

Dear ALMA Friends,

As you may know from our last ALMA Newsletter in April Sheenagh was, and still is, being treated for breast cancer, hence the long silence from us. So much has been happening I thought it was time we passed on a brief summary of some of the news.

ALMA SUNDAY: It was great to catch up with some of you at the Afternoon Tea at St Vedast before the ALMA Sunday Service in St Paul's Cathedral on 24th July.



We also met up with Bishop Vicente and his wife Anastacia from the Diocese of Zambezia who was already in the UK and was able to be with us.



MULTIPLICATION:

What amazing news we have to share of the expansion of the Anglican Church in Angola and Mozambique from four Dioceses to twelve in the space of less than two years plus the formation of the new IAMA Province. Bishop Carlos compiled the Canons for the new Province and it was agreed that the Archbishop - known as the Presiding Bishop - would be from one country then the Dean of the Province would come from the other and that this would alternate.

All the new Bishops were consecrated in time to come to the Lambeth Conference, but due to the risk of COVID, we were unable to meet with most of them. However, it was an excellent time for renewing the ALMA Covenant for the next 10 years. More of that later. Since then the Bishops have returned to their Dioceses and have all now been enthroned. If you [follow us](#) on Facebook you may have been able to link on to some of those services and celebrate with our partners.

On the 20th November a number of the ALMA staff together with Bishop Rob, will be in Maputo for the Institution of Archbishop Carlos Matsinhe as the first Archbishop of the new province of IAMA (Igreja Anglicana Mozambique & Angola) by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Justin. We will be able to tell you more after the event but in the meantime lookout for links to watch the actual event on [ALMA London](#) Facebook page. (No Facebook account needed to access this).

NEW ALMA COVENANT:

For a short article, photo and video clip of the rousing impromptu African singing from our partner Bishops, follow the [link](#) to the Diocesan website



Agreement by the Diocese of London and the Anglican Church in Mozambique and Angola (IAMA) to renew the ALMA Partnership Covenant, begun 10 July 1998, for a further 10 years: July 2022 - July 2032

Archbishop Carlos Matsinhe: Presiding IAMA Archbishop

Bishop of London: Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally

Bishop André Soares: Dean of IAMA Province

Date 4 August 2022

ALMA is part of the network of Companion Links that characterise the Anglican Communion
As Partners in the Gospel in a covenant relationship undergirded by prayer, we learn with and from each other, giving mutual support in our ministry and mission, worship and witness. 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.

You can also read a fuller article on our [ALMA website](#).

ALMA WEEKLY MORNING PRAYER

Each Wednesday morning we join in Morning Prayer, praying for our ALMA partners, Diocesan parishes and overseas links as per the London Diocese Cycle of Prayer. Do join us each week. The service can be found on the [ALMA YouTube channel](#) and [Prayer Card](#) and link is posted on our Facebook page and our [website](#)

NEW PARISH LINKS: St Ann, Tottenham with St Joseph, Huambo

NOTES FOR PRAYER:

1. Our partner Bishops with all the challenges of establishing structures, staffing and equipping of the new Diocese – housing, vehicle and office.
2. For the institution of Archbishop Carlos Matsinhe as the first Archbishop of IAMA and for each visitor attending, that we may better understand the challenges ahead for IAMA so that all may play their part as good partners.
3. For ALMA London as we look at how we can adequately partner with 12 dioceses.
4. For Sheenagh's healing and coping with the ongoing treatment. and for the ALMA London team as we struggle along without her leadership and full involvement.

Finally

Please pass this newsletter on to anyone who is interested and invite them to subscribe and receive it themselves

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