

Easter 2010 around the Diocese



'Crown of Thorns' at Morden

St Lawrence Morden was full to capacity on Easter Saturday to witness a performance of "Crown of Thorns".

Written by congregation member Sotonye Omuku, this was a moving portrayal of the Passion of Christ from Last Supper to resurrection, told in drama and song.

The drama elicited powerful performances from talented soloists and chorus, many of them members of the regular choir at St Lawrence, but none of this detracted from the central message of Jesus' sacrificial death for the sin of the world.



The Diocese of Southwark

Prayer during the Vacancy-in-See

Eternal God, in every generation you raise up leaders for your people and give them wisdom, insight and courage. Give to your church in this Diocese a Bishop to lead us into the future to care for and inspire us to teach and to nurture us. Bless those to whom has been entrusted the task of nomination that with wisdom and discernment they may do their work that in this as in all things your will may be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Archdeacon of Lewisham and Greenwich, the Venerable Christine Hardman, celebrated Easter at St Andrew's Catford, which is currently in an interregnum. The church's Christmas tree was made into a cross for the passion, and during Holy Week the five symbols of Christ's passion were displayed on it. And the cross (above with the Archdeacon) was transformed on Easter Day, with each member of the congregation invited to place a flower onto it, to mark the joyous occasion of the risen Lord.

St Mary the Virgin, Mortlake, Easter Vigil began at 5.30am in the churchyard, with the reading telling the story of Salvation. The Easter Fire and Easter Candle were lit before going into the church which was illuminated only by candlelight for the singing of the Exsultet. After the service the wider community were invited to view the Easter Tomb in the churchyard.



Mayday Hospital celebrates Easter in newly refurbished chapel

Mayday Hospital's chapel was bursting full of joy and praise on Easter Day as patients, carers, staff and visitors celebrated with the Bishop of Croydon, Nick Baines and Mayday's Lead Chaplain, Hilary Fife.

The St Barnabas chapel at Mayday is currently undergoing a major refurbishment, and has recently been repainted and the old heating system repaired.

In time for the Easter celebration the St Luke's stained glass window was put back in place, having been fully restored. The window is the first of six being restored, made possible by a grant from the charity Croydon Relief in Need.

One patient who attended the service, Carrol Driscoll (pictured above with Bishop Nick) said: "Easter is so important to me and I was delighted to be able to celebrate here in St Barnabas Chapel as I was unable to get to my own church."

So far the St Barnabas Chapel appeal has raised £43,622, £7,000 short of its target.



SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

Pentecost Sunday
23 May at 6.30pm

Fruits of the Spirit

The Diocese will gather in the Cathedral to celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit and the way in which each of our lives bears the fruit of the Spirit.

The service will contain elements of dance performed by the Springs Dance Company from their current production 'Five a Day'. This will be an exhilarating service for people of all ages from all our churches.

No ticket required – just turn up.

