



Lift high the cross

A large timber cross was erected in the churchyard of Southwark Cathedral for Holy Week.

It was supplied by two community projects working in partnership. Greenwich Mencap's 'Riverwood' sourced and prepared the timber and 'Citywood Services' completed the carpentry.

Riverwood recovered the horizontal part of the crucifix on a Thames shore clean-up from the north bank around the Isle of Dogs loop. It is likely to be

part of a boat. The main upright formed part of a sea defence structure on the East Sussex coast. All of the structural pieces are oak and the cross sections are held on the main structure by oak pins.

The Dean and Chapter believe that the cross will 'challenge all who use the churchyard as a thoroughfare or a place to eat their sandwiches, and people arriving for worship, to think about the significance of the cross'.

It will also provide the inspiration for a series of meditative evening events in Holy Week (see page 11 for details)



Easter Sunday Vigil for Zimbabwe

Southwark Cathedral, St Martin-in-the-Fields and USPG (Anglicans in World Mission) are co-operating in 'A vigil of hymns and prayers' at the Zimbabwe Embassy on Easter Sunday, 4 April from 12.30 - 2pm. The vigil is to draw attention to the locked churches and police violence preventing worship in Zimbabwe.

There will be clergy from Zimbabwe present and at 1pm Bishop Michael Doe, who has recently returned from Zimbabwe, will speak about 'celebrating the Eucharist in a ditch'. Support is welcome from everyone concerned about the plight of Zimbabweans.

The Embassy is in The Strand WC2, almost opposite Charing Cross station. Further information available from both churches' websites.

'Clipping the Church'



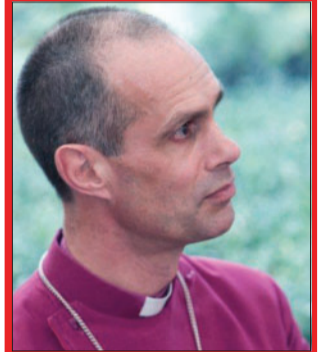
Members of St George, Christ Church and St Paul, Forest Hill recreated a rare church event on Mothering Sunday. They 'clipped' the church!

230 people, old and young, held hands and surrounded the whole building.

'Church Clipping' was once a popular event which usually took place on Shrove Tuesday or Easter Monday. But the PCC decided that it was a fun way to 'embrace the mother church' on Mothering Sunday.

The word "clipping" is Anglo-Saxon in origin, and is derived from the word "clyp-pan", meaning "embrace" or "clasp".

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