

Saint Margaret's Anglican Episcopal Church Budapest



*Hungarian Refugee Children
Institute for the History of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution
Hungarian Revolution Day, October 23*

***OCTOBER 2015
SAINT MARGARET'S
MARGINALIA***

SVÁBHEGY SUNDAY WORSHIP
OCTOBER 4, 18

Magyar Protestáns Szakkollégium

1121 Budapest

Eötvös út 35

Each first and third Sunday of the month

At 10:30am.

NO Service these days at the Almássy utca Chapel

Nor at the Fasori Gimnázium...

Directions: The Szakkollégium is approximately one kilometre north of the Svábhegy Cogwheel (also known as the *Fogaskerekű*) stop. The location is clearly marked, and ample parking is available just outside the entrance gate.

The location is also easily accessible by BKK bus 21 or 21A from Széll Kálmán tér or Déli pályaudvar. Buses run every six minutes on Sunday morning and reach the worship site at the Özike köz stop in approximately 12-14 minutes. The Özike köz stop is the second one past the Cogwheel stop. The Szakkollégium gate is downhill on the left, a one-minute walk.

You may wish to consult the BKK website for more detailed information:
www.bkkinfo.hu.

FASORI SUNDAY WORSHIP
OCTOBER 11, 25

Budapest-Fasori Evangélikus Gimnázium

1071 Budapest

Városligeti Fásor 17-21

Each second and fourth Sunday of the month

At 10:30am.

NO Service these days at the Szakkollégium Chapel...

Nor in Almássy utca...

Directions: Metro 1 (the Földalatti) to the Bajza utca stop. South along Bajza utca to Városligeti Fásor. The Gimnázium is next to the church. If driving, you may use neighbourhood on-street parking.

You may wish to consult the BKK website for more detailed information:
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS...



October 4. The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. **Svábhegy** Location. Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am. The Festival Day of Saint Francis of Assisi.

October 11. The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. **Fasori Gimnázium** location. Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am.

October 14. Monthly Midweek Programme. See the article in this issue.

October 18. The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. **Svábhegy** Location. Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am. **Council meets** after the service and fellowship. [*Note: Council meets every third Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.*]

October 23. Hungarian Revolution Remembrance Day. A national holiday in Hungary. Pray for the people and government of Hungary.

October 24. Saint Margaret's annual fund-raising dinner begins at 18.30 at the Kárpátia Restaurant. See article in this issue for details.



October 25. **European Summer Time**, also called Daylight Saving Time, ends. Please adjust your egg-timers, sundials, and biorhythms **BACK one hour before bed on Saturday, 24 October...**and get to church on time Sunday morning. This is also a good time by the way to check and perhaps **replace the batteries in home smoke detector** devices.

October 25. The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. **Fasori Gimnázium** location. Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am. Healing Anointing during the service.

November 1. The Festival Day of **All Saints**. **Svábhegy** Location. Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am.

LOOKING AHEAD...

November 8. Remembrance Sunday. The annual memorial service at the Solymár cemetery at 10.55. Morning Prayer at the Fasori location at 10.30. Details in the November *Marginalia*.

November 28. Annual **Advent Evensong** at 17.30 with the participation of the Gabrieli Choir at the Fasori Evangélikus Church, next to the gimnázium. Details in the November *Marginalia*.

December 18. Annual Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols at 18.00. See subsequent issues of the *Marginalia* for details including location.

FATHER FRANKLY SPEAKING...

Dear Friends,

Scripture is replete with tales of journey...

I suppose we could start with the very first chapters of Genesis, as Adam and Eve have their Republic of Paradise residency permits suddenly revoked for violation of what some today might deem an arbitrary local agricultural ordinance. They are then summarily deported to the land now known as Planet Earth – where their descendants are still trying desperately to get those millennia-old visas reinstated.

Good luck on that....

A bit later, Noah and representatives of every living creature on earth barely escape the menacing waters of the Great Flood, becoming in effect the first refugees or boat people – though alas not the last -- to take to the sea to avoid peril at home.

We could also of course cite the epic land journey of Abraham and Sarah and their cohort of relatives and hangers-on from Ur in present-day Iraq – arguably the centre of ancient civilization -- to what was to become the promised land of Israel.

Jumping ahead again, the Israelites later escape from tyranny and oppression in Egypt, trekking presumably on foot for many years through “the wilderness of Sinai” on their return journey to a promised homeland which likely none of them had ever seen – and for which surely none of them had valid passports or proper papers. Let me see then...

Were they refugees or illegal migrants...?



Good question. In the New Testament, Jesus too is constantly on the move. The Gospels sometimes read like a spiritual *Lonely Planet Travel Guide* – I like that name – to first-century Galilee and Jerusalem and points in-between.

Paul the Apostle was also a man constantly on the go, making his way across the classical Mediterranean world from Syria to Turkey to Greece to Malta and Italy – hmm, sounds like a familiar itinerary – not incidentally spreading the

good news of the Gospel along the way. Happily for him, his Roman citizenship credentials were in order.

We here in Europe are of course the spiritual beneficiaries of his sojourns and ventures centuries ago. In fact, according to scholars Philippi in northern Greece was visited by Paul as early as 49 AD, making it the oldest Christian community in Europe. Perhaps we should make Paul an honorary area dean in our own Archdeaconry of the East.

It sometimes seems as if the people of the Bible are always on the road – or in a boat – whether it be escaping danger at home or spreading Good News abroad.

The subsequent history of Europe – or the entire world for that matter -- is not much different. Virtually all of us are children of migrants and refugees of one sort or another. Here in the Carpathian Basin for instance, the ancient Magyar tribes arrived in their droves over a millennium ago – unannounced, uninvited, and initially unwanted -- followed in their wake by a train of exotic visitors and invaders, many of whom stayed and prospered.

Go back far enough, and most Hungarians today can lay claim to at least some German, Cuman, Jazygian, Roma, Jewish, Slavic, Ruthenian, Bulgar, Turkic, Avar, Mongol, Celtic, Roman, Romanian, Pecheneg, Byzantine, Khagar, Scythian, Etruscan, Moravian, Visigoth, or Hunnic background.

Did I leave anyone out?

No wonder King Saint Stephen's dying wish – expressed in a letter to his son Imre -- was that Hungary always be welcoming of strangers and sojourners. It is a demand and a challenge which is with us still today of course.

Perhaps especially today.

No matter one's political persuasion or opinion of the migrant and refugee crisis facing Europe at the moment, it is important to remember that in God's eyes we are all in the same boat with Noah or caravan with Abraham. We are all seeking safe ground or a place to call home.

Pope Francis speaks eloquently of this when he writes of today's refugees and migrants, "We must not be taken aback by their numbers, but rather view them as persons, seeing their faces and listening to their stories, trying to respond as best we can to their situation."

Saint Stephen himself could not have said it better.

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The Rev. Dr. Frank Hegedűs
Chaplain and Area Dean

TRANSITIONS

AT SAINT MARGARET'S....

Change is never easy; and is perhaps particularly difficult at church as we all identify to some extent with the place or location where we worship.

Unlike some churches in the United Kingdom and elsewhere which have been rooted in the same spot and building for centuries, many of our congregations in the Diocese in Europe find themselves -- perhaps not unlike the ancient Israelites in the desert -- often in transition and on the move. This has certainly been true of Saint Margaret's throughout its relatively short history.

And, as many of you know, we have been searching for a new location for Sunday worship for some time now. Our cellar venue in Almásy utca has become too small and is in any event increasingly in need of major and costly renovation.

Our services at Svábhegy have proved a partial solution to our dilemma. The Szakkollégium is a particularly popular location with parents of younger children -- and with the children themselves. But at the same time Chaplaincy Council has also been hoping to find a location closer to the centre, making Sunday worship as convenient as possible -- for as many as possible.



We believe we may well have found one. It is the assembly hall -- *díszterem* in Hungarian -- at the Lutheran Church's *gimnázium*, or secondary school, at Városligeti fasor 17-21, between Hősök tere and Oktogon.

The school is perhaps one of the best -- and best-known -- in Hungary, counting two Nobel Prize winners among its alumni -- not to mention János Neumann, considered by many as the inventor of the modern computer.

And, the assembly hall is a wonderful and beautiful space. A classroom is also being made available to us for Sunday school as well as a space for fellowship after the service. All at a very reasonable weekly fee.

For now, we shall simply replace worship at the Almásy utca location with worship at the Fasori gimnázium. Worship at Svábhegy remains unaffected. However, Council will reassess the situation in early 2016.

Father Frank and Council again ask your patience and forbearance as we continue to discern God's will for us in the coming months and years. While this is a period of anxiety for some in our community, there is of course no hidden agenda in Council's decision-making.

No conspiracy theory. No one group set against another. Just faithful members of Council seeking to do God's will for our wonderful Saint Margaret's community – as God gives us the wisdom so to do.

For your convenience, here is a schedule of our worship locations through the end of 2015. Location directions will be found in the *Marginalia*. All dates are Sundays, and all services are at 10.30 am.

<i>Date →</i>	<i>Location</i>
4 October	Svábhegy
11 October	Fasori
18 October	Svábhegy
25 October	Fasori
1 November	Svábhegy
8 November*	Fasori
15 November	Svábhegy
22 November	Fasori
29 November	Fasori
6 December	Svábhegy
13 December	Fasori
20 December**	Svábhegy
27 December	Fasori

*Remembrance Sunday is 8 November. Our memorial service will again be held at the cemetery in Solymár, with Morning Prayer at Fasori.

**Times and locations for the Christmas services have not yet been set.

So, mark your diaries and calendars now. Perhaps print out the schedule and post it on the refrigerator or icebox door. Each month's schedule of services will continue to be posted in the *Marginalia*. And, a weekly email reminder and Facebook posting will also be provided.

We do want you to get to church on time -- and in the right location...!

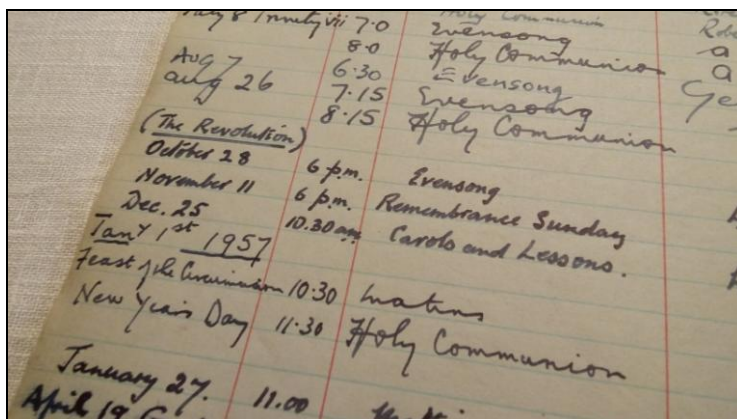
Hope this helps!

MIDWEEK PROGRAMME

DISCUSSION, SUPPER, PRAYER...

Join in our monthly midweek programme of supper, discussion, and prayer on **Wednesday evening, 14 October, between 6:00 – 8:00pm**, as we listen attentively to the stories of our Hungarian members who lived through the 1956 Revolution – and of those who remember hearing of it in distant lands. What happened back then...?

What was it like for children and families...?.



Our still-current *Register of Church Services* begins with the simple and perhaps chilling entry, shown above, "The Revolution, October 28, 6pm, Evensong." Thirty eight people were in attendance that day at the British Embassy -- likely for the most part Embassy staff and family members.

Those were difficult days to be sure. And, it can be helpful for all of us to learn from them through the stories and lives of our Saint Margaret's friends and neighbours.

What do you remember of the events of that autumn...? What tales were you told by family and relatives...? Come and share them with us...!

We begin our evening programme as usual with a welcome and discussion, followed by Compline, one of the official prayer services of the Church, and a light supper. We usually conclude about 8.00 pm.

Sign up by emailing anglicanbudapest@gmail.com or add your name to the sign-up sheet at church on Sunday, so we know how many to plan for.

Additional details and directions will be provided to those who plan to attend.

SAINT MARGARET'S ANNUAL FUND-RAISING DINNER...

Join with fellow parishioners and friends of Saint Margaret's as we gather once again at the famed Kárpátia Restaurant for our annual Autumn Harvest Dinner and Fundraiser. Our topic this year is very current...

Hungary in Europe Then and Now

Our speaker for this special event will be renowned historian and prolific author, Norman Stone, an expert on the recent history of Central and Eastern Europe, the World Wars, and Turkey and the Middle East.



Professor Stone has served as lecturer at Cambridge, where he completed his undergraduate work, and as professor at Oxford. He has worked over the years at the BBC, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. He was also a speech writer for -- and foreign policy advisor to -- Margaret Thatcher during her tenure as prime minister.

In recent years, Professor Stone has served as professor at several universities in Turkey, his current home. He is a frequent visitor to Budapest where he is doing research -- and at Saint Margaret's as well.

We have asked Professor Stone to speak about what for many of us is our home country -- or home away from home -- here in Central Europe, Hungary, and its changing role in the region over recent decades. This should prove to be a very exciting and engaging presentation and event.

The Kárpátia Restaurant is a well-known and beloved Pest landmark offering excellent food and service in the best Hungarian tradition and style. It has long been a favourite of local artists, businesspeople, and visitors.

Saturday, October 24, at 6.30 PM

Kárpátia Étterem

1053 Budapest

Ferenciek tere 7-8

<http://www.karpatia.hu/en>

The evening will include a three-course meal. A donation of HUF 10.000 per person is requested at the door. If you are unable to attend, your generous donation will still be very much appreciated. The event supports the ministry of Saint Margaret's Anglican Episcopal Church in Budapest.

For reservations and further information please contact:

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ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD IN ZAGREB....

The Eastern Archdeaconry Synod 2015 met this past September at a conference centre near Zagreb, Croatia. "I was not sure I would be able to get to Zagreb," reports Father Frank, "because of the refugee crisis at the border." Happily, he and Lay Representative, Arthur Reynolds, were able to get through with no trouble whatever.



The Rev. Phil Potter, pictured here pondering a point, was one of our featured speakers. Father Phil is the Archbishop's Missioner and an expert on what are termed *Fresh Expressions* of ministry – new ways of expressing our faith in the contemporary world.

The Rev. Dr. Danijel Berkovic [picture on the following page] gave Synod new insights into the Psalms and their meaning for today. Dr. Berkovic is professor of Old Testament studies at the Lutheran University in Zagreb and husband of newly installed Lay Reader Janet Berkovic.

Synod sessions also included updates on Diocesan programmes and activities, opportunities to share chaplaincy life and experiences, common prayer, fellowship, wonderful meals, and much else.



This year, we also welcomed in an official manner our new Archdeacon, the Venerable Colin Williams. His installation is depicted in the photo. For the

first time, our archdeacon will *not* also be a chaplain – meaning he can devote himself fully to his new duties as archdeacon.

By the way, Archdeacon Colin will serve not only the Eastern Archdeaconry but Germany and Northern Europe as well. So he will be busy. You may read more about him in the June 2015 *Marginalia*.



Here at left are Professor Berkovic, his wife and Zagreb Lay Reader Janet Berkovic, and Bishop Robert Innes.

Janet organised this year's Synod at ground level, arranging for accommodation, travel arrivals and departures, meals, entertainment, and much else. She also summarised in a beautiful fashion the status of the Archdeaconry – based upon the individual reports of our various chaplaincies.

A big *THANK YOU* to Janet.

We also had opportunity at Synod to thank Archdeacon Patrick Curran for his many years of service as archdeacon.

Archdeacon Patrick remains of course chaplain of Christ Church, Vienna, for which we are thankful. See the separate article in this issue.



The Conference Centre near Zagreb

SAINT MARGARET'S REPORT To SYNOD 2015...



[Note: Each Chaplaincy of the Eastern Archdeaconry makes an annual report to Synod. Here is the report on Saint Margaret's.]

Electoral Roll

We had sixty-six (66) members on the electoral roll as of the Annual General Meeting AGM 2015, up from fifty-seven in 2014 and , and forty-five in 2013.

Worship Life

Average Sunday Attendance

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015 (through June)</u>
Svábhegy Mornings:	35	34
Almássy:	37	35
Combined	36	34

Overall attendance in 2014 was up nearly 30% year-on-year from 2013. However, it is down just over 10% in the first half of 2015 compared to 2014 overall. We average 5-8 children in Sunday school during the school year; and approximately 2-3 visitors per month, mostly tourists and mostly at the Almássy location in Pest. Council set itself a goal in early 2015 of achieving average Sunday attendance of fifty (50) by the end of calendar year 2017, a significant challenge.

Father Frank celebrated his fortieth anniversary of ordination in November 2014.

Sacraments and Rites

We celebrated two baptisms since Synod 2014. There have been three weddings and one funeral.

Venue



Our cellar chapel in Pest continued to be a problem throughout 2014 and 2015 for a number of reasons:

- It is too small for our growing congregation.
- Ventilation has been improved with fans but is still not good.
- The walls have moisture, causing paint to peel, and this cannot be easily remedied, if at all.
- The electrical wiring and plumbing are poor.
- The neighbourhood is considered by some a bit dodgy.

A new location for worship Pest has at last been identified at a Lutheran *gimnázium*, or high school. Our fist service there was held earlier this month on 13 September, with 34 in attendance. Council will decide in early 2016 whether to continue services on alternate Sundays in Svábhegy and the *gimnázium* or to combine our efforts at one site.

Retired Chaplain, The Rev. Canon Denis Moss, holds Sunday services at his home chapel near Balaton, a large resort and retirement area in western Hungary popular with many retired Brits. He reports averaging 4-7 attendees, and this service is also now posted on the Diocesan registry of services.

Music



For its size, Saint Margaret's has been blessed over the years with highly qualified and dedicated musicians who lead us in our music worship. The Gabrieli Choir of Budapest joins us at two Evensong services a year as well as at our annual Lessons & Carols service. All three of these services have been held jointly with our sister congregation of Saint Columba's Scottish Presbyterian Church.

Ecumenical Relations



We enjoy excellent relations with our "sister" congregation of Saint Columba's English-language Scottish Presbyterian Church, a community approximately the same size as Saint Margaret's. Our relations with the leadership of the Reformed Church of Hungary as well as that of the Lutheran Church are very good as well. Relations with the hierarchy of the predominate Roman Catholic Church in the Budapest area are polite. We are also a constituent member of the Hungarian Ecumenical Council, with Father Frank serving on the Executive Committee.

We participate in an annual event marking the festival day of Saint Thomas Becket, whose only extant relics, we are told, are kept and honoured in Esztergom, the primatial see of Hungary. This event, popular with the political leadership of Hungary, is organized by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Szeged, in southern Hungary, a long-time friend to our community. We also participate in annual ecumenical services marking Saint Stephen's Day and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

In addition to Father Frank, our chaplain, there are four other Anglican clergy residing in Hungary: Canon Denis Moss, our retired chaplain; the Rev. Andy Oatridge, director of Acorn Camps, a UK-based charity; and three US Episcopal priests (without PTO), two of whom are professors and the third, retired.

Christian Education



During the school year, we count on average five to eight children each week in Sunday school, although this varies from week to week. The curriculum follows the Sunday lections, especially the Gospel, and includes crafts and similar activities. The children are also welcomed by the celebrant at the beginning of each service, and frequently display their handiwork to the community as the service concludes. We currently have more teenagers than small children, and a teen group is in the process of being formed.

We continue our monthly midweek programme and service for adults which includes a presentation on some theological, historical, or spiritual topic of interest to our members, followed by a light supper and Compline. This has proven to be a popular

monthly event, and usually draws 10-12 participants. We also offer weekly fellowship and prayer during Lent.

This summer, a number of parishioners again went on "pilgrimage" to the site of Saint Margaret's birth in southern Hungary. This has become an annual event in the Saint Margaret's calendar.

Finances, Stewardship, and Fellowship

Ft Thanks in part to the Hungarian state scheme of tax-related support for official churches (of which we are one) as well as the extraordinary generosity of a small number of local members and friends abroad, Saint Margaret's is currently managing to continue its ministry with a balanced budget. Our revenue through the state tax scheme by the way is a significant source of income for the parish community. Various fellowship events are planned throughout the year, many of them also connected to our fund-raising efforts.

Outreach



We have "adopted" the Menedékház as our favourite charity. The Menedékház serves homeless families and children in the Budapest area, providing them foodstuffs, clothing, and temporary shelter. Saint Margaret's holds quarterly clothing drives and also makes cash contributions to this programme. We also sponsor food shelf drives

from time to time, and encourage giving to our Poor Box. We also provide occasional monetary support to the local Sisters of Mercy.

Earlier this month, members of the Saint Margaret's community assisted in aid to the many refugees approaching our city from Syria, Afghanistan, and other war-troubled areas. On one occasion, we assembled over one hundred and twenty-five aid packets for distribution. And, one of our members from the countryside has donated over six hundred kilos of apples to the effort.

Communications



We have a monthly newsletter in PDF format called the Saint Margaret's Marginalia consisting of 20-24 pages of commentary and reflection from Father Frank and news of interest to the community. This is now sent out electronically each month to a distribution list of about 400

email addresses worldwide.

Our website is a Facebook page, making maintenance and updates quick and easy. We currently have over 300 LIKES, up from 218 this time last year. Father Frank's sermons are posted weekly to the site as is information about upcoming events. We invite Synod participants to visit and like us at www.anglicanbudapest.com. We also have a weekly paper Sunday bulletin or service sheet with written notices and announcements.

ARCHDEACON PATRICK STEPS DOWN....

[Note: Reprinted and edited from Eurobishop, the online blog of Suffragan Bishop David Hamid.]

The Synod of the Archdeaconry of the East was held in Zagreb, Croatia, at the end of last week. Clergy and lay representatives came together from what is geographically the most extensive archdeaconry in the Diocese, covering central Europe, the Balkans, Turkey, the Caucasus and all of Russia.



Archdeacon Patrick Curran, pictured here with his wife Lucille, was presented with an icon of Saints Cyril and Methodius as an expression of thanks from the congregations of the Archdeaconry for his long and dedicated service to them. Father Patrick has been Archdeacon of this area for longer than I have been a bishop in this Diocese, and was key to my own orientation back in 2002!

The icon is a fitting gift for Father Patrick, given the area he has served as Archdeacon. Saints Cyril and Methodius were brothers in the ninth century from Thessalonica. Although Byzantine Greeks, it is clear that they also learned the tongue of the neighbouring Slavs. They translated much of the scriptures and the liturgy into what is now called Slavonic, and they evangelised many of the Slavic peoples of Europe.

During Archdeacon Patrick's tenure, new congregations were established, and dormant congregations revitalised in Turkey, Armenia, Croatia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Poland and Crete. He leaves a legacy of a united and enthusiastic Archdeaconry, despite the challenges of geography and scant resources.

Father Patrick continues as Chaplain of Christ Church Vienna, but now steps down as Archdeacon of the East, and hands over this responsibility to Archdeacon Colin Williams. Archdeacon Patrick also received a framed map of Europe as a thank you from the Diocese.

[Editor's Note: Father Patrick has been a great support to Saint Margaret's over many years. Father Frank is particularly grateful for his sage advice and encouragement in his ministry.]

REFUGEE CRISIS IN HUNGARY...

Moved by the plight of thousands of refugees traversing Hungary, members of Saint Margaret's – along with many friends of the parish -- gathered on Saturday, 5 September, to prepare aid-packets to be distributed among the refugees at the Keleti International Train Station.

"There were about twenty-five to thirty of us in all," reports Father Frank. "Everyone was enthusiastic and eager to help."



work.

After prayer together and trips to local shops and stores to gather appropriate provisions, the volunteers put together approximately one hundred and thirty packets, or bags, containing fruit, nutrition bars, water, toiletries, and hygiene items, among much else. A smaller group of Saint Margaret volunteers is pictured, left, hard at

"We felt that such simple things could make the biggest difference in the short term," continues Father Frank, "although we also knew that much more would need to be done over the coming days and weeks."



Here an energetic group of refugee children entertains Father Frank.

Arthur Reynolds, a member of Saint Margaret's with extensive orchards in western Hungary, also donated over four hundred kilos of the autumn apple harvest to the effort. "I was happy to help,"

observes Arthur. "I was one of many who helped in so many ways."

When the aid packets were prepared and ready to go, the team then headed over to Keleti station, a short distance from the church, to distribute the items.

Keleti is not unlike any major train station in Europe – always bustling. On this occasion, the plaza in front of the station – as well as the modern underground transportation level – was filled with arriving refugees, mainly from Syria but also Afghanistan and other lands.



Part of the Saint Margaret's contingent of volunteers at Keleti

The refugees appeared well dressed and groomed, though also obviously exhausted from their journey. Several reported being Christian. The language barrier was sadly formidable, but there was absolutely no sign of violence or disturbance anywhere. Police presence was minimal and respectful.

The Saint Margaret's team targeted mainly the many family groups in the distribution of their packets. Children and young families were everywhere.

The volunteer team from Saint Margaret's was by no means alone in its efforts. "The massive outpouring of generosity on the part of everyday Hungarians was wonderful to behold," notes Saint Margaret's Churchwarden, Julia Lengyel.

Father Frank agrees. "This part of the story has been underreported in the media. In some areas of the station there were nearly as many local volunteers as refugees."

Budapest-based Anglican priest and friend of Saint Margaret's, the Rev. Andy Oatridge, Director of the UK charity, Acorn Camps, lent assistance to refugees at the Bicske train station near his home west of Budapest. His report, aired on BBC, is carried in the first two minutes of a 5 September broadcast.

Additional information can be found here:

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2015/09/on-the-front-line-of-the-refugee-crisis.aspx>

ANGLICAN AGENCY ASSISTS REFUGEES...

The Anglican Agency called, *Us*, has launched a rapid response fund to assist the Diocese in Europe's outreach to refugees.



Thanks to the Anglican mission agency *Us* (formerly USPG), a way for individuals and churches to respond to the refugee crisis in continental Europe has opened up via the agency's [Rapid Response Fund](#). *Us* has issued an appeal for donations to fund the Diocese in Europe as it reaches out to refugees arriving throughout the continent.

A statement on the *Us* website reads:

"The Diocese in Europe is working on the frontline with refugees, and has asked *Us* to be the official agency for Anglican churches in Britain and Ireland to channel donations for its work; and we can receive donations from any country. Your donations to our [Rapid Response Fund](#) will help the diocese to provide emergency medical support, food, shelter and pastoral care for refugees. Initially, there will be a particular focus on the situation in Greece and Hungary.

Bishop David Hamid writes: 'Thank you so much for your support at this critical time. 'Due to staffing limitations in our diocesan office, it would be best if *Us* could collect the funds and transfer consolidated funds to the diocese for use in Greece, Hungary and where there is need. We have an efficient process agreed that will help our partners working on the ground.'

Your donations will be focused on Greece and Hungary. One estimate states that 160,000 people have arrived in Greece so far this year, with many fleeing conflicts in Syria, Afghanistan and Eritrea. The need for healthcare is particularly acute. Many refugees, including the elderly and children, are arriving in need of urgent medical care, but Greece's overstretched public resources, and a lack of medicines in the country, mean many refugees are going untreated. Your donations will help.

In Hungary, volunteers from church and community have been distributing aid packages. At the weekend (5 Sep), members of St Margaret's Anglican Church in Budapest gave packages to refugees at Keleti International Train Station. *Us* Chief Executive Janette O'Neill said: 'We are so pleased to offer our services to mobilise a response, supporting our sisters and brothers of the Diocese in Europe.

'They are meeting refugees on Europe's frontline with both compassion and much needed tangible support. We want to play our part in helping equip them with the essentials that will signal to the refugees that their journey has turned a corner and safety and respite from war in sight. "Please make a donation to our [Rapid Response Fund](#) today."

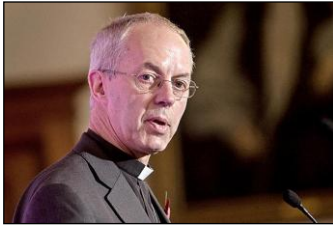
Here is a link to the *Us* donation site:

http://www.weareus.org.uk/donate_form.php?giveto=rapid_response_fund

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN ON THE REFUGEE CRISIS...

Thursday 3rd September 2015

In a statement on the refugee crisis facing Europe and the Middle East, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said today:



“This is a hugely complex and wicked crisis that underlines our human frailty and the fragility of our political systems. My heart is broken by the images and stories of men, women and children who have risked their lives to escape conflict, violence and persecution.

“There are no easy answers and my prayers are with those who find themselves fleeing persecution, as well as those who are struggling under immense pressure to develop an effective and equitable response. Now, perhaps more than ever in post-war Europe, we need to commit to joint action across Europe, acknowledging our common responsibility and our common humanity.

“As Christians we believe we are called to break down barriers, to welcome the stranger and love them as ourselves (Leviticus 19:34), and to seek the peace and justice of our God, in our world, today.

“With winter fast approaching and with the tragic civil war in Syria spiraling further out of control, we must all be aware that the situation could yet worsen significantly.

“I am encouraged by the positive role that churches, charities and international agencies are already playing, across Europe and in Syria and the surrounding areas, to meet basic humanitarian needs. These efforts may feel trivial in the face of the challenge, but if we all play our part this is a crisis that we can resolve.

“We need a holistic response to this crisis that meets immediate humanitarian need while tackling its underlying drivers. I commend the UK Government for its strong commitment to the world’s poorest people through the delivery of the aid budget.

“It has shown global leadership by providing £900 million in aid since 2012 to the crisis in Syria. It has also shown moral leadership in using Royal Navy ships to save the lives of hundreds who have tried to make the dangerous crossing across the Mediterranean.

"I hold in my heart particularly those who are most vulnerable in conflict, and those who we have a special duty to protect. In the past, the Government has rightly sought to provide sanctuary to unaccompanied children, women and those who have been victims of, or are at risk of, sexual violence. I welcome this, while urging a renewed commitment to taking in the most vulnerable.



"The Church has always been a place of sanctuary for those in need, and Churches in the UK and across Europe have been meeting the need they are presented with.

"I reaffirm our commitment to the principle of sanctuary for those who require our help and love.

"The people of these islands have a long and wonderful history of offering shelter and refuge, going back centuries – whether it be Huguenot Christians, Jewish refugees, Ugandan Asians, Vietnamese boat people or many, many more.

"It has always been controversial at the time it happened, always been seen as too difficult. Yet each time we have risen to the challenge and our country has been blessed by the result.

"We cannot turn our backs on this crisis. We must respond with compassion. But we must also not be naïve in claiming to have the answers to end it. It requires a pan-European response – which means a commitment to serious-minded diplomatic and political debate, but not at the expense of practical action that meets the immediate needs of those most in need of our help."

US CONVOCATION STATEMENT ON THE REFUGEE CRISIS...

[Note: The Convocation is a kind of diocese of US Episcopal (Anglican) churches in Europe, headed by Bishop Pierre Whalon. It consists of approximately twelve congregations and missions located for the most part in Western Europe. Relations between the Convocation and our own Diocese in Europe have long been warm and friendly.]



Resolution on the Refugee and Migrant Crisis To the congregations of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Whereas Europe has always been a refuge for migrants fleeing wars and economic hardship, today's unprecedented influx of millions calls for an unprecedented response.

The Gospel tells us to care for the least and the lost (Matthew 25:31-45), and Holy Scripture reminds us that we were once strangers too (Ex. 22:21; Dt. 10:19).



Moreover, we have vowed each of us to seek and serve Jesus in our neighbour (BCP 305). In a recent statement, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori [pictured left] wrote, "We cannot ignore the massive human suffering in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, nor in Asia and the Americas.

"We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, and our lives are bound up with theirs. The church-wide ministry of Episcopalians has included refugee resettlement since the refugee crisis of World War II."

The Convocation of Episcopal Churches of Europe has long been on the front line of the Episcopal Church's mission with refugees and migrants from the Middle East and Africa, reflected in our Vision 2012 Commitment to Ministry beyond our walls.

Therefore, meeting in Clermont-Ferrand, France, we, the Council of Advice and your Bishop-In-Charge, passed the following resolution:

Be it hereby Resolved that the Convocation's congregations engage in a period of renewed commitment to the call to welcome the stranger, culminating in a rededication on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016, to our shared and individual refugee and migrant ministries.

This will include:

- 1.) establishing or enhancing opportunities for use of time, talent and treasure at a parish level including consultation with local ecumenical and interfaith organizations;
- 2.) investing time for formation of our members in understanding migration issues and meeting needs as God gives us the means;
- 3.) making this Convocation Mission Sunday a special collection of materials and funds to symbolize our renewed commitment; and
- 4.) officially acknowledging now the individual congregation's willingness to hear and respond to God's call.

Unanimously approved.

The Council of Advice and the Bishop in charge of the Convocation of
Episcopal Churches in Europe
September 12, 2015

MIDWEEK DINNER IN SEPTEMBER...



Joyce Corbett of our parish community here explains a fine point of Hungarian art and history to the group gathered for the monthly midweek event.

Our thanks to Julia and Sándor Lengyel for opening their home to us.

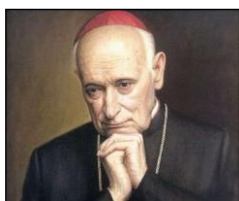
PERPLEX THE PRIEST

CARDINAL JOZSEF MINDSZENTY

A former parishioner of Father Frank's notes: I see one of the cardinals in Hungary died recently. It got me thinking. Who exactly was Cardinal Mindszenty?

Father Frank responds: Another great question. Especially during the month of October when Hungarians commemorate the 1956 Revolution. Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty played a leading role in the events of those days.

Born of peasant parents, Mindszenty became a priest and later bishop. Always an outspoken advocate of human and religious freedom, he was imprisoned by the Hungarian fascists on at least two occasions before and during World War II because of his views.



At the end of World War II, he became primate – lead-bishop – of Hungary and was made a cardinal by Pope Pius XII.

Soon after, Mindszenty, true to form, strongly opposed the rise of Communism in Hungary. He fought ardently for the rights of the Church during this troubled period in Hungarian history and was again imprisoned for his views – this time of course by the Communists.

He was freed during the brief days of the Revolution in October and November 1956 and once again took the opportunity to denounce Communist oppression. However as the tide and fortune of the Hungarian Revolution turned and the Communists with Russian assistance regained power, Mindszenty sought and obtained refuge in the American Embassy in Budapest.

Although this safe-haven was envisioned as a stop-gap and temporary measure, Mindszenty continued to live in the Embassy quarters until 1971 – for fully fifteen years – at which time the Vatican ultimately reached a compromise of sorts with the Hungarian authorities which resulted in his release and exile.

He spent his remaining years in Vienna. During this time, however, he also travelled extensively – including to the United States – and continued to speak out against Communist domination and all attempts to stifle religious freedom and liberty. He also opposed the Vatican's attempted softening of relations with the Communist governments of Central and Eastern Europe.

Ultimately removed by the pope from his official position and title as Primate of Hungary, Mindszenty died in May 1975, forty years ago this past spring. His remains were eventually returned to Hungary for reburial in Esztergom after the fall of the Communist regime.

Mindszenty had no doubt a difficult life. He was in a sense an exile and refugee in his own land for many years but remained a man of deep faith and conviction. He is today held in high esteem by nearly all Hungarians and has become an international symbol of humankind's struggle against all forms of tyranny.

ADDITIONAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES...

Saint Margaret's is pleased to highlight additional opportunities for your generous financial support. Each of the organisations listed below seeks to make a positive difference in peoples' lives right here in Hungary.

If you are a Hungarian taxpayer, it may be possible for you to designate one of these institutions for the government's 1% charitable-giving tax scheme. In other words, the designated institution will then receive approximately one-percent of your tax contribution – at no additional expense to you, the taxpayer.

This is a separate scheme from the 1% church-tax funding by the way, and will not affect your designation of Saint Margaret's for the church-tax scheme. Consult your own tax expert for details.

You may of course also simply make a bank transfer donation to the institutions of your choice.



The Hungarian Ecumenical Council [MEÖT] provides a forum and round-table for the various churches of Hungary, including Saint Margaret's and the Anglican Communion. The Council has been extremely supportive of our mission and ministry in Hungary.

Magyarországi Egyházak Ökumenikus Tanácsának Szövetsége

Website: <http://www.meot.hu/>

1117 Budapest

Magyar Tudósok krt 3

Adószám (Tax Number) 18396041-1-43

KDB Bank Account: 13597539-12302010-00031854



The Menedékház, a Refuge or Shelter House, provides as the name implies shelter and lodging for homeless families and children in the Budapest area. The Menedékház has become a favourite charity of Saint Margaret's.

Menedékház Alapítvány

Website: <http://www.menedek haz.hu/angol.html>

Adószám (Tax Number) 18262304-1-43

Budapest Bank Account: 10100826-54572800-01000004



Szárnyak Alapítvány, or Wings Foundation, seeks to assist young women with drug and alcohol problems to find appropriate assistance. Maria Moss, wife of former chaplain, the Revd. Canon Denis Moss, is particularly involved in this work.

Szárnyak Alapítvány

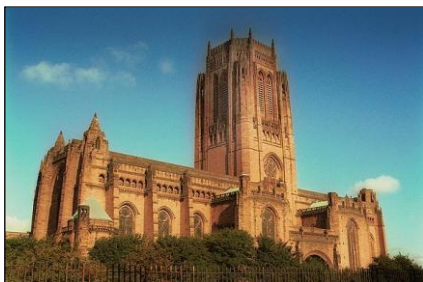
Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/wingshungary/>

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UK SUPPORTERS OF SAINT MARGARET'S...



You may support the ministry of Saint Margaret's with a simple bank transfer.

Please note in the transfer that it is a "Transfer for Budapest." Alternatively, a cheque can be made payable

to "Diocese in Europe/Budapest.

Bank Transfers go to...

**Barclays Bank plc
Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund
Swiftbic: BARCGB22
IBAN: GB43 BARC 200605 40317039**

This can then be sent to:

**Mr. Nick Wraight
Finance Officer
Diocese of Europe
14 Tufton Street
London SW1P 3QZ**

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**Make your gift go further at no
expense to you!**

By the way, the UK Gift Aid scheme is also available when making donations to Saint Margaret's.

It automatically increases the value of your gift to Saint Margaret's – at no additional cost to you.

Mr. Wraight has all the information you may need and is always willing to assist potential donors to our parish. Email him at nick.wraight@churchofengland.org. Thank you!

DONORS IN THE UNITED STATES...

If you live in the United States and would like to make a donation to the work of Saint Margaret's, Budapest, it is now possible to do so through the good auspices of the Episcopal Church USA, known in legalese as the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.



Here's how it works... Make out a check to "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society" in the desired amount of the donation which you intend to go to Saint Margaret's. You might want to designate "Saint Margaret's Budapest" in the *Note* section of your check.

Very Important... You *must* write out and sign the following on a separate sheet and enclose it with your check...

Dear Sir or Madam:

I hereby give to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America a gift in the amount of \$_____

As a preference, though not as a condition of my gift, I suggest that it be used for the program or purpose designated as follows: To support the work of Saint Margaret's Anglican Episcopal Church in Budapest, Hungary.

Signed:

Date:

Your letter and check may then be sent to:

Treasurer
Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society
815 Second Avenue
New York NY 10017

Further information is available at www.episcopalchurch.org.

Of course, if you prefer, you may simply send a check directly to Saint Margaret's at the address found in this issue of the *Marginalia*. See the following page for international bank transfer information.

Contributors In Hungary And Throughout the World...

The ministry of Saint Margaret's depends upon the generosity of dedicated supporters like you.



You may use the pledge form on the next page to indicate to our treasurer your financial commitment to Saint Margaret's. All information is kept in strictest confidence. Or, you may of course submit your pledge anonymously if you prefer.

The form may be deposited in the Sunday collection purse, mailed in. Or, it may be forwarded electronically to a churchwarden, the treasurer, or Father Frank.

But with or without a formal Pledge, **bank transfers are easy and always welcome.**

Here is the information you may need:

**Szent Margit Anglikán Episzkopális Egyház
Unicredit Bank
Számlatulajdonos: Szent Margit Anglikán Egyház
Számlaszám: 10918001-00000006-35610003
Iban: HU73 1091 80010000 0006 3561 0003
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Pledging your support helps our parish to plan its programmes and the use of its resources wisely and effectively. Print this page out, or complete it online, and return it to the Treasurer, a Churchwarden, or Father Frank.



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Sacraments and Rites

Please contact Father Frank, our Chaplain, well in advance to arrange
Any sacramental rites, such as Baptism or Matrimony,
Or any other services or liturgies of the Church.

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