



## Don't Give It Up - Give It Out!

The 20<sup>th</sup> century proved to be an arena in which competing "isms" clashed in deadly contest. Imperialism struggled with and eventually gave way to nationalism. Communism fought with capitalism. Fascism fought with humanity. And, increasingly, fundamentalism of various shades looms as perhaps the greatest danger for present times.

We have watched unfold on our television screens the early wars of the 21<sup>st</sup> century with all the associated horror of destruction, injury and death. The extent of evil to which man will go in the name of 'a cause' has been clearly demonstrated.

What about the future?

We live in a world where change takes place overnight, where tensions quickly arise and people or nations are suddenly at loggerheads. With all these changes and tensions it's not surprising that as the years

**"History shows we are survivors"** have gone on, our world has become more and more a world of stress. Factors including the rate of change,

employment insecurity, pollution in the environment, and the sheer pace and complexity of life have added enormously to the stress on everyone.

We are required to absorb a tremendous amount of information each day. It becomes so important that we find space, peace and quiet away from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives and from the bureaucracy, lies and deceit that are all around us. The quantity of misinformation that is spread at work, by the media, by political groupings, is astonishing.

People are concerned for their futures. Will I have a job in two months time? Will the terrorists perpetrate some horror that will

affect our community? The uncertainties are clear. The spirit of our time does not appear to be one of optimism or hope. Rather, it is one of regrets, cynicism, weariness, fear and anger. But history shows we are survivors.

It is very easy to become negative. Some people are afraid of the future; it does not appear to hold much promise. When a forest is devastated by fire that results in total destruction, one can easily believe there is no hope for the future. But amazingly, new growth springs to life, bringing renewal to the landscape and hope to those who see it. In any situation in life there is hope.

So, it's beneficial to focus on the positives. Despite the many horrors of the past 100 years or so there has, in many areas, been the development of kinder societies with greater tolerance and application of human rights.

There is much that is good in our western world, many of the things we take for granted ... home comforts, daily provision of food and water, seventy years without a war being fought on our soil, a state welfare system, personal freedom and choice, health care and so on.

Perhaps the most important resolve in our lives for 2016, following an important referendum, is to care more for each other, being prepared to go the extra mile for someone and exuding a selfless spirit to those around us.

Be positive. Look back on the achievements of the past century and the progress is so many areas today. The one thing that is missing is the ability of mankind to live peaceably together. Crack this and there is real hope for the future.

Ian Field

Airport Chaplain (Salvation Army)



## You are invited

to a short (25 min) lunchtime service of Holy Communion (led by a Church of England minister, but open to all) for all staff, passengers and visitors. Followed by tea/coffee (or BYO lunch) with the chaplaincy team.

**Thursday July 6, 2016 at 13.00**

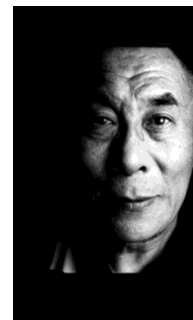
Terminal 1 Multi-faith Prayer Room  
(Landside, Arrivals / Ground Level  
Check-In B)



Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

Joseph Addison

**FEARLESS  
HOPE MORE  
EAT LESS  
CHEW MORE  
WHINE LESS  
BREATHE MORE  
TALK LESS  
SAY MORE  
LOVE MORE  
AND ALL THE  
GOOD THINGS  
ARE YOURS**



"There is a saying in Tibetan, 'Tragedy should be utilized as a source of strength.' No matter what sort of difficulties, how painful experience is, if we lose our hope, that's our real disaster."

Daily Prayers (Christian) take place Mon-Fri at 08.30 in T1 Prayer Room

and at other times and places too - visit the chaplaincy website or see Multi-faith Prayer Rooms for more information.

Holy Communion (Christian/Ecumenical) First Thursday of the month at 13.00 in T1 Prayer Room

and at major Festivals and Holy Days - visit the chaplaincy website or see Multi-faith Prayer Rooms for more information.

Friday Jumma Prayers (Islamic) are held in T3 Prayer Room 1330 BST (1300 GMT)



# A World of Stories

George Lane on two recent cases

**Two recent cases that happened on the same evening and had, on the face of it, little or nothing in common brought home the vulnerability of young women who regularly pass through our airport.**

On the one hand a young woman found to be smuggling illegal drugs into the country, on the other, a young woman of similar age escaping from a violent forced marriage.

Both women were British; intelligent, funny, and engaging. Both had back-stories that would horrify and distress you. Though from diametrically contrasting cultures, both were survivors. Common features of their stories were, guns, violence, (twisted) concepts of honour as well as the universal theme of the coercion and exploitation of young women.

I spend a lot of time in the community trying to sing the praises of those who don't always get the credit they deserve (certainly in the Media); those who wear the uniforms of both

Police and Border Force. The officers engaged in these two cases did a really difficult job well - serving the law and 'our national interests' while demonstrating empathy and compassion for two vulnerable women, for whom this encounter with uniformed authority was undoubtedly an intimidating experience. Chaplains are occasionally called upon to act as "Responsible Adults", to be there for the welfare of a child or vulnerable adult, to be a voice for them if they need anything, or if an interview is getting too much, as well as to be present when officers need to have physical contact with a passenger (for example, taking fingerprints). These are tasks we take very seriously. However, the care and concern our Police and Border Force show towards those in situations of unbelievable vulnerability is one of those things that makes me proudest to be British. It is in these private, unseen rooms around our airport, where the UK is still revealed to be both civilised and humane.

## What's happening at the Airport?



*It started as an initiative by the police to bring communities together and promote cohesion and unity in response to attacks abroad which have caused fear within and tension between communities across Greater Manchester and the UK. Following the referendum vote - which has caused celebration, despair and political disarray in equal measure - Police report a 57% increase in reported Hate Crime. MAN is a diverse community that serves the whole world, and the #WeStandTogether campaign encourages people to come together to see our diversity as a strength, not a weakness. Former Chief Constable Sir Peter Fahy: "It's more important than ever that we come together and communicate a clear message against hatred and intolerance and show our support for each other - especially at difficult times." If you'd like to take a #WeStandTogether selfie or borrow the sign, just let us know!*



*Airport Chaplain, Assia Shah is a mum who is used to feeding a hungry family - so it was second nature to her to organise an Iftar (evening break-fast) for the airport community on 16 July. The food wasn't just for Muslim colleagues, breaking their fast after a long day, all were welcome and everyone enjoyed the delicious food and drink provided, and the chance to find out more about this aspect of Ramadan. Thank you Assia!*



## Prayer Diary

### Jul 4—Jul 10 - Week 28

*The Chaplaincies at:*

Nanaimo Airport,  
New Orleans Louis Armstrong Intl Airport,  
New York John F Kennedy Intl Airport

*At Manchester:*

TAP Portugal, Paperchase, Norwegian Airlines, GMP Airport Division, Aegean air, Hainan Airways (China)

### Jul 11—Jul 17, 2016 - Week 29

*The Chaplaincies at:*

New York LaGuardia Intl Airport,  
Newark Liberty Intl Airport,  
Newcastle Intl Airport,  
Newquay Airport,  
Nice - Aéroport Nice Côte d'Azur,  
Norwich Intl Airport

*At Manchester:*

Customer Contact Centre, Trade Unions UNITE and UNISON, Customer First Team, Emergency Planning, NATS Staff and Tower Administrators

### Jul 18 - Jul 24, 2016 - Week 30

*The Chaplaincies at:*

Orlando Intl Airport,  
Oslo Gardemoen Airport,  
Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier Intl Airport

*At Manchester:*

Chaplaincy Executive Committee, Occupational Health, Airport's Paramedics, Pilgrims travelling to Lourdes, Premier Handling Agents

### Jul 25—Jul 31, 2016 - Week 31

*The Chaplaincies at:*

Paris Charles De Gaulle Intl Airport,  
Paris Orly Intl Airport,

*At Manchester:*

DNATA Ground Handling Services, ASIG Services, ATS Tyre Services, ICTS Ground Handling Agents, Swissport, Menzies Aviation, Aviator, WFS

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**[www.thechaplaincy-manchesterairport.co.uk](http://www.thechaplaincy-manchesterairport.co.uk)**

If you'd like to pray for a person or situation and to have others pray with you, visit the online prayer community at:

**[www.prayoneforme.org](http://www.prayoneforme.org)**

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FOR  
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