

Antonia Green has now taken the men's and boys' clothes collected by Lin O'Brien through Burstow Church to the camp in Calais. There was no more room at all in her van! She writes:

This lovely woman Lin O'Brien (right), has spent the last 56 days, publicising rallying, supporting, organising, washing, sizing and labelling all these bags with clothes and shoes to be delivered to the refugees in Calais. I didn't ask her to do it. I haven't had contact with her for over four years. But when I spoke with her, she said, 'I couldn't watch and do nothing... any more.' And this is where I love to quote Gandhi: 'Be the change that you wish to see in the world.' Because we can *all* help no matter where we're from, who we are, where *our* politics lie. And this is where I would love to give a big shout out to the churches and congregations who lent their support, I don't know you personally but you and I are on the same team. So here's to Team Kindness. Team Understanding. Team Change. You guys rock – there are no words for all of your kindness.



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over the years – happy memories.

Interestingly, despite having lived in Horne and Outwood for 44 years, each year we have walked a length of footpath that was new to me. Having left the Jolly Farmer, we then walked along the road for a short distance before taking the footpath through the stables and which



eventually emerges next to Horne Stores, opposite the Church.

We shared a really nice occasion together – and we raised some sponsorship money too.



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A march in the mud

On a soggy April Saturday morning, 25 adults, three children and five dogs joined the annual sponsored walk to raise funds for St Mary's, Horne. *Michael Harvey* was one of them:

Despite the fact that it was rather damp underfoot, we had a really excellent morning!

Julie kindly arranged for us to be ferried up Hornecourt Hill as the footpaths through the fields were impassable on foot. We then took the footpath through the woods that leads to the descending track which comes out opposite the Jolly Farmer, where we were as always made most welcome. I have happy memories of sharing a drink there with Dick Walker on previous walks. We actually dedicated the walk to Dick who, along with Judy, had planned these walks

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Awakening: Meeting the risen Jesus in daily life

Jo Coulson-Davis attended the prayer and spirituality day at Southwark Cathedral in April

I don't like doing anything outside my comfort zone so when I saw the flyer about the day at the Cathedral, I thought I would like to go but did not have the courage to face meeting new people and travelling to London on my own. I did ask around to see if anyone was interested in going and Nicholas kindly contacted a lady from another church.

I enrolled and chose the workshops that I was most interested to attend and didn't hear anything until two days before the event. I thought, phew! I won't have to go! The nearer to the day my anxiety increased to a higher level.

However when I knew I was accepted I met four very friendly people at the station and travelled to London with them.

I have never been in Southwark Cathedral before and the architecture was beautiful, so much to take in. We were given a map on registration and told to sit in the main body of the church. I think there was at least 250 people there.

We started with a short worship session and I soon forgot my fears. The morning speaker was Margaret Silf and we sat listening to her stories. Her books are very profound but so easily understood. Margaret uses everyday experiences to bring us closer to God.

We then went to our chosen workshops. Imagine the logistics of meeting the choices of so many people.

My first workshop was titled 'Walking the Labyrinth' and was led by Barbara Wallace. This was a very moving experience, praying as we walked the labyrinth, getting closer and closer to the centre where we were closer to God. For those unable to walk there was a beautiful oak finger labyrinth. It was so quiet and you were unaware of other people moving around you, so intense was the walk.

The afternoon workshop I chose was led by Rev Chris Palmer and titled 'Alive to the Spirit'. Chris themed the workshop around the prayer of Ignatius of Loyola. It was a deeply moving time for me.

We finished with a worship time with Bishop Christopher. The first verse of a song spoke volumes to me

*Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?*

*Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?*

*Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?*

*Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?*

If I had refused to go because of my fear I would have missed so very much. God spoke to me in the quiet of the day,

even amongst the multitude of people.

God's love was shown to me through the lovely ladies who shepherded me through the day and brought me safely back to familiar surroundings

If you get the opportunity to go on a day like the one that I have described, please do not hesitate.



At the April meeting of **CAMEO** Pat Hewitt and Yukon (*above*) came to explain – and demonstrate! – the work of the charity Canine Partners. This trains dogs to assist with tasks for individuals with a disability, such as: helping with undressing; loading and unloading the washing machine; helping with the shopping and retrieving money and card from a cash machine. The arrival of Yukon in their home saved two lives, said Pat: that of her husband who was recovering from a severe stroke and her own as she cared for him. Yukon was warmly greeted by CAMEO members as he went from table to table to meet them!

April **Messy Church** followed St George's Day – some came straight from the Scouts St George's Day parade – and so the theme of the afternoon was the Armour of God. Liz began by showing everyone how an orange with its peel floated but one without its peel sank. The peel protects the orange in the way that the armour of God protects us. Participants made biscuits into shields, decorated with the cross of St George (*below*), as well as shoes of peace, silver foil swords of the spirit, card helmets of salvation, paper dolls wearing the full armour and paper plate dragons. Nicholas said that St Paul used the image of being clothed in armour because this was familiar to those used to seeing Roman soldiers. Today we might think of it as an aggressive image but it is more a protective one. And he quoted the verses in Colossians in which St Paul urged people to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and, most important of all, love, which binds everything together.

The next Messy Church is on 22 May, 4pm at Smallfield Church Hall

