



**Diocese of the Armenian Church
of the United Kingdom and Ireland**

Armenian Church News

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News for this week



Dedication ceremony for the New Diocesan Centre (Arachnortaran)

On the 15th March 2022, the Primate, His grace Bishop Hovakim Manukyan, invited members of the community and benefactors to the recently purchased Armenian Diocesan Centre in Brentford, west London, for a small dedication ceremony, before commencing the renovation of the premises.

Those present were the Armenian Ambassador, His Excellency Varuzhan Nersessyan, and prominent members of the Christian community, including His Eminence Archbishop Mor Athanasius Toma of the Syriac Orthodox Church, His Grace Bishop Mar Awraham Youkhanis of the Assyrian Church of the East, the Very Reverend Dr Chorepiscopus Patrick Sookhdeo, the International Director of the Barnabas Fund, Mr Armand Abramian, chair of the Armenian Community Council of Great Britain. The Primate led a guided tour of the new premises and shared his vision of the venue being the cultural and religious centre for Armenians in the UK. He concluded by thanking all those who have shown their continuous support for the project, both financially and with their hard work.

The dedication ceremony was concluded with speeches from all the representatives.

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**ARMENIAN CHURCH TRUST (UK) LIMITED is
organising a fundraiser in support of the New
permanent Armenian Diocesan Centre**



How can I join and donate to this project?

The Primate and ACT UK trustees have launched a fundraiser campaign in support of this project. Please see the attached [Brochure](#) and the [Primate's Appeal letter](#), which provide the necessary information and guide you through how to make your donations.

If you wish to make your donations online, please [press here](#).

The Primate and ACT UK trustees express their gratitude and thankfulness



The benefactors and supporters of the Armenian Diocesan Centre:

The Primate and ACT UK trustees express their gratitude and thankfulness to the following individuals and organisations for donating to this project financially. We will continue to update the community on the progress of our fundraising efforts. Every single contribution counts. God bless you all.

The Barnabas Fund, Mr & Mrs Vatche & Tamar Manoukian, Nyraff, Lord Ara Darzi and Lady Darzi, Mr & Mrs Shahe Gulian, Mr & Mrs Zorik Gasparian, Mr & Mrs Krikor Melkonyan, Mr & Mrs Assadour Guzelian, Mr Antony Abadjian, Mr & Mrs Hrant Margossian, Mr & Mrs Hovnan Hambartsoumian, Mr Sami Minasian, Mr & Mrs Bedros Aslanyan, Dr & Mrs Sarkis Shamlan, Mr & Mrs David Stepan, Mr & Mrs Armenag Topalian, Mr & Mrs

B. J Sahakian, Mr & Mrs Artur Bagdasarian, Mr and Mrs Hayrabed Garabedian, Mr & Mrs Puzant Merdinian, Mr & Mrs Alex Pilagosian, Mrs Diana Katsouris, Mr & Mrs Puzant Bardakjian, Mr Zareh Mankasssrian.

The Primate and ACT UK trustees would like to thank *The Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. The Lord Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury, The Baroness Cox, Independent member of the House of Lords and Ara Darzi, Professor the Lord Darzi of Denham* for supporting the Primate's fundraising letter.

The Primate expresses his gratitude and thankfulness to the following individuals for donating their professional skills, time and energy in various ways: *Keghvard Vartanian, Zorik Gasparian, Levon Agulian, Sami Miniasian, Ani Kanikanian, Hrachik Sarian, Caroline Kerslake, Hendrik Storm, Vahe Gulvanesian, Jeanine Gulvanesian, Peter Gulvanesian, Christina Gulvanesian, Vicken Halajian, Bedros Aslanyan, Ayda Lundon Sarafian, Armo Akanesianc, Nairi Afrikyan, Armen Ghazaryan, Vartan Soghomonyan, Edik Boghosyan, Artur Asatryan, Ara Mkrtchyan, David Kochetsyan, Levon Gevorgyan, Robert Shakarian.*

To our youth members:

Sisters Mia and Lara Bazzoui, Stephan Gasparian, Sipan Petrosyan, Nina Tamou, George Young.

All skills and talent are welcome to join and help create this centre together - From painters to builders to those who would just like to help out and meet new people, or get some exercise. Please do not hesitate to contact us via info@armenianchurch.org.uk

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The Church News objectives are:

The objective of this e-newsletter is to inform the wider public and its constituency members about activities under the auspices of the Primate such as ACT UK, ACYO, Ladies Committee, Parishes, Worldwide Armenian Church, and Armenian organisations upcoming events in the community.

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