

CSF Brixton House Up-date



The present membership of the house totals five sisters, three resident in Brixton, one living in Liverpool and one in Kuching, Malaysia. Nan moved house to Pilsdon at Malling in early January 2007, after many years as a household member. Most people associate the Brixton area with its riots of the eighties or its well known prison, not far from the house; however, it is a colourful place to live, multi-ethnic, multi-faith and with many of the needs of an urban priority area.

Gina's main ministry is working as a member of the multi-faith chaplaincy team at Wormwood Scrubs Prison, with particular pastoral care for men at risk of self-harm and those who have been bereaved. She also does some spiritual direction and counselling at the house.

Christine James works two days each week for a local grant-making trust. For the Community she fulfils the roles of Provincial Bursar and Computer Adviser and for Anglican Religious Communities (ARC) she is the paid part-time secretary. She also tends our garden which is greatly appreciated, and all enjoy the fruits of her labours.

Joyce lives in a flat not far from the house but fully participates in its life. However her role as Minister General often takes her away from London. For the Province she acts as SSF Secretary for Liturgy and produces the annual Ordo; for the Leaders of Anglican Religious Communities she has served for the past eight years as the Anglican representative on the Executive of the Conference for Religious. She is also one of the elected leaders on the ARC Committee and is its bursar.

All three sisters are connected with different parishes of Southwark Diocese: Joyce at the Cathedral where she has served as a Eucharistic Minister; Christine James at St Matthew's, Brixton where she is normally one of the readers at the eight o'clock eucharist; Gina at Holy Trinity, Tulse Hill where she is on the rotas for administering Holy Communion, intercessions and prayer ministry. A number of local clergy regularly preside at the weekly Eucharist in the house and a small number of local friends (including some priests) join the celebration and stay for breakfast.



Jennifer Chan left the house last July on a two year secondment at the invitation of her home diocese of Kuching. She is living in a flat near the Cathedral, provided by the diocese, from which she is developing a ministry of spiritual direction, quiet days and pastoral care by house visiting.

She has contact with local members of the Third Order SSF and SSF Companions. Regular communication is maintained with her from the house.



Catherine Joy is exploring an urban form of solitary life in Liverpool. She works part-time on the inter-faith chaplaincy team of a secure psychiatric hospital. She meets regularly with a friend to make music - an important form of self-expression and creativity using her giftedness - this being an integral part of her prayer and spirituality.

In words associated with our Diocesan bishop and the BBC: This is what we do! **f**