

Eucharist

celebrating the
Diocese of London's link
with the Anglican Church
in Angola and Mozambique

28th ALMA Sunday

Sunday 19th July 2026
5.30 pm

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

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Hackney Choral is conducted by William Bruce, Artistic Director of Choral Partnerships. The organ is played by Hamish Wagstaff, Organ Scholar. The *Gloria* is a traditional Peruvian setting and the *Sanctus* is a traditional Mozambican setting. The *Agnus Dei* is from *A New English Folk Mass*.

Daily services at St Paul's Cathedral

Monday to Saturday

Morning Prayer 7.30 am | Eucharist 8.00 am and 12.30 pm
Choral Evensong 5.00 pm (*except on feast days when the Eucharist is celebrated or occasional days when Evening Prayer is said*)

Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00 am | Choral Mattins 10.00 am
Sung Eucharist 11.15 am | Choral Evensong 3.00 pm
Eucharist 5.30 pm

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Please join in all texts printed in **bold**, and stand and sit as you feel able to do so.

The Gathering

Stand as the Ministers enter.

Processional Hymn



**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

**Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Words: (A&M 650) Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)

Tune: *Faithfulness*
W. M. Runyan (1870-1957)

The Greeting

*The Right Reverend Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy,
Bishop of Willesden and Diocese of London Bishop for ALMA, says*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Peace be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop of Willesden welcomes the congregation.

Prayers of Penitence

A Deacon says

Jesus said:

‘Before you offer your gift,
go and be reconciled’.

As brothers and sisters in God’s family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The Bishop of Willesden says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria in Excelsis

The Bishop of Willesden sings and all repeat



The Bishop of Willesden sings and all repeat



The Bishop of Willesden sings



All sing



**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.
To God be glory for ever.
Alleluia, amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.
To God be glory for ever.
Alleluia, amen.**

Words: (CA 966)

Tune: Trad. Peruvian
collected and arr. John Ballantine (b.1945)

The Bishop of Willesden says

Let us pray.

All pray in silence.

God our Father, you never cease the work you have begun
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
the good things you pour upon us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

read in Kikongo by

Ackys Kituba

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

I biau nwi uvuova Yave, o Ntinu a Yisalele, yo Nkûli andi, Yave a vu: Munu i thuka, munu i nsuka; vana thanda amunu, Nzambi wankaka kavedi ko. Nani wankaka lenda uvuova bu mvuovanga munu? Bika ansongela bo, yo lundika bio vana moso amunu, tuka ditsika munu kithula kia thuka. Yo mambu mambiza ma thwiza, bika bansongela bio. Bika numona boma ko, thunganga mpe ko. Nga munu idika nuzabisa bio thuka ko, yo uluvutwila bio e? Biau nwi nuzimbangi amunu. Nga Nzambi wankaka vedi vana thanda amunu e? Kukwedi Thwolo diankaka ko; munu kazeyi diandika ko.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Isaiah 44. 6-8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated.

Responsorial Psalm

The Choir sings and all repeat



Let the peo-ples praise you, O God, let



all the peo - ples praise you.

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

***Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.***

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

***Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.***

The earth has yielded its increase,
God, our own God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us
let all the ends of the earth revere him

***Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.***

Text: Psalm 67

Music: Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

read in Portuguese by

Filipa Pereira

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Porque para mim tenho por certo que as aflições deste tempo presente não são para comparar com a glória que em nós há de ser revelada. Porque a ardente expectativa da criatura espera a manifestação dos filhos de Deus. Porque a criação ficou sujeita à vaidade, não por sua vontade, mas por causa do que a sujeitou, Na esperança de que também a mesma criatura será libertada da servidão da corrupção, para a liberdade da glória dos filhos de Deus. Porque sabemos que toda a criação geme e está juntamente com dores de parto até agora. E não só ela, mas nós mesmos, que temos as primícias do Espírito, também gememos em nós mesmos, esperando a adoção, a saber, a redenção do nosso corpo. Porque em esperança fomos salvos. Ora a esperança que se vê não é esperança; porque o que alguém vê como também o esperará? Mas, se esperamos o que não vemos, com paciência o esperamos.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8. 18-25

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Stand and turn towards the Deacon as the procession brings the Gospel into the midst of the congregation. The Gospel procession is accompanied by drummers from St Anne's CE Primary School, Tottenham.

A Deacon says

Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servants hear you:
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Mark 6. 30-34, 53-56

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

given in Portuguese by

The Right Reverend Augusto Domingos,
Bishop, Christ the King, Uige

translated into English by

The Reverend Pete Hopkins,
Priest in Charge, St Anne's, Brondesbury

Stand

The Angolan Creed

led by

Children from Christ Church CE Primary School, Brondesbury

We believe

**That God sent his Son Jesus
into the world**

**He became man
through the Holy Spirit**

He was born of the Virgin Mary

He was crucified

Died

and was buried

He went down to those below

Afterwards he rose from the dead

**And he went up to heaven
to sit at God's right hand.**

There he prays for us always

Praise the Lord.

Arms raised above head.

*Arms in front
hands closed together.*

Hands crossed like a dove.

Rocking baby.

Arms like the cross.

*Head dropped forward,
head on arm as if asleep.*

Fingers touch ground.

Arms in front, palms up.

Hands raised above head.

Praying hands above head.

*Arms raised,
hands outstretched above head.*

Nós cremos

**Que Deus enviou seu
filho Jesus ao mundo**

**Ele se fez homem
através do Espírito Santo**

Ele nasceu da Virgem Maria

Ele foi crucificado

**Ele morreu
e foi sepultado**

Ele desceu às profundezas da Terra

E então Ressuscitou

**Ele subiu ao céu para se assentar
à mão direita de Deus**

E lá Ele ora sempre por nós

Louvido seja Deus.

Arms raised above head.

*Arms in front
hands closed together.*

Hands crossed like a dove.

Rocking baby.

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hands outstretched above head.*

Prayers of Intercession

led by

The Bishop of Willesden

and

Dione Tumusiime and Dexter Byarugatu,
President and Youth Wardens, St Anne's Church, Tottenham

The Bishop of Willesden says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world
and seek God's healing for the nations.

Sit or kneel.

God of grace and blessings, we sincerely thank you for your powerful gift of hope. We thank you for your peace that surpasses all understanding and reaches into every corner of your creation. We pray for the young generation leading your church. Grant them confidence in your cross, courage in your faithfulness, and protection against all that would draw them from your calling.

Form them into servant leaders who seek not status or success but faithfulness. You are our living God, reign over the hopes and dreams of all people, and guide us into lives of purpose, generosity and service.

Lord open our hearts,

that all may know your healing.

God of grace and blessings, teach us the way of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, that we may turn from being careless tenants to faithful stewards of your creation and compassionate servants of our neighbours. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Angola and Mozambique as they face the challenges of cyclones, drought, flooding, food insecurity, economic hardship, and illnesses spread through unsafe water. Strengthen communities seeking to rebuild their lives and livelihoods, and guide all corporate leaders to serve with wisdom, integrity and care. May we learn to serve you through our care of creation and one another.

Lord open our hearts,

that all may know your healing.

God of grace and blessings, we recognise you as the source of all good gifts. Give us the humility to receive, the honesty to ask, and the generosity to give to one another. Teach us that true leadership is found in serving others, and strengthen us to bear one another's burdens in love. We thank you for our brothers and sisters in Mozambique and Angola. Strengthen all the links between our partner churches and grow us into the likeness of Christ, that together we may serve one another and build one another up to your honour and glory. May our partnership be marked by mutual encouragement, shared learning and faithful service. We pray for Archbishop Vicente, Bishop Augustos, and all the partner bishops and church leaders. Grant them the gifts of hope, faith and love as they shepherd your people. Give them servant hearts, wise judgement, courage in times of difficulty. Protect them, guide them, and enable them to be signs of Christ's compassion and faithfulness among those they serve.

Lord open our hearts,

that all may know your healing.

God of grace and blessings, feed us, equip us and, having provided for us, give us eyes to look towards a heavenly harvest, the harvest of lives transformed through faithful service to you and to our neighbours. Make us willing servants of your kingdom, ready to share your love in word and deed, so that through our lives others may glimpse the hope of Christ.

Amen.

The Bishop of Willesden says

Let us pray the ALMA Partnership Prayer.

**God our Father,
the source of all gifts,
give us humility to receive,
honesty to ask and generosity to give,
in order to bring each other up
to your honour and glory.
We ask this through the merits of
Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Bishop of Willesden says

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

A Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Hymn

during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar, and a collection is taken for the work of ALMA; please complete the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are a UK taxpayer. Cash donations, or contactless card transactions can also be made at the Tap-To-Donate units at each exit. Thank you for your support.



**Jesus Cristo em breve virá,
Jesus Cristo em breve virá,
Jesus Cristo em breve virá,
Jesus Cristo em breve virá.**

**Virá, virá, em breve virá,
Virá, virá, em breve virá.
Virá, virá, em breve virá.
Jesus Cristo em breve virá.**

**Jesus Christ, he will soon come again,
Jesus Christ, he will soon come again,
Jesus Christ, he will soon come again,
Jesus Christ, he will soon come again.**

**Again, again, he'll soon come again,
Again, again, he'll soon come again,
Again, again, he'll soon come again,
Jesus Christ, he will soon come again.**

**Jesus Cristo em breve virá,
Jesus Cristo em breve virá,
Jesus Cristo em breve virá,
Jesus Cristo em breve virá.**

Words and music: Trad. Portuguese

Stand for the censuring of the people.

The Bishop of Willesden says

Let us pray.

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Bishop of Willesden says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

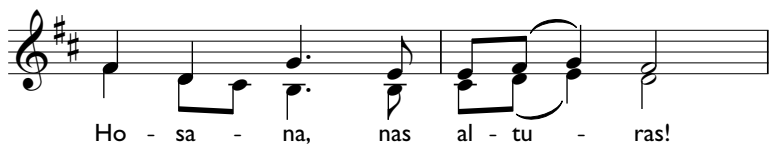
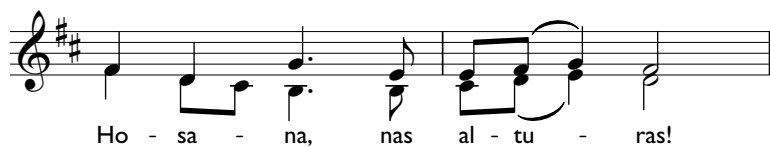
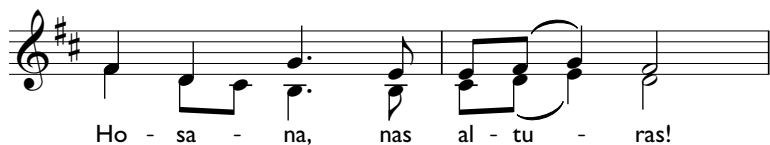
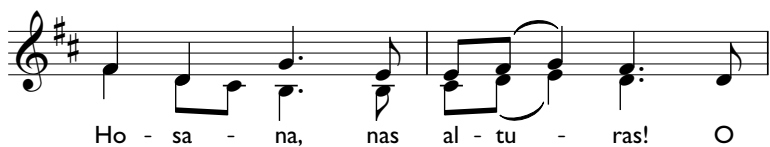
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:





Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

A Deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Paul and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop of Willesden says

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,
each praying in our preferred language:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop of Willesden breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The Bishop of Willesden invites the people to receive Holy Communion, saying

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Please sit, and then follow the directions of the Virgers and Stewards.

*Holy Communion is offered in both kinds, but you are free to receive in one kind only.
If you do wish to receive in both kinds, please do not dip the Eucharistic wafers into the wine.*

If you are baptised and receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive communion here.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please identify yourself to a Virger or Steward, and receive communion from the Bishop.

You are welcome to receive a blessing instead of communion. If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed.

The Choir sings

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin
of the world: grant us peace.

The Anthem

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you for ever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

Words: John 14. 15-17

Music: Philip Wilby (b.1949)

Prayer after Communion

All stand with the Bishop of Willesden, who says

Let us pray.

All pray in silence.

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sit

The Bishop of Willesden leads

Thanks for the Ministry and Work of
The Reverend Sheenagh Burrell
Retiring Diocese of London, ALMA Co-ordinator

Thanks for the Ministry and Work of Helen Doery,
Diocese of London, ALMA Communications Officer

Commissioning of the Reverend Jess Swift,
New Diocese of London, ALMA Co-ordinator

The Reverend Jess Swift stands before the Bishop of Willesden.

The Reverend Sheenagh Burrell, with Bishop Augusto, says to the Bishop

Bishop Lusa, we present the Reverend Jess Swift to be commissioned for the work of the Diocese of London's ALMA Co-ordinator.

Bishop Lusa addresses the congregation

People of God, Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries in the Body of Christ. As we commission Jess today, will you, with her, as baptised disciples of Christ, renew your commitment to the loving service of God, of one another and of all people?

With the help of God, we will.

Jess has been called to the work of the ALMA Co-ordinator. Will you, as the people of God, support and pray for her in this ministry?

With the help of God, we will.

The Bishop addresses Bishop Augusto

Bishop Augusto, will you on behalf of ALMA in Mozambique and Angola commit to praying for Jess in her new ministry?

With the help of God, we will.

The Bishop addresses The Reverend Jess Swift

The office of ALMA Co-ordinator is a solemn trust carrying great responsibility. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, seek to perform it prayerfully and in a spirit of friendship and collaboration within our Partnership?

With the help of God, I will.

The Bishop of Willesden takes the Reverend Jess Swift by the right hand, and says

Jess, I commission you as the Diocese of London ALMA Co-ordinator, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Bishop of Willesden says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

A Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

during which the Ministers depart.



**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

*Então minh'alma canta a Ti, Senhor
Quão grande és Tu, quão grande és Tu
Então minh'alma canta a Ti, Senhor
Quão grande és Tu, quão grande és Tu*

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'**

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the Organ Voluntary, or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.

To exit, please follow the directions of the Stewards.

Organ Voluntary

*Toccata (V) from Symphony No 5
(Op. 42, No 1)*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

ALMA:Angola London Mozambique Association

ALMA is the Companion Link Partnership between the Anglican churches in London,Angola and Mozambique, that began twenty eight years ago, here, in St Paul's Cathedral, in July 1998. Our renewed Covenant was signed in 2022 when all ALMA Partner Bishops were together at the Lambeth Conference.

ALMA is part of the network of Companion Links between Dioceses that characterise the Anglican Communion. As partners in the Gospel in our covenantal relationship is undergirded by prayer. We learn with and from each other and give mutual support in our ministry and mission, worship and witness, action and advocacy. Our priorities for the next decade are making disciples, serving our communities with compassion, growing the Church, teaching theology, learning from young people and striving for climate justice and creation care.

Over these 28 years, we have both rejoiced and mourned with each other:

- **Rejoicing** as we have seen the church grow from 2 to 3 to 8 dioceses in Mozambique (3 times the size of the UK) and from 1 to 4 dioceses in Angola (5 times the size of the UK); seeing our partners become an autonomous Portuguese speaking province of the Anglican Communion in September 2021, with the Archbishop of Canterbury visiting in November 2022 to formally inaugurate Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola (IAMA); Bishop Sarah installed as Archbishop of Canterbury in the presence of two ALMA Partners, Archbishop Vicente Msosa and Bishop Filomena Teta.

- **Mourning** over the impact of the continuing conflict in Cabo Delgado in Northern Mozambique with over one million people have been internally displaced; the impact of climate emergencies with the huge floods in Southern Mozambique early 2026 and also in Benguela Angola, which devastated homes, churches, clinics, schools and core infrastructure, and greatly challenged the churches capacity to respond.

Prayer and friendship underpin our relationship. Every Wednesday, London's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer prays for ALMA partners, and this is recorded online. We pray for each other by name, remembering the challenges our churches and countries face. Despite distance, and the many differences in our contexts there is much we share as we worship and witness to the incarnational love of Christ. Through the lens of this 'soul' friendship (in Portuguese 'Alma' means soul) our London parish and school links have a profound connection with the wider church. Improved communications and social media have enabled these relationships to grow in many creative ways.

This year we welcome Bishop Augusto Domingos, Bishop of Cristo Rei Diocese Angola and also Dean of IAMA Province to our ALMA Sunday Service and hold him in our prayers. We also pray for The Reverend Sheenagh Burrell who retires as ALMA Co-ordinator today, and for Revd Jessica Swift who is taking up the mantle.

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