In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel (Philippians 1:4,5)

As we connect directly with our partners in the Gospel in South East Asia, and indeed have the Presidential address from Singapore, we give thanks for the richness and variety of our links and expressions of partnership in the Gospel which we have within our Diocese. This special edition of World Mission News (available quarterly, sign up to receive a copy www.lichfield.anglican.org/world_mission/) includes highlights form the last year as well as advertising an important event in July 2018 when we welcome our partners from S E Asia to learn together more about DISCIPLESHIP and also to renew our Covenant Agreements for a further 5 years.

In September 2016: There were many overseas visitors at The Rt Rev’d Michael Ipgrave’s installation as 99th Bishop of Lichfield including a Bishop from every continent. Bishop Steve Diseko from Matlosane, Bishop Rob Hardwick from Qu’Appelle, Bishop Gothard Magaard from Nordkirche and Bishop Charles Samuel from West Malaysia all attended and played an active part in the weekend programme. [Inset: Bishop Michael with Andrew Soon St Chad’s Volunteer from Malaysia]

In February 2017: John and Diane Edlin from St Matthew’s, Walsall went to Batam, Indonesia as guests of the Revd Henok Hariyanto and the Diocese of Singapore. They were looking at the teaching of English in a missional context.

Revd Cathy Mark is a curate at All Saints Streetly and just before being priested in July 2017 she went with the West Midlands Leaders’ Link4Life trip to South Africa. This included a week in out Link Diocese of Matlosane. She writes “I had my first experience of my sermon being translated from English to Setswana. God truly carried us, and the sermon was well received by the congregation gathered at St Andrews. What a new experience to be preaching in the African context. It was such a joyful and Christ-filled occasion… at times the singing seemed to reverberate to heaven and back again. What a blessing!”

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**GPS (Global Positioning Sunday)**

GPS (Global Positioning Sunday) takes place each June. Resources will be available. A chance to highlight our part in the world-wide church, to pray and to celebrate what God is doing. Speakers are available to share about our Companion Links, various Mission Agencies and Link for Life. Check out the World Mission page on the Lichfield Diocese website for more info.

**Steve Deall**

a recently installed Curate in Abbots Bromley writes about a visit from Simon Keobakile Seteso from Matlosane in June

“Our friendship is somewhat unusual, we couldn’t be more different in our outlooks, our race, our age, or our geographical position, but what is so encouraging is that we have one thing in common, the knowledge that we have both been saved by our Lord Jesus Christ...and that is enough!".

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**Bishop Michael’s Trip to Nordkirche**

In the spring the Right Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave and his wife Dr Julia Ipgrave spent five days as a guest of the Nordkirche Lutheran Church in northern Germany, visiting all three episcopal areas and sharing in worship, prayer and discussion with bishops, clergy and lay people. Bishop Michael said: “We were so thankful for the warm welcome we received from so many people on our first visit to Nordkirche. We are part of a worldwide family of Christians and the challenges we face are shared in different ways across the world. To see churches responding in practical and loving ways to the needs of refugees and others in their communities was heart-warming and encouraging.

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**Intentional Discipleship**

hosted by Lichfield Diocese in partnership with our Companion Dioceses in S E Asia

July 11-15 2018

- Offering Deeper Steps in Discipleship
- Practical workshops to experience discipleship in different contexts
- Advanced Intentional Discipleship from Archbishop Moon Hing
- Learning together and from each other
- Lunch events and celebration services in each Episcopal Area

“Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.” Matt 11:28

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Links with Qu’Appelle Diocese are growing: In July Matthew Gobbett from Moose Jaw arrived, he is our first Canadian St Chad’s Volunteer. He is based at Holy Trinity, Oswestry. August saw the visit of Bishop Michael and Julia Ipgrave to Qu’Appelle Diocese. In the same month Archdeacon Peter Boote visited from Qu’Appelle and was able to help prepare Catherine Pollard from Wolverhampton who left at the end of the same month to go Qu’Appelle where she will be assisting in the Diocesan Office until July.

Picture Right: Peter Boote, Michael Carding, Catherine Pollard and Matthew Gobbett