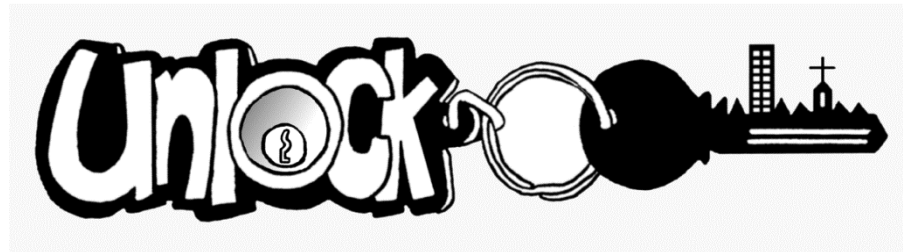
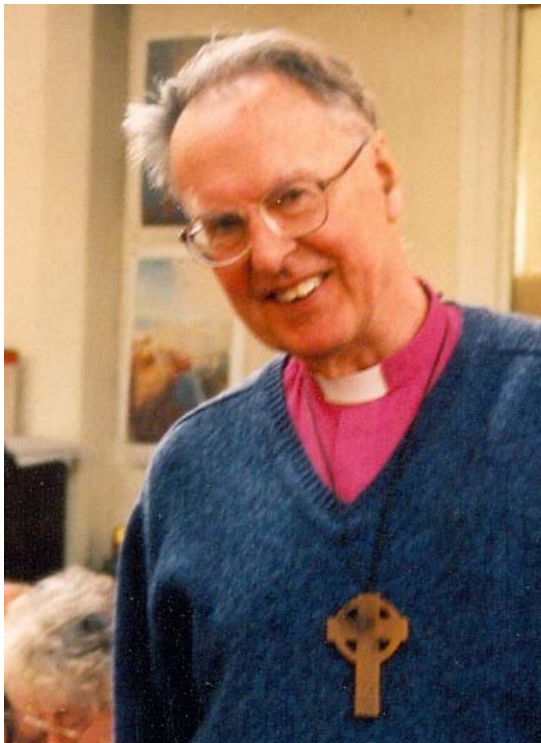


Join us as we dedicate the 2015 Unlock walk in the celebration of the life of our founder member Bishop Peter Hall, a great and godly man who with the love of Christ reached out to show and spread God's love to all.



The Bishop of Woolwich, the Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, comments on the death of Bishop Peter Hall:

'Bishop Peter Hall brought a passionate concern for the people of the Woolwich area. After his retirement he continued to work for those who are excluded and marginalised by society. His is a sad loss and he will be much missed but his was a life well lived, to the glory of God. Our faith is that he is now experiencing the resurrection life in which he so passionately believed and which he so vibrantly shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jill, and their family. May he rest in peace and rise in glory'.



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1. [John Hall @deanwestminster 31 Dec 2013](#)

[@CottrellStephen](#): Peter Hall, former Bishop of Woolwich RIP. Passionate preacher and champion for justice." Sad to hear he has died RIP

Bishop Christopher has today sent the following message to the Clergy, Lay Chairs and Diocesan Synod members of the Diocese of Southwark.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the beginning of the new year, while visiting the Diocese of Madras with a group from this Diocese, I was saddened to hear of the death of Bishop Peter Hall who served as the ninth Bishop of Woolwich between 1984 and 1996. He was a passionate advocate for our urban parishes, a doughty champion for justice and much loved as a pastor and friend to many. I have only ever heard him spoken of with deep affection and appreciation especially in the parishes of the Woolwich Episcopal Area, but also in Zimbabwe, where his years as Rector of Avondale in Harare are fondly remembered. Indeed he played an instrumental part in establishing our companion links with the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe keeping the focus on solidarity in prayer and action along with mutual support, encouragement and friendship.

I am sure that you would wish to join me in giving thanks to God for Bishop Peter's life and continuing to pray for Jill and the whole family in their loss.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Yours in Christ,

+Christopher



[Stephen Cottrell on Twitter: "Peter Hall, former Bishop of ...](#)

31 Dec 2013 - "@CottrellStephen: **Peter Hall**, former **Bishop** of Woolwich RIP. Passionate preacher and champion for justice." Sad to hear he has died RIP.

Family, friends and former colleagues joined together at St Barnabas, Eltham on Saturday 29 March to celebrate the life of Bishop Peter Hall, Bishop of Woolwich from 1984-1996, who died on 27 December.

The congregation were welcomed by Bishop Michael Ipgrave, the current Bishop of Woolwich, whose two predecessors in the post were also present: Bishop Christopher Chessun, now Bishop of Southwark, and Bishop Colin Buchanan who succeeded Peter Hall in 1996, until retiring in 2004.

Tributes were paid to Bishop Peter's work in the parish of Avondale in Harare Diocese and his influence on the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe by Bishop Chad Gandiya, Bishop of Harare; and to his work and great belief in Social Justice by the Revd Andrew Davey, Vicar of Tooting and formerly the Church of England's Adviser on Community and Urban Affairs. The Vicar of St Barnabas, the Revd Steve Cook, talked about Bishop Peter's time as Bishop of Woolwich.

The congregation sang Bishop Peter's favourite hymn 'My Song is Love Unknown' and prayers were offered for his family, the Woolwich Episcopal Area, Unlock "???" the evangelical urban training project which he chaired from 1981 "???" 2003, and for the people of Zimbabwe.

The Zimbabwe Mother's Union Choir sang a hymn in Shona, which Bishop Chad had referred to as the anthem of the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe whilst it was in exile.

The Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, spoke about the tributes paid to Peter Hall and remarked on the fact that his three successors as Bishop of Woolwich were all in the church that morning. He then gave the Blessing.

After the service, there was time for people to catch up and share their memories of Bishop Peter over tea.



[Chris Allen @Chris Compass 31 Dec 2013](#)

Very sad to hear news of my inspiring and godly boss from my days at St Martins [@inthebullring](#) in the 80's

Anglican bishop whose concern for social justice led to him becoming a champion of the inner cities and a critic of Thatcherism

- **The Church of England's ground-breaking report *Faith in the City* pinned much of the blame for the growing spiritual and economic malaise in inner cities in the 1980s on the policies of Margaret Thatcher's Government. The report, published in 1985, caused a predictable storm of protest — not least from Mrs Thatcher herself, who said that there was “nothing about self-help” among its 61 recommendations — and led to much discussion about the divide between rich and poor in modern Britain.**



- The former Bishop of Woolwich, Peter Hall, has warned that Britain could face civil unrest if it continues to neglect the 'forgotten 30 per cent', reports The Guardian. He claimed that the widening gap between the haves and have-nots could force the country into a militaristic society to prevent large-scale unrest.



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Please join us in prayer

Father we give you thanks and praise for Bishop Peter Hall's life and ministry and invite you into our hearts as we share in the celebration of his life.

We also give our thanks for the people in our personal lives who remind us of your love.

Help us to follow in your path and share your love with others now and always.

Amen