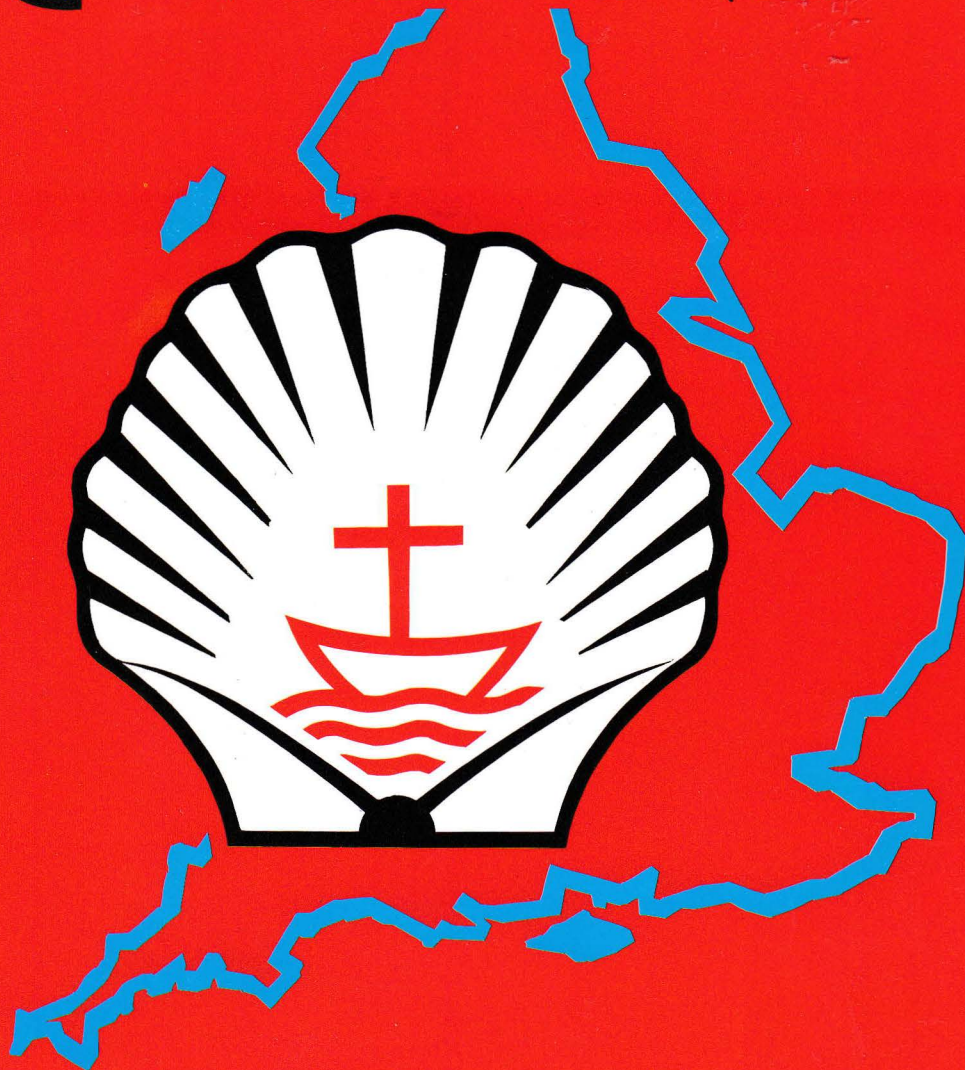


CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND



INAUGURATION
Saturday 1 September 1990

A MESSAGE OF GREETING

Dear Friends

Welcome to the inauguration of Churches Together in England.

We are very grateful to the congregations of the North Lambeth and District Council of Churches for hosting the event and for receiving us so warmly.

The Inter-Church Process has enabled a wide range of Churches and Christian communities to deepen their relationships. Christians in many places have joined together in prayer and reflection on their faith. At the Swanwick Conference in 1987 many churches expressed their commitment to continue to seek deeper and more visible unity, to enter dialogue about matters of faith and to engage more fully in mission.

Churches Together in England has been initiated to enable the Churches to continue in this pilgrimage.

Pray that this new venture will by God's grace bear much fruit.

John A. Newman.
Basil Hume

D. V. Penderton

+ Robert Cantuar.

OUR HOSTS

NORTH LAMBETH & DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The story of the North Lambeth and District Council of Churches is one of Christians who have deepened their relationships through prayer and sharing the Christian life. A Churches' Liaison Group already existed in the early 1970s. As that decade passed the congregations in the area grew closer together. Weekends of prayer were very important in this growth. A number of people from as many as seven congregations would go away together for a weekend of prayer and friendship. This sort of activity strengthened the bonds of faith between the communities to the extent that in 1986 they were ready to sign a local covenant – to commit themselves to seek deeper unity through prayer and apostolic work. This covenant was renewed in February of this year.

The present membership of the Council includes the congregations of:

Parish of Waterloo
North Lambeth Parish
St Patrick's RC Church
Calvary Healing Temple
Christ Church & Upton Chapel

Lambeth Mission and St Mary's
Local Ecumenical Project
St George's Cathedral
Salvation Army
Vauxhall Methodist Church
Christ Believers' Fellowship

In welcoming us into their community, the Council has invited us to use some of their Church buildings, a number of which are indicated on the map on pages 4 and 5.

The Council of Churches has provided the following brief notes about the history of their Churches and congregations.

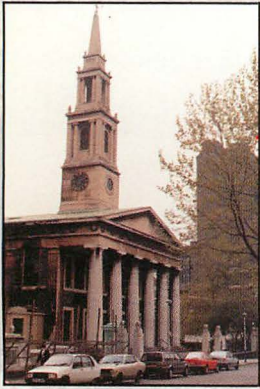
Christ Church & Upton Chapel. The original Congregational Church on this site, known as Christ Church, was opened for worship on 4 July 1876. A Baptist Church, known as Upton Chapel was opened in Lambeth Road in 1864. It was completely destroyed in the bombing of 1940. Christ Church was damaged, although not so severely. The Congregationalists invited the Baptists to use their church building, thereby forming a temporary amalgamation. In 1943 the two congregations agreed on an ecumenical union, and in 1960 the church was re-built as a joint Congregational (now United Reformed)/Baptist Church.

Lambeth Methodist Mission traces its roots back to John Wesley in the 18th century. The first chapel on the present site was built in 1808. Before the blitz in 1941 the premises had been adapted to become 'The Ideal' Cinema Church under the dynamic leadership of the Rev. Thomas Tiplady. After the War the premises were re-built between 1959 and 1964 and have been shared with the congregation of St Mary-at-Lambeth since 1972.

St George's Cathedral. In the densely populated area of South East London St George's church was built in 1848 in St George's Fields. There had been a previous chapel in London Road, and a small garret chapel in Bandyleg Walk, known as the Belgian Embassy Chapel, purchased in 1815 for the princely sum of twenty-five shillings. In 1850 Cardinal Wiseman came from Rome to set up a Catholic hierarchy of Bishops to administer the Roman Catholic Church in England. It was then that St George's was promoted to being a Cathedral with Cardinal Wiseman living there. The building designed by Augustus Welly Pugin was destroyed in 1941 and re-built in 1958 by Romily Craze to the same dimensions as the bombed church.

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FINDING YOU



St John's, Waterloo



Inter-Church House where Churches Together in England has its London office



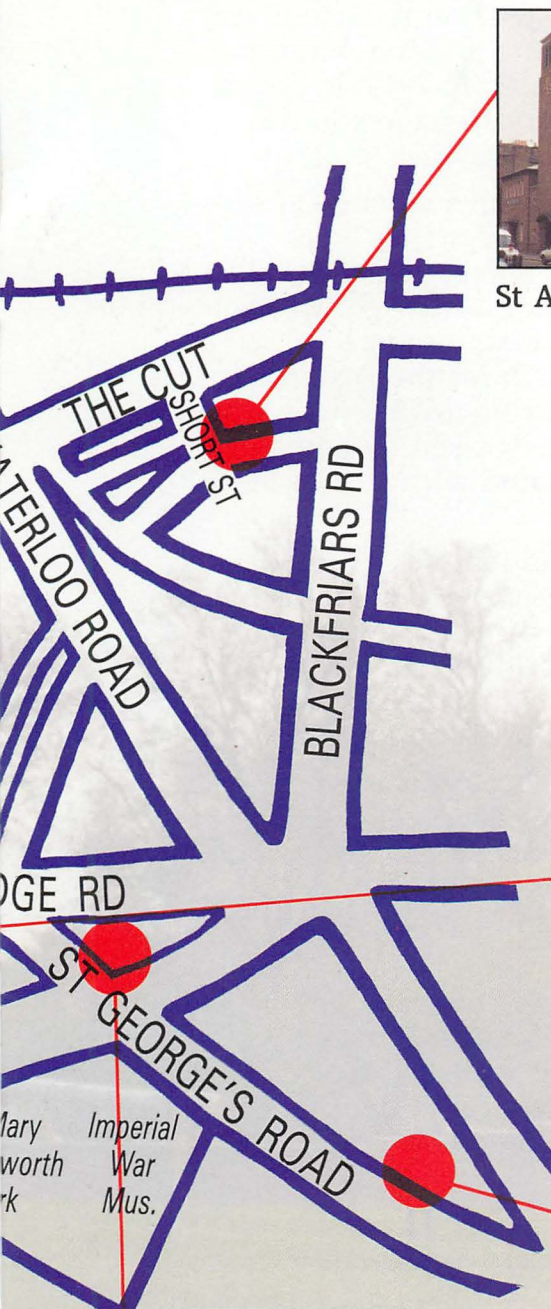
Lambeth Methodist Mission



St Anselm's, Kennington Road



WAY ABOUT



St Andrew's, Short Street



Christ Church and
Upton Chapel



Salvation Army Citadel



St George's
Roman Catholic Cathedral

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The Salvation Army. Two separate Corps on opposite sides of the Elephant and Castle, one in Kennington Lane, the other in the Borough, amalgamated in 1968 and occupied a new Citadel in St George's Road.

The present **Vauxhall Methodist Church** was founded in 1842 on the site it still occupies. A previous chapel had stood in Lambeth High Street. After extensive bomb damage the church was re-built, opened and dedicated in 1959. It is now the base for Lambeth Mission's project 'Vauxhall Action for Homeless in the Community' as well as having Sunday worship and youth activities.

Parish of Waterloo — St John with St Andrew. **St John's Church** situated at the southern end of Waterloo Bridge is one of four Hawksmoor churches built between 1822 and 1824 to cater for the rapidly increasing population of South London. Fortunately the classic frontage and walls were not destroyed when a bomb hit the building on 8 Dec 1940, so these distinctive features were able to be retained when the church was re-built in 1951 as the church for the Festival of Britain. **St Andrew's Church** dates from the 1840's and was originally situated in Coin Street. The redbrick Victorian church building was destroyed by bombing in 1941. Re-built in Short Street in 1958, the parish amalgamated with that of St John's Waterloo in 1983.

St Anselm's Church stands on Duchy of Cornwall land and replaces a Mission Hall, now the Church Hall, built in 1887. The building was started in 1914, the foundation stone laid by Edward, Prince of Wales, and designed by Adshead and Ramsey. The elaborate design was stopped by the first world war and the church, built to a much simpler design, was not completed until 1933. It is now, with St Peter's, Vauxhall, one of the two parish churches of the North Lambeth Parish.

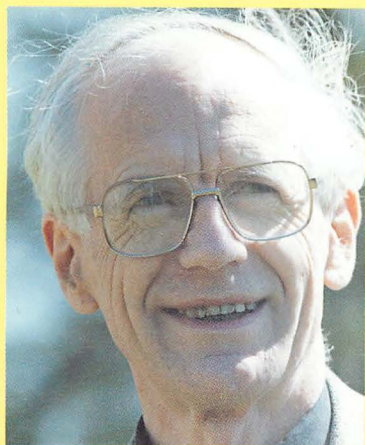
St Marys-at-Lambeth. The first church building in North Lambeth was erected next to the Archbishop's Palace in 1062 by the Countess Goda, sister of Edward the Confessor. In 1972 the congregation took the courageous decision to vacate the ancient parish church because repair costs were too high. St Mary's congregation is now part of the Parish of North Lambeth and has shared Lambeth mission with the Methodists for seventeen years.

St Patrick's RC Church in Cornwall Road was erected in 1897 over the Junior (Primary) School. The parish was an off-shoot of St George's Cathedral nearby, and had a noticeable number of Irish and Italian parishioners as well as the care of the Waterloo Hospital and the Lying-In Hospital. The parish was taken over from the Archdiocese by the Franciscan friars in 1964. Our school closed in 1976 because of decreased population.

St Peter's, Vauxhall was built in 1864, designed by John Loughborough Pearson. It is one of his first but finest works, and has remained virtually unaltered since the last century. It is currently being developed as a Heritage Centre by local people for local people. As well as continuing to be a place of Christian worship, St Peter's will be a focus for life in the community throughout the week and not just on Sundays.

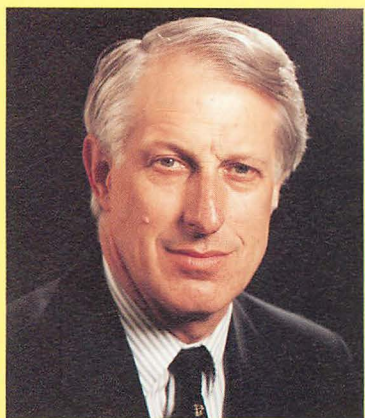
Christ Believers' Fellowship was started in 1988 when Prophet Kingsley Adu-Afriyie and his wife invited twenty people to their home in Paulet Road for their first prayer meeting. Using the Prophet through the power of God, the barren had children, a cripple has been healed, the jobless have got work, people have won legal cases. Numbers grew and it was necessary to look for a bigger place. The Lord provided the Waterloo Action Centre where more than 300 now attend services on Fridays and Sundays.

THE EXECUTIVE STAFF



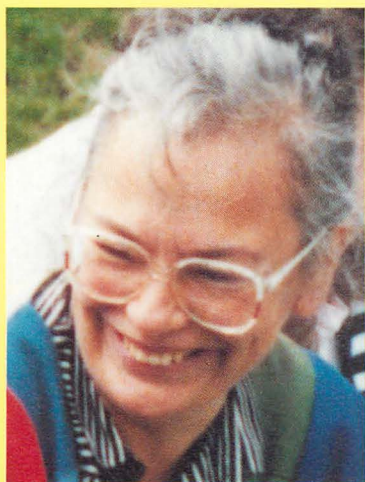
GENERAL SECRETARY:
Canon Martin Reardon

After a curacy at Rugby, Martin was Secretary of the Sheffield Council of Churches for nine years and Sub-Warden of Lincoln Theological College for seven years. From 1978-89 he served as Secretary of the General Synod's Board for Mission and Unity. With his wife, Ruth, a Roman Catholic, he helped to found the Association of Inter-Church Families. They have two children. Martin has been fully involved in the development of local, intermediate and national ecumenism, serving for many years on the British Council of Churches' Assembly and on the Board of its Division of Ecumenical Affairs, and chairing its recent Working Party on Christian Initiation and Church Membership. He also served as Secretary for the 1988 Lambeth Conference Section on Ecumenical Relations.



FIELD OFFICER (SOUTH):
Revd Roger Nunn

Roger studied at Spurgeon's College, London where he took a Bachelor of Divinity degree. He was involved with the University Chaplaincy at Bath and has been the Free Church Adviser to H.T.V. West. He is a frequent broadcaster. Formerly a British Council of Churches' Youth Secretary, he comes to Churches Together in England after 13 years as Minister of Manvers Street Baptist Church in Bath. He is currently Chairman of the Somerset and South Avon Ecumenical Council. He is married with three children.



FIELD OFFICER (NORTH):
Mrs Jenny Carpenter

Jenny is married with a stepson and stepdaughter and a stepgrandson and stepgranddaughter. She trained as a Geographer and spent some years working as a Town Planner. A Methodist Local Preacher, she has a very active involvement in the life of Methodist congregations. At the national level she was the Convenor and is currently Chairperson of the Methodist Ecumenical Committee. In 1988 she was Vice-President of the Methodist Conference. She has great ecumenical experience having been Secretary of the Sheffield Local Council of Churches (1980-83), a member of the Assembly of the British Council of Churches (1981-86), and until recently Secretary of South Yorkshire Ecumenical Sponsoring Group (1981-90). She was a member of the Consultative Committee for Local Ecumenical Projects in England.

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Founding Member Churches

Baptist Union of Great Britain
Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches
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Congregational Federation
Council of African and Afro-Caribbean Churches
Council of Oriental Orthodox Christian Churches
Greek Orthodox Church
International Ministerial Council of Great Britain
Independent Methodist Churches
Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean Churches
Lutheran Council of Great Britain
Methodist Church
Moravian Church
New Testament Assembly
Religious Society of Friends
Roman Catholic Church
Russian Orthodox Church
Salvation Army
United Reformed Church
Wesleyan Holiness Church

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Afro-West Indian United Council of Churches
Free Church Federal Council
National Association of Christian Communities and Networks
New Assembly of Churches
Student Christian Movement
Young Men's Christian Association
Young Women's Christian Association
Women's Inter-Church Consultative Committee

A WORD OF THANKS

Many people have been involved in setting up Churches Together in England. This word of thanks goes to them all, even if they are not mentioned here by name.

The Inter-Church Meeting and the Steering Group of the Inter-Church Process with its indefatigable Secretary, Revd Dr Colin Davey.

The Commissioning Committee who were charged with the detailed arrangements of Churches Together in England: Revd David Willie, Revd John Slow, Revd Hugh Cross, Canon Christopher Drummond, Marion Morgan, Revd Carmen Prince, Ethel Livermore, David Staple and the Secretary, Revd John Nicholson. These were joined later in the proceedings by the new staff members, Canon Martin Reardon, Mrs Jenny Carpenter and Revd Roger Nunn. Special thanks to Mr David Walton for his help on legal matters, to Mr Robert Caffyn for his financial guidance, and to Mr Gordon Bennett for his help in personnel matters.

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Thank you!



Revd Michael Jackson
Chairman, Commissioning Committee



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