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## The Episcopal / Anglican Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa



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The Most Rev. Dr. Maurice Sinclair  
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The Rt. Rev-elect Dr. Grant LeMarquand

# Diocesan Newsletter

## December 2011



Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

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*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light"*  
(Isaiah 9:2)



## Joy under veil of darkness!

My dear Friends,

I hope and pray that 2012 will be a very blessed year for you.

I am sure that you have been following the situation here in Egypt. Many of you have communicated with me, especially after the violent demonstrations that happened in Tahrir Square and the surrounding streets. Since the beginning of 2011, the situation in Egypt can be described as walking in a dark tunnel where you cannot see the end of it. The Alexandria bombings, the demolishing of the church in Sole attieh, the burning of the church in Imbaba and Marinab, and the Maspero Massacre made the tunnel seem even darker.

All Egyptians, especially Christians, are very concerned and fear the rise of political Islam. The results of the Parliamentary elections showed that the next Parliament will be overwhelmed with members of the Muslim Brotherhood and Salafi groups. In the last year over 100,000 have immigrated out of Egypt, mostly Christians.

In spite of all this, there were shouts of joy and jubilant singing when I went on 30 December 2011 to consecrate St. Paul's Anglican Church in the outskirts of Cairo. I also ordained its new priest, Rev. Fayez Nady. It was the first time for me to consecrate a church and ordain its priest at the same time! The spiritual and social work in this area started more than five years ago and now the dream of the people has been fulfilled.

When I knocked at the door of the church and opened the doors, it was packed with people, adults and children. They were all full of joy! God then spoke to me saying, *"under the veil of darkness I am building my church."* I remembered the verses *"behold I make all things new"* and *"I will build my church and the gates of hell will not overcome it."*

I know that we are going through a dark tunnel, but Emmanuel, God with us, is walking with us and giving us joy in spite of the darkness of uncertainty.

May the Lord bless you!

Yours in Christ,

+ Mouneer Egypt

**The Most Rev. Dr. Mouneer Hanna Anis**  
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# New “Assistant Bishop” for the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa

On 8 December 2011, Bishop Mouneer Anis appointed the Rev. Dr. Grant LeMarquand as his Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa, with a particular focus on the Episcopal Area for the Horn of Africa.

*“I have confidence in God’s grace that will enable Grant to fulfill his Episcopal leadership duties in the Diocese.”*



Rev. Dr. Grant LeMarquand is a Professor of Biblical Studies and Mission at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. His interest is in the New Testament, the Synoptic Gospels, the Bible and mission, African Christianity, Biblical exegesis, Greek, and liturgy. Rev. Dr. Grant and Wendy have two adult children: one son (David) and one daughter (Chara) who are both living in Canada.



*“Rev. Dr. Grant is very committed to mission, evangelism, and ecumenical relations. He has served in various countries, including Canada, USA, and Kenya where he taught at St. Paul’s Seminary. Several African Anglican bishops and archbishops were students under him. He is well known to the Diocese of Egypt as he has, during the last ten years, visited the Diocese more than five times leading retreats and conferences. Rev. Dr. Grant will be the second Area (Assistant) Bishop in the Diocese of Egypt for the Horn of Africa.”*

Rev. Dr. Grant holds a BA from McGill University, 1977; STM from McGill University, 1982; Dip Min from Montreal Diocesan Theological College, 1983; MA from McGill University, 1988; and ThD from Wycliffe College, Toronto School of Theology, 2002.

*“The date of the consecration will be **25 April 2012** on the **Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist** the Patron Saint of Egypt.*

*Please pray for Grant and Wendy and their family.”*

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The Diocese of Egypt





## Church Consecration & Ordination of a Priest in Ezbet el Nakhl, Cairo

For the first time in Bishop Mouneer's episcopate, he consecrated a church and ordained its priest (Rev. Fayiz Nady) in one service. While expecting protests from the Muslim Brotherhood and other organizations, it was a peaceful evening; a delightful and Spirit-filled occasion for the church.



### Background

Ezbet el Nakhl is a fast growing slum area in the suburbs of Cairo. It's population is 730,000 with approximately 50,000 immigrants per year. It is a poor area, which lacks services such as police stations, hospitals and social centres.



The Diocese of Egypt was aware of the spiritual and social needs of the people in Ezbet el Nakhl and in 2007 started addressing these needs through weekly meetings in local flats. In 2008, the people started meeting in a rented garage on the ground floor of a building, which was known locally as the "Garage Church."



In June 2011, the Diocese purchased the entire four floor building. This will be used for the growing congregation, and for a flat for the priest. This building will be also used by EpiscoCare for community development activities; health education seminars, literacy classes, and education seminars for adults, and after-school tutorial classes for children.



While construction is not finished, on 30 December 2011, it was consecrated.



# Celebrating Christmas at All Saint's Cathedral

## Christmas Eve Service

All Saint's Cathedral was filled with people from many countries and many languages on Christmas Eve as the Anglican Churches in Egypt joined together in a televised service.

An excerpt from Bishop Mouneer's sermon is copied below. The full text can be found [here](#)

*"My beloved, the message of the angels, "I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people" is also a message from Heaven to us today. In spite of all the disturbances and suffering that surrounds us today, we can find in Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world, the great and eternal joy: the peace that passes all understanding; the peace that the world cannot give. Let us accept this message, believe in it in order to experience this great joy and true peace which we have in Jesus Christ! This is what we need these days!"*



## Boulaq Community Development Centre

Since 1925, the Boulaq Centre has been serving the poor and needy from all backgrounds. As well as assisting women with income-generating projects, education for their children, and health classes, every second week there is a church service at All Saint's Cathedral, led by Rev. Bahig Ramzy. On the 21st of December, Bishop Mouneer led the devotions at the Boulaq Christmas celebration, which was attended by 140 women. Bishop Mouneer shared about the difficult situation in Egypt, but that we should remember that Jesus is the only way.



## Refuge Egypt

*"And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* As [Refuge Egypt](#) staff celebrated Christmas together, they reflected on the person of Christ and his glorious names. The new Welcome Centre at All Saint's Cathedral was used for the celebration, and beautifully decorated with snow, Christmas trees and the town of Bethlehem. It was a time of fraternity and camaraderie as staff sang, danced and ate together.



# Prison Ministry Christmas Visit

'We lift Jesus up in all the nations.' These were the words that Bishop Mouneer and the Prison Ministry team sang together with a group of prisoners in Cairo. Each time we sang this verse, it was followed by the name of a country one of the prisoners comes from; Sudan, Columbia, China, Mexico, Ethiopia, India...

Twice a year, the Diocese is allowed to hold a service with the prisoners. On the 20th of December, Bishop Mouneer led a communion service and preached on Luke 2. He shared that we all experience temporary joy in our lives, but it is only through Jesus that we can have true and lasting joy. Everyone can have this joy, even those in prison.

The Prison Ministry team also brought food for the men and women in prison to cook for Christmas, and gifts of blankets and clothing. It was wonderful to join in prayer, singing and the Lord's supper with these saints from so many countries.



# Wady Craft Shop

The Wady Craft Shop was established in 2003 at All Saint's Cathedral in Zamalek. This shop, and the new shop in Maadi, provide an avenue to sell products for many of the ministries of the Diocese, where craft are produced by deaf, blind, disabled, refugees, prisoners and disadvantaged families.

2011 has been a difficult year for the Wady Shop, because of the situation in Egypt and less tourists. The Wady Shop has actively sought new opportunities and markets. This year, the Wady Shop attended eight different Christmas Bazaars in Cairo, which provided a different market. In addition, the Wady Shop has been selling products in Denmark through Danmision, and through a church in England.

The Wady Shop is seeking new opportunities to sell products outside Egypt, so that it can support more people. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact Ms Sherry Wageeh, the manager of the Wady Shop, at [sherry@dioceseofegypt.org](mailto:sherry@dioceseofegypt.org)



# Refuge Egypt



## Sports Ministry



Over the past four years, Refuge Egypt's Youth Department has been working to address the problem of violence between gangs of Sudanese youth in Cairo. The Youth Department played a key role in bringing about reconciliation among gangs. As part of this department a sports ministry is run for Sudanese youth. Sport acts as an avenue of reconciliation and brings a way of being together without violence.



In June 2011, a group from Faith Community Church in California partnered with Sport's Ministry team at Refuge Egypt to run a week-long soccer camp. This was the first time to bring together players from five different areas of Cairo. Many of the 80 players were former gang members.



Every day there was a training session, Bible teaching, soccer games and a time of worship. During the camp, many of the youth made decisions to follow Jesus. The Youth Department have continued to follow up with these young people and disciple them.

## Well Child Clinics

*By Ms. Jubilee Mattix*

Refuge Egypt has four Well Child clinics across Cairo, which are filled with refugee families seeking medical care for their young children.

Refuge Egypt is the only clinic in Cairo to deliver preventative community medicine. This is crucial as the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 70% of deaths to children under five are preventable. The clinics conduct routine check-ups, answer mother's questions, and educate mothers on healthy living. These simple interventions are saving lives.



In addition, Refuge Egypt distributes food bags to patients. Not only is food a great incentive for patients to visit the clinics, it's also an important medical intervention in itself. On average 38 malnutrition cases are identified per month amongst the refugee population coming for care at Refuge Egypt clinics.



Refuge Egypt (RE) strives to care holistically for each individual. In addition to treatment of physical ailments, many refugees need emotional and psychosocial support. Health workers conduct psychological screenings and refer parents to counselling services.

# News from our Partners

## The Archbishop of York

The Archbishop of York's Advent Appeal this year was for **Building a New Community Centre for the Deaf** in Cairo. In June 2010, The Most Rev. & Rt. Hon. Dr. John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York, visited the Diocese of Egypt. During his visit, he attended the ministry among the deaf in Old Cairo.



Archbishop Sentamu says *"When I visited Cairo last year it was a great delight to meet the children and workers in this marvelous Community Centre for the Deaf. I was deeply moved to see how much they enjoyed the Club and how much they were helped by it. One child told me 'I love this Club, because it makes me feel safe'. The work is growing and helping many more children—but the buildings are old and are now too small for the work as it develops. Please join me in my Advent Appeal, and help this needy community provide a place for many more deaf children to experience the joy and hope of becoming the people God wants them to be."*

The new Community Centre for the Deaf will be used for Bible studies, sign language classes, seminars, for Sunday school for the hearing children whose parents attend the Church for the Deaf, for the Sunday school for deaf children, for the project translating the Bible into Egyptian sign language, among other things.

For more information about the ministry among the deaf in Old Cairo, please see the 2011 Annual Reports of the Deaf Unit and the Church for the Deaf at the following link;

<http://www.dioceseofegypt.org/english/deafministryannualreports2011>

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**ARCHBISHOP'S ADVENT APPEAL TO BUILD A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR THE DEAF**

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The Archbishop of York,  
Dr. John Sentamu

Please let me know if you are able to help – and by how much and with any special requests. Thank you for your support.

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## Grand Mufti and Vatican Ambassador at AST

On the 22nd of December, Dr. Ali Gomaa, the Grand Mufti of the Arab Republic of Egypt, gave a lecture to the first year students of the [Alexandria School of Theology](#). Dr. Gomaa lectured about the teaching of Islam in relation to how we treat each other. Dr. Gomaa gives a lecture every year at AST, and it provides the opportunity for AST students to learn from one of the leaders of Islam.

In addition, the Vatican Ambassador, Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, gave a lecture about the Catholic theology to the students. It is important to not only understand your faith, but other denominations and other faiths. All those who attended were encouraged by the two lectures and the frankness of the lecturers.

# Memories from the Past...

## ECUMENISM

### Then..

In 1908, Gwynne Llewellyn was consecrated Bishop of Khartoum. Twelve years later, he became the Bishop of Egypt and the Sudan.

During World War One, Bishop Gwynne served as a Chaplain in the British Army in Flanders, France. In 1919 he returned to the Sudan. He was so grieved by the divisions and jealousies he had seen in France between denominations, that he decided to turn Khartoum Cathedral into a ecumenical place for all Christians



He held an annual unity service at the cathedral, which Christians from around the country travelled to attend. In the Unity Service of 1924, seven churches were represented in the procession into the Cathedral; Armenians, Scottish Presbyterian, the Archimandrite of the Greek Orthodox church, Greek Protestant, the Coptic Bishop of Khartoum, and the Anglican Bishops.

\*Information sourced from the following website; [http://acs-swansea.no-ip.org/sph/bishop\\_of\\_sudan.php](http://acs-swansea.no-ip.org/sph/bishop_of_sudan.php)

### Now...

The spirit of ecumenism continues at the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa. Each month, an ecumenical lunch is hosted by Bishop Mouneer at the Diocesan Guesthouse, next to All Saint's Cathedral in Cairo. This is attend by representatives of the Coptic Orthodox, Presbyterian, Catholic and Anglican Churches, as well as many others.



On Monday 5 December 2011, an ecumenical lunch was hosted at Christ the King Anglican Church in Tripoli, Libya. Rev. Hamdy Daoud (pictured left) writes *"Today we had a lovely ecumenical lunch. We started with liturgy of one hour prayer and thanks giving. Each priest spoke of how the Lord was faithful with him and his people during the uprising time. We gave thanks also for the Lord for keeping unity among Libyans!!"*



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## The Diocese Welcomes...

### Miss Ishi Hirome

The Vocational Training Centre for the Deaf in Old Cairo welcomed Miss Ishi Hirome from Japan. Ishi is supported by the Japanese International Co-operation Agency (JICA). Over the coming year, she will be assisting the deaf women who work in the sewing department of the Vocational Training Centre.



### Miss Laura Marie Wheeler

Laura is a volunteer from the Mennonite Central Committee. Over the next eight months, she will be working with EpiscoCare supporting them with writing funding proposals, newsletters and reporting. She is excited about the opportunity and looking forward to helping in any way that she can.

## Moving...

### Rev. Vasihar and Malini

After their three month stay in Egypt, Rev. Vasihar and Malini have returned to Christ the King Church in Tripoli, Libya. Rev. Vasihar and Malini enjoyed their time serving at St Mark's Church in Menouf, Egypt, and felt warmly welcomed by the community there.



## Visitors to Egypt

- Dr. Steve Sturman, UK
- Rev. Dave Williams, UK
- Africa Hope Learning Centre
- The Grand Mufti, Dr. Ali Gomaa
- Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, Vatican Ambassador
- A Religious Delegation from China
- Mr. Kua Wee Seng, Bible Society of Singapore
- Representatives of The Seed Company
- Dr. Mona Zaki, Egypt
- Mr. Jonathan Curr, New Zealand Embassy in Egypt
- Mr. Steven Lenga, CMS UK
- Rev. Geoff Holt & Peter Holt, New Zealand
- Rev. Roger Kay & Family, Ethiopia
- Mr. Bob Keesler, USA



# Important Upcoming Events in the Diocese

## JANUARY

- New Year Celebrations (1 January)
- Visit of Rev. Adel Shokralla of Exeter (3-16 January)
- Visit of Canon Andrew Tremlett of Westminster Abby (3-11 January)
- Visit of Dr. Bill Houldsworth (4-9 January)
- Orthodox Christmas (7 January)
- Bishop Mouneer's visit to CMS Australia (10-22 January)
- Visit of Bishop Maurice (21 January—13 February)
- Bishop Mouneer's visit to Adelaide (22-24 January)
- Bishop Mouneer's visit to Singapore (24-26 January)
- AST Faculty & Staff Retreat (23-35 January)
- Centenary of All Saints Cathedral, Khartoum (26-29 January)
- Visit of Dr. Gordon Jackson (28 January-12 March)

## FEBRUARY

- CAPA Meeting (4-8 February)
- AST Residential Conference (8-11 February)
- Consecration of the new Archbishop of South East Asia (12 February)
- Visit of Rev. Dr. Stephen Sizer on Christian Zionism (13-18 February)
- The Love Campaign with Dr. Nabil Jabbour (17-23 February)
- Visit of Rev. Tom Papazaglokis (27 February-27 April)
- Provincial "Central" Synod (28-29 February)
- Visit of Michael Glerup & Early African Christianity (29 February-6 March)

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[www.eda-egypt.org.uk](http://www.eda-egypt.org.uk)

The Friends of the Anglican Diocese of Egypt in the USA:

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