager to absorb and take forth that reminder.

Since its inception in the mid 1990's, the membership of the Compass Rose Society has grown to exceed 270 members in 8 countries in the world. The Society con-

tinues to make a significant difference in the life of the International Anglican Communion providing the third largest source of funding, behind the United States and England, for the Anglican Consultative Council's work.

At this year's meeting, Rt. Revd Poole shared that to date the Compass Rose Society has provided almost six million dollars in funding for a variety of ministry projects within the Anglican Communion.

Some that were reported include:

- A church built in Ponte Vedra Spain

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The Group at Lambeth Palace. Photo: Rosenthal

- **Microbanks established to assist women in providing income for their families in both Tanzania and the Diocese of the Highveld.**
- **Ministry made available to those with HIV/AIDS.**
- **Support for the work of the Diocese in Jerusalem.**
- **Support to Anglican Consultative Council in communicating both the hard work being done and the real stories of tragic situations that still need support.**

The Compass Rose Society was also thanked for supporting the vision of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the area of theological education by providing 25 sets of theological textbooks to seminaries in need throughout the Anglican Communion.

Always a highlight of the Annual Gen-

eral meeting is a visit and dinner at Lambeth Palace hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Jane Williams in the Guard Room. Prior to dinner, the Archbishop spoke to the Compass Rose Society at a private audience in the Palace's 13th century crypt. Here Archbishop Rowan shared an overview of his ministry since our last meeting twelve months ago. He acknowledged "that it has been an extremely difficult and taxing twelve months with tension and uncertainty of all sorts within the communion and indeed with our own Church of England." Yet Archbishop Rowan also expressed his belief that God did not create us to avoid difficult occasions. What continually moves him is seeing many laboring extremely hard to listen to God, listen to one another and pray intensely and passionately for God's will to

be done - and praying for some way of staying in godly and constructive relationship with each other. He reminded us that the Anglican Communion is coming to birth in many parts of the world, and it helps him to remember in the words of St. Paul, that "we do not yet see what we shall be." He spoke of seeing the Anglican Church being "birthed" or "born again," in places like Angola and most recently in the lower 9th Ward of New Orleans where he blessed a new Episcopal congregation brought together by tragedy and now united in their commitment to make God's love visible in that emerging community.

Rowan answered a number of written questions submitted by members of the Society ranging from the recent Joint Standing Committee's Report on the response of the Episcopal Church to the questions of the Primates articulated at their meeting in Dar es Salaam, to what he enjoys doing beyond the intense demands of his office such as playing with his 11 year old son. Though he has had to lead our Communion through unimaginable difficulties, one is immediately impressed by his demeanor: prayerful, genuine, humorous, and engaged. The evening concluded with a Compline service in the Archbishop's Chapel with a thoughtful homily honoring the Feast of St. Francis by the Very Reverend Rick Lord of the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna, Virginia.

Compass Rose Society – Lecture by Canon Mark Bonney on the "Sarum Rite" The Rev. Richard A. Lord

On Saturday, October 6th, Compass Rose Members listened to a lecture on the history and legacy of the "Sarum Use" given by The Rev. Canon Mark Bonney, the Canon Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral.

Canon Bonney emphasized that worship is at the very heart of everything done at the Cathedral and has been from the beginning of its life and mission. Forms and patterns have changed throughout the centuries, but the pulsating heart of the *opus Dei* (work of God) remains clearly at the center.

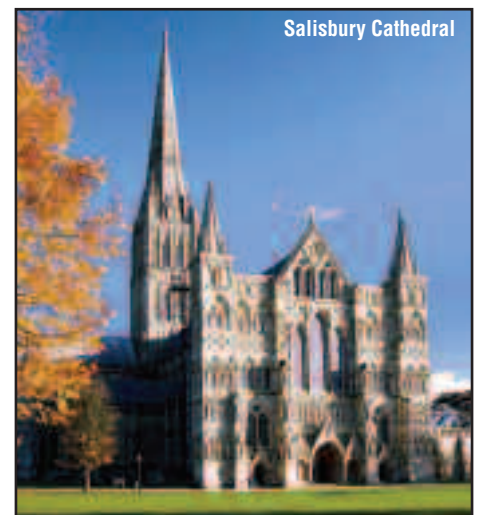
Noting that we live in a very different world from that of our medieval ancestors, Canon Bonney reminded us that the great overarching story, the Gospel we proclaim through worship and liturgy, still reaches out very strongly and touches people deeply. Salisbury's liturgy and worship continue to draw and attract and convert people. "We aim here to give glory to God" said Bonney, "and proclaim his love to the world through that first of all."

Canon Bonney reviewed the develop-

ment of the Sarum Rite following the Norman conquest of England which began in 1066. A Cathedral at Old Sarum was completed in 1092 under the leadership of Bishop Osmund, considered the Cathedral's founder.

Richard le Poore, Dean of Salisbury from 1198 to 1215 and Bishop of the Diocese from 1217 to 1228, was the person most instrumental in the development of the Sarum Use. It was Bishop Poore who laid down precise details of how the liturgy was performed, the seating arrangements, the routes of processions and the duties of all the personnel involved.

Under the episcopate of Richard le Poore, the see of Salisbury was transferred from Old Sarum to new Sarum in the early thirteenth century. The foundation stone of the present cathedral of new Sarum was laid in 1220, and it was consecrated by 1258, just 38 years later. The Sarum use became the most widespread liturgical use in England requiring various liturgical books, for the Mass, Pastoral Offices, Epis-



Salisbury Cathedral

copal Services, Calendar and Processions.

Canon Bonney showed slides of the early Cathedral and the variety of vestments in colors associated with the Sarum rite. Focusing on the present, Canon Bonney stated that when it comes to certain aspects of music and liturgy, the Cathedral sees itself as leading the way. That cer-

tainly has been the case when it comes to girl choristers singing in the regular round of Evensong and other services. Salisbury is the first English Cathedral to have girl choristers, a tradition that began in 1991. The girl and boy choristers are treated equally as far as the numbers of services they sing as well as their funding.

The liturgical processions that have made the Cathedral particularly well known are those for the festivals of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and Holy Week. One of the most popular services of the liturgical year is “The Advent Procession - From Darkness to Light” that begins in total darkness and silence as the Advent Candle is lit at the West end of the Cathedral. The service is a mix of music and readings, during which two great processions move around the entire Cathedral, and illuminated by the end, with almost 1300 candles. These festival liturgies provide significant mission opportunities for the Cathedral often attracting upwards of two thousand people. Canon Bonney stated, *“It’s difficult to know who is affected in what ways but I do believe they are an important part of our outreach. These are liturgies that deal with real human issues and touch people differently.”*

Canon Bonney concluded his lecture by noting the 750th Anniversary Celebration next year of the Cathedral’s consecration on the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, dating back to September 29th 1258. He concluded with a quote from a recent lecture by John Harper, current director of the Royal School of Church Music which makes reference to that consecration long ago:

The presence of the King as well as the Archbishop at that rite of consecration and dedication was a signal of the importance of this Cathedral Community, its building and its liturgy, as a new model for the Church in the 13th Century at a time of reform and new religious fervor. It’s no surprise then, that the influence and adoption of the use of Sarum became so widespread in the British Isles—a Jewel in the Diadem of late Medieval Latin Liturgy.

“Modestly and unpretentiously and for the service of the whole church” said Bonney, *“I think we try to keep up that level of innovation and excellence and try to keep it alive today.”*

For those of us who attended the Study Trip to Salisbury, that commitment to innovation and excellence was evident not only in the worship life of the Cathedral, but in the generous hospitality and vibrant witness of those who were are hosts. We left inspired and enriched in both mind and heart.

Salisbury Study Tour – A Visit to The English Cathedral

With contributions from Beverley Wood, Rick Lord and Sonja Krastman

Visiting Salisbury Cathedral is a pilgrimage to an icon for Christian worship. It is a place that preserves music, liturgy, art, and the artifacts of our traditions. Our study tour to Salisbury offered our 45 Compass Rose member participants an opportunity to experience the Cathedral’s mission of “hospitality, worship, community, education, and reconciliation.”

With its magnificent spire, the highest in the countryside for miles, one can’t help but be transformed by the courage, faith, belief and talents of those who were builders. The Cathedral church has been a place of worship and pilgrimage for nearly 800 years and the fact that it was built and completed from 1220 to 1258 (38 years) is astonishing to say the least. With its soaring pointed arches and slender columns Salisbury is unique in being built almost entirely of one architectural style—English Gothic.

In our Compass Rose exclusive study tour, we heard wonderful lectures from Robert Key, Member of Parliament; Bishop Stephen Conway, Canon Mark Bonney; the Dean, June Osborne and the Diocesan Bishop, David Stancliffe. Woven through their lectures was the underlying mission of the Cathedral to offer excellence in worship, faith to provide confidence, the importance of preserving the rich heritage of the Sarum Rite, (see accompanying article **Sarum Rite**) – all while moving concurrently to the prophetic edge of mission and reconciliation in the world. Their companion relationship with the Anglican Church of the Sudan is but one example. The Cathedral’s welcoming ministry is seen in the attention to those details that transforms visitors into pilgrims, and helps people comfortably inhabit sacred space so as to experience awe, wonder, generosity, and transformation.

Our Compass Rose pilgrims were blessed on two different nights with choral evensong sung by the boy and girl choristers under the direction of Mr. David Halls. Most agree it is a sound and experience we will not quickly forget. And as we all sat at dinner at the Cathedral, peering through the glass ceiling above us at the magnificently lit spire - far too heavy for its foundation – the words Robert Keys was sharing that evening resonated: “Salisbury, he said, is a very big idea. It sends the message word-wide of truth, strength and faith ...” For more information please visit the Cathedral website at: <http://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/>



The Dean, left and the Bishop of Salisbury
Below: The Group in Salisbury



Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal reaches 7 million

Just over a year after its public launch, the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal has reached the £7 million mark. The Appeal, established to fund an extensive conservation and development programme, has made good progress during its first year enabling the first phases of critical conservation work to be carried out.

During this year, the work underway includes:

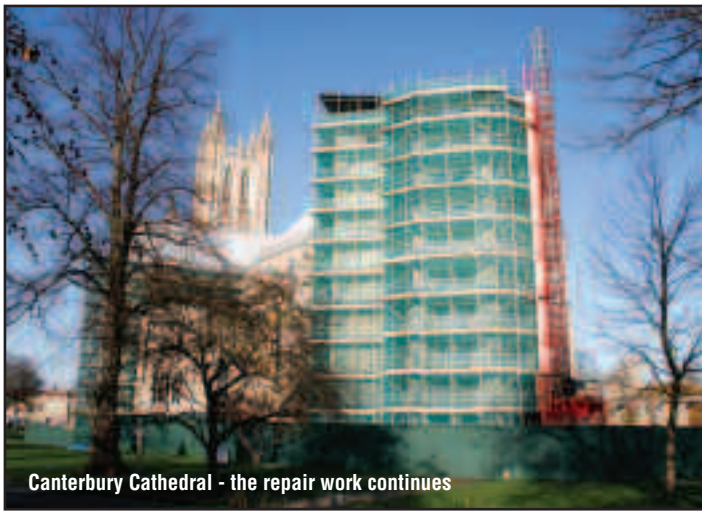
- a significant amount of stone conservation on the eastern side of the South East Transept. This has involved a complex cleaning operation to remove the black sulphate crust that has built up on much of the external walls and replace damaged stonework. The work has also included the replacement of cement mortar

with mortar made from lime putty, sand and stone dust. Repairs have also been carried out to the leaking roofs over the chapels of Saint Gregory and Saint John.

- similar work on the upper levels of the south side of the Corona. A significant amount of cleaning has already been undertaken and the stonemasons will be spending much of the winter carving new stones.

- installation of protective glazing on a panel of the South Oculus window in the South East Transept and the fitting of special environmental monitoring equipment to measure the effects of atmospheric changes to the Cathedral’s stained glass. The photogrammetry monitoring

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Canterbury Cathedral - the repair work continues

exercise will last 12 months until 2008 and allows the glass conservationists to measure the most minute distortions of the stained glass panels. Work is also underway to remove corrosion from and clean the panel of the South Oculus.

- Extensive refurbishment of the choristers' boarding house including new music practice rooms. It is expected that the choristers will move back in the middle of 2008.

Following its high profile launch in October 2006, the Appeal quickly settled down to business and has been attracting donations both locally and from overseas. The Appeal is also gaining increased support from business and a number of grant-making Trusts and Foundations.

Commenting on this new milestone, Brigadier David Innes, Chief Executive of the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal said "An enormous amount of progress has been made during the year both in terms of fundraising and the important conservation work. Although it is still early days, the work that has been taking place at the Cathedral over the past year shows how right the decision was to launch this important Appeal to ensure that this magnificent national treasure can be enjoyed by generations to come."

Other highlights for the year have included:

- The return of Caen stone for use in stone replacement for the first time in over 100 years. Caen stone is no stranger to Canterbury Cathedral. Much of the original pale stonework of the Cathedral is from the Plain de Caen in northern France, some of it dating back to medieval times. However, a shortage of supply at the end of the 19th century meant that the Cathedral stone masons had to source stone from elsewhere, much of it of inferior quality to or a poor match for the Caen. The team of stone-masons are starting to use the new stone in the work on the Corona.
- The launch of Sponsor a Stone and Sponsor a Lead Tile schemes enabling supporters to play a personal part in this historic project.
- A 2,000 kilometre sponsored cycle from Canterbury to Rome in aid of the Appeal. This spectacular feat was undertaken by 27 enthusiastic, but not professional, cyclists who climbed over 70,000 feet (several times higher than Mount Everest) during their 16 day venture, endured temperatures ranging from 5-46 degrees centigrade and emerged with only 12 punctures and few injuries. The team raised over £100,000 in sponsorship much of which will go to the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal but will also be shared with other local, national and international charities.

For more information on the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal please contact 01227 865346 or email the team on fundraising-campaign@canterbury-cathedral.org or alternatively visit the website at www.savecanterburycathedral.com

Year End Approaches

As we look towards the end of the year, we have yet to meet our \$375,000 USD commitment to the Anglican Consultative Council. We have now given roughly \$225,000 to the ACC to support the important work of their office and especially the Communications area. Even when we do meet that goal the decline in the value of the US dollar makes those dollars we have given buy less when translated into Pounds Sterling. For this reason, I would ask that all who are considering their year end giving remember the exchange rates and the work of the Communion Office as they approach their decisions.

Please remember if you are mailing checks that the Society's offices moved together with the Diocese of Texas' offices last year to **1225 Texas Ave., Houston, TX 77002-3504**. If you would like to have your giving include appreciated stock for tax reasons please contact me at 800.318.4452 for delivery instructions for our brokerage account.

Robert J. Biehl, Treasurer rbiehl@epicenter.org

The Compass Rose Society welcomes new members:

Mr. Donald Crawshaw, Diocese of Southwest Florida, Right Reverend Dabney Smith, Cathedral Church of St. James, Canada

The Compass Rose Society welcomes new board members:

The Right Reverend Victoria Matthews, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
The Reverend Brenda Husson, St. James Church, New York City
Mrs. Janie Stevens, Christ Cathedral, Houston, Texas

And for a second term:

The Most Reverend Terence Finlay, Toronto, Canada
The Very Reverend Sam Candler, Atlanta, Georgia

Anyone interested in information regarding membership should contact:

The Right Reverend Philip Poole, President Compass Rose Society
Membership requires a first-time minimum donation of \$10,000 with a minimum commitment of \$2,000 for each subsequent membership year. Donations can also be sent directly to:
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New members since November 2006

Bill and Karen Barnett of Toronto Canada
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Charles and Cary Owen of Asheville NC
Charles and Eileen Read of Washington DC
Charles and Deborah Royce of New York
The Reverend Canon Cameron Cairns of Ottawa Canada
The Venerable Peter Hannen of Montreal Canada
Emily Thrasher Hobbs and Warren Dean Thrasher of Virginia
St. James Episcopal Church in New York
Diocese of Edmonton, Bishop Victoria Matthews in Alberta Canada
St. Barnabas Church in Greenwich CT
Diocese of False Bay in South Africa, Bishop Merwyn Castle (*the first membership from Africa*)
Judge and Mrs. William Huss of Los Angeles, California.

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