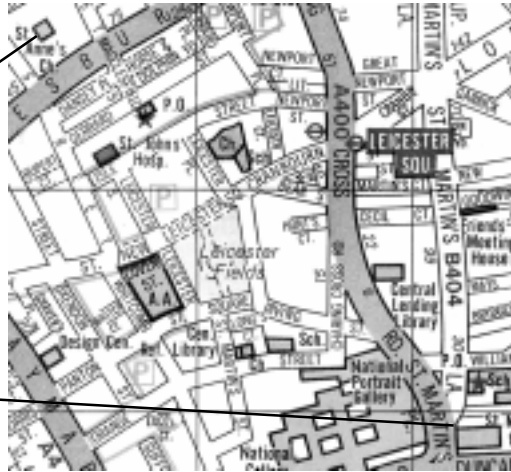


Please bring your own lunch to St Anne's, Dean Street, Soho, about 10 minutes walk. Christina Rees will be telling the inspiring story of the alumnae of the Foundation she met last year in Kenya and Uganda.

St Martin's is here



The LI TIM-OI FOUNDATION

exists to carry on the ministry of the first Anglican Woman Priest by enabling women in the two-thirds world to train for Christian work in their own countries. It has so far helped more than 130 women in eleven provinces of the Anglican Communion.

The Rev Dr Bob Browne filmed *Return to Hepu*, Li Tim-Oi's story, on a visit to China with her in 1987. He has donated 20 copies of the euro-format video to the Foundation. They are for sale at £20, or may be borrowed for showing at a fund-raising event.

Information about Li Tim-Oi and the Foundation is available on the website

www.litim-oi.org

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SATURDAY 24 JANUARY 2004

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE LI TIM - OI FOUNDATION

Yet when we laugh at hope, like Sarah, grieving
that nothing changes, nothing can be done,
we bear, like her a promise past conceiving,
of justice, joy, shalom, and kingdom-come.

Within the womb of every best tradition
the Spirit moves, and cannot be ignored.
We feel the kicking of our inner vision
and sing, "My soul shall glorify the Lord!"

The voices from the past re-echo round us.
Take courage from the faith of many friends.
Go forth in faith, and look ahead to Jesus,
on whom, from start to finish, faith depends.

With faith newborn, and passionate for justice,
together now, we'll travel out from home,
to sacrifice the peace of calm uprightness,
and struggle for the city of Shalom -
and struggle for the city of Shalom.

words : Brian Wren; tune - Finlandia

BLESSING

May the God who encircles us,
who springs up from within and beckons us into the future,
warm our hearts, strengthen our purpose and lead us into the dance,
and the blessing of God, our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sustainer be among us
and remain with us always. Amen.

The Trustees of the Li TIM-OI FOUNDATION are deeply indebted to the Rev Dr Ellen Francis Poisson, OSH for writing the icon of Li Tim-Oi and bringing it from New York. She retains the copyright while allowing the Foundation to benefit from the proceeds of any reproductions. Bookmarks are the first fruits; postcards and miniature icons are expected to be stocked later in St Martin's Bookshop.

The Trustees are grateful to the Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields and his colleagues for their co-operation and help in hosting this service, and are pleased to entrust the icon to their safe-keeping - adding to the Prayer Board dedicated here as a memorial to Li Tim-Oi by Archbishop Coggan at the launch of the Foundation ten years ago.

gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

ALL Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, having in remembrance his death once for all upon the cross, his resurrection from the dead, and his ascension into heaven, and looking for the coming of his kingdom, we make with this bread and this cup the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord. Accept through him this offering of our duty and service; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, fill us with your grace and heavenly blessing; nourish us with the body and blood of your Son that we may grow into his likeness and, made one by your Spirit, become a living temple to your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, from all who stand before you in earth and heaven, now and for ever. **Amen**

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Generous God
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory Amen**

HYMN "Go forth in faith, from kindred, home and custom.
Leave the old gods" :- what easy words to say!
How hard to move, with Abraham's decision,
break free, and risk a new uncertain way.

How hard to trek from ease in Pharaoh's palace,
from boardroom power, or popular acclaim,
to bear discomfort, ridicule, or malice,
with earth's discarded people, in God's name.

WELCOME - The Rev Nicholas Holtam, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields

PRESIDENT - Canon Ruth Wintle, Chair of the Foundation

HYMN Praise to God, the world's creator,
Source of life and growth and breath,
Cradling in her arms her children,
Holding them from birth to death.
In our bodies, in our living,
Strength and truth of all we do,
God is present working with us,
Making us creators too.

Praise to God, our saving Wisdom,
Meeting us with love and grace,
Helping us to grow in wholeness,
Giving freedom, room and space.
In our hurting, in our risking,
In the thoughts we dare not name.
God is present, growing with us,
Healing us from pride and shame.

Praise to God, the spirit in us,
Prompting hidden depths of prayer,
Firing us to long for justice,
Reaching out with tender care.
In our searching, in our living,
In our struggles to be free,
God is present, living in us,
Pointing us to what shall be.

words : June Boyce-Tillman; music : Hyfrydol

'Not Disobedient' a meditation on Jonah 2 written by the Rev Nick Jowett for the anniversary of her ordination at Zhaoqing on 25 January 1944 - Canon Robert Whyte & the Rev Norma Rao

JONAH: In my distress I cried to the Lord, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry.

TIM-OI: On the road to Zhaoqing, the road dark and dangerous: and I alone, a servant of God, following his way, with no disobedience. Alone at night, but in peace, knowing his protection.

JONAH: You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.

TIM-OI: Alone, before Zhaoqing - and after: alone in Macao, alone, as protector of the refugees, nurse of the sick; alone as pastor of the lost and dying, alone as priest.

JONAH: I said, "I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again towards your holy temple."

TIM-OI: I who had stood with Isaiah in the temple and heard "Whom shall I send?" I who had said "I will go! Send me!" - I who was not disobedient - I had waited to serve, waited to serve in fullness, waited to serve in the temple.

JONAH: The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head.

TIM-OI: Freely and gladly I gave up what was mine; my service in the temple I gave to a man - I, who was not disobedient. I left Macao, like Nineveh, saved.

JONAH: To the roots of the mountains I sank down: the earth beneath barred me in for ever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O Lord my God.

TIM-OI: Alone I was brought out alive. A priest, I rejoiced with my bishop, with my people. Unseen, I serve, share, celebrate. Unheard I am a priest called by God.

JONAH: When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

TIM-OI: Let my name go forgotten, Lord; take no heed of rank or title; let others seek status, glory. Only hear my prayers to you for all who are my care. Lord, you hear my prayers.

JONAH: Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

TIM-OI & JONAH: But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord.

PERUVIAN GLORIA Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father
 Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father
 To him be glory for ever
 To him be glory for ever
 Alleluia, Amen
 Alleluia, Amen, Alleluia, Amen.
 Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father
 Glory to God, Glory to God, Son of the Father
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 Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit
 Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit
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LEADER Loving and challenging God,
 You call us to serve you in ways beyond our imagining
 and we have failed to hear your call

ALL **Forgive us and give us the courage to respond**

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our hearts would find assurance
in the promise of the Lord.

Tune - The Cross of Christ

DEDICATION OF THE ICON

THE VICAR OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, *where the icon will remain* :

As we dedicate this icon of Li Tim Oi, the first woman priest in the Anglican Communion, we open ourselves to be inspired and challenged by her example. In the Orthodox tradition icons are windows into heaven. They are part of worship, where the truth of God's kingdom is not only preached but, in a mysterious way, experienced as a foretaste of heaven.

VICAR ... *the icon is sprinkled with holy water using a bunch of herbs*

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier, I dedicate this icon to the glory of God the Holy Trinity and as a vision and pattern of faith, courage, wisdom, humility and holiness for us all . May the contemplation of this icon enable us all to follow in the footsteps of Li Tim-Oi as we seek God's Kingdom of equality and truth, love and joy. **Amen**

SISTER ELLEN *comes forward and lights a candle in front of the icon, saying :*

May the light which shone in the heart of Li Tim-Oi shine in our hearts to the glory of God our Creator and Redeemer. *(The other Trustees who are present come forward and light a candle in front of the icon.)*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

ALL **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

ALL **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Glory to you, incarnate God, you come and tabernacle among us, sharing our flesh and our ways. Living among us, you taste our hunger, you share our sufferings, you inhabit our longings. Learning to know us, you touch our faces, you speak our names, you eat and drink at our tables. Longing to empower us, you reveal God among us, nearer than breathing, closer than touching, yet stranger than knowing, fiercer than loving. Glory to you, incarnate God, with angels and archangels, we proclaim your great and glorious name forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, through him accept our sacrifice of praise; and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, these

Those who are the victims of domestic torture,
Those who are the casualties of war or engaged in armed combat,
And those whose silent screams are known only to God.
God of the future ... **Draw us onwards.**

Together, as women, as men:
We give thanks for the richness of the shared gifts of yesterday,
we rejoice in today's celebration, and we pray in the determination that tomorrow
will hold greater understanding. **Amen.**

PEACE

PRESIDENT At his last supper with his friends Jesus said "Peace I leave with you; my
peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be
afraid." The peace of the Lord be always with you

ALL And also with you

(The congregation exchange a sign of peace with each other)

OFFERTORY

*In a procession to the sanctuary, Sr Ellen Francis will carry her icon.
Sue Parks & John Wright, Trustees, will carry symbols of the Foundation's work ...
The offering will be for the work of the Foundation - please use a Gift Aid envelope
if you are a UK taxpayer.*

HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.
There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed,
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
than the scope of human mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

LEADER Merciful and caring God
You desire us to serve those in need
and strive for justice for all
but we have preferred comfort and safety

ALL Forgive us and remake us in your image

LEADER Strong and saving God
You inspire us with vision and joy
but we have given in to despair
and lost hope in your purposes

ALL Forgive us and fill our hearts with your peace

LEADER May God, who meets us, calls us by our names and sends us as his apostles,
forgive us our sins and shortcomings and strengthen us to journey on in faith.

Amen

COLLECT *from ECUSA*

Gracious God, we thank you for calling Li Tim-Oi, much-beloved daughter, to be
the first woman to exercise the office of a priest in our Communion; By the grace of
your Spirit inspire us to follow her example, serving your people with patience and
happiness all our days, and witnessing in every circumstance to our Saviour Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. **Amen**

EPISTLE - 2 Corinthians 4, 1-7 - Dr Sarah Hall (*representing a tradition which has
been ordaining women for 90 years*)

HYMN

When one of us was called to bear
God's own child, she said "Yes,"
and all the world still honours her
courage and faithfulness.

When one of us was touched and healed
by Jesus, she said "Yes"
to following the one who gave
the gift of holiness.

When one of us poured perfume out
for Jesus, she said "Yes"
with love, to God's anointed one,
the Christ whom we confess.

When one of us can shine and grow
and flourish, she says "Yes"
to God's abundance filling her
to strengthen and to bless.

Thank God for each and every one
whose life proclaims a "Yes"
to hope and love and justice done:
God's Good News, nothing less.
*words written by Elizabeth J. Smith with Tim-Oi in mind, reprinted with permission:
music: St Agnes (Dykes)*

GOSPEL - Matthew 5:11-16 : The Rev Paul Lau *in Cantonese*
(Those who suffer for Christ's sake are salt and light to the world.)

ADDRESS : Canon Christopher Hall, Secretary of the Foundation

CREED **We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability
and into the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life
and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen** *Iona Community*

THANKSGIVINGS & INTERCESSIONS
Margaret Sentamu & Christina Rees, *Trustees of the Foundation*

Let us pray ...
As women and men of faith we hold our joys and our longings before God.

We give thanks for the women of the scriptures:
For Sarah, who dared to laugh at God's plans and then to take a part in them;
for Ruth, who in the absence of a future trusted her intuition and a person she loved;
for the woman who bled profusely, and had the courage to ask a stranger to heal her;
for Mary of Magdala, cured of her sickness who became
the first apostle of the resurrection.
God of grace ... **We thank you.**

We give thanks for Li Tim-Oi:
Who trod with female feet on male ground
and worked in partnership with men who received her as a gift.
Who challenged what was acceptable with the force of her being
yet pointed towards God, and not to herself.
God of grace ... **We thank you.**

We give thanks for the work of ordained women:
In all denominations where that offering is embraced,
in all communities where that touch is received,
in all circumstances where that ministry brings hope,
and in all places where women offer a new way of being.
God of grace ... **We thank you.**

And we give thanks for the work of the Li Tim-Oi Foundation:
For what it offers and is open to receive;
for what it teaches and is willing to learn;
for the doors it unlocks for others
and the thresholds it beckons across.
God of grace ... **We thank you.**

We pray for a fuller ministry for women:
In the episcopal ministry of the Church of England,
in denominations where priesthood is not open to them,
in places where transformation is silently resisted
and where women are fearful of women, and prevent one another's full flourishing.
God of the future ... **Draw us onwards.**

We pray for an inclusive Church:
Where inclusion does not bury disagreement
but engages the most challenging voices.
Where inclusion does not disempower the Gospel
But releases the sword of truth.
God of the future ... **Draw us onwards.**

We pray that women will continue to be agents of change:
In our communities and in the structures of the Church,
through our questioning and our answers,
by our strength, our risk-taking,
our vulnerability, our tenacity,
and our ability to be different and equal.
God of the future ... **Draw us onwards.**

We pray for women who protest:
Those who keep alive the memory of 'the disappeared',