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No Generosity At Synod

INTRODUCING THE debate on the legislation for the consecration of women bishops, the Archdeacon of Tonbridge called for "generosity of spirit". Since there was little evidence of such generosity in the revision committee's report, it came as no surprise to find none from the majority in the debate. All the amendments that could have given us the space to grow and to flourish, including one proposed by the Archbishops, were voted down.

Women of varying churchmanship were among those who spoke strongly in favour of proper provision for the traditionalist minority.

Emma Forward (Exeter) said the report offered no sacramental assurance to young people like herself. Theology, not equal rights, was the point at issue. The suggestion that traditionalists would be happy with any ordained man was wrong; his ordination must be valid. In thirty years' time would it be possible to trace the origin of a priest's orders? **Margaret Tilley** (Canterbury), a Reader, also spoke against taking note of the report. There could be no way forward unless each side regarded the other as equally honoured and loyal Anglicans. It was clearly not yet right both to members and to the Holy Spirit.

Sister Anne Williams CA (Durham), vice-chairman of Forward in Faith, said she had always worked as closely as she could with ordained women in her diocese and other dioceses on mission, but was unable to accept their eucharistic ministry. As a determined campaigner for women's rights, she insisted

that the issue of Holy Orders was not about equality. Our Lord chose twelve male disciples for the institution of the Lord's Supper, but for his resurrection appearances he chose first Mary Magdalene and the other women, which was why she could be an evangelist, but not a priest.

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She was not against women bishops for others, but not at any price. "The price I do not want is that I have to leave the Church of England because there is no provision for me and for my friends."



Elizabeth Paver (Sheffield) regretted that the views of those who disagreed with the proposals were not being recognised. The creation of extra dioceses for traditionalists would honour the consciences of Anglo-

Catholics and conservative Evangelicals. Thousands of lay people were praying that the Synod would act lovingly and graciously. Speaking for thousands of conservative Evangelical congregations across England, **Sarah Finch** (London) also believed that this amendment could provide a secure and flourishing future in the Church of England. It would be tragic if such parishes were forced to leave.

Welcoming the amendment as a way of keeping us all together, **Helen Morgan** (Guildford) said the Catholic wing was her spiritual home. Catholics, with their Evangelical colleagues, brought great devotion, care, and biblical commitment to the Church, which would become more monochrome and more

"politically correct" if they were to leave.

Debating the Archbishops' amendment which proposed "co-ordinate jurisdiction" by statute rather than by delegation, **Elnora Mann** (London) said it offered a lifeline and hope in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Canon Dr Christina Baxter** (Southwell & Nottingham), Principal of St John's College, Nottingham, and a long-time supporter of the ordination of women, spoke for the amendment. She had always resisted anything that would inhibit the ministry of women, but believed that it was also right to make space for those who could not accept it. When the vote was taken, a majority was in favour of the amendment, but because the voting was by Houses the amendment was rejected, having been defeated in the House of Clergy.

Regretting the lack of financial provision for those who might be forced to leave, **Joanna Monckton** (Lichfield) was worried about those ordained after 1993, who knew they were promised an honoured place and would always be able to minister. The proposed legislation broke that promise.

A time to weep

Following the rejection of any amendments to the legislation that would allow us a place within the Church to grow and to flourish, some of our readers have voiced their concern. **Val** from Malvern writes: "A very small part of Christendom has managed to create an astonishing situation. General Synod in its arrogance has cut the Church of England off from the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. It has created priests whose 'Orders' no one can claim with certainty to be valid. It is proposing to demolish even further the unity among the bishops."

It has triggered extraordinary

behaviour from some bishops and archdeacons eager to extinguish traditional catholic Churches and their worship. It has caused division in dioceses, parishes, and families, and isolated the Church of England even further from the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches. We finally know where we stand. We are not wanted, and it is not gracefully conceded that we are worthy of proper and necessary provision. We know that above all else, the precious egos of bishops cannot be slighted by the prospect of less than total jurisdiction over their territory. Is 'power' more important than maintaining the Apostolic tradition in accordance with God's will? Jesus Christ "emptied himself" of his power and glory, "taking the form of a servant."

Faithful Anglo-Catholic priests and laity have suffered, and are suffering untold difficulties.

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The repercussions are immense. The future for many is deeply unsettling, and far from clear. If the Church is the Body of Christ, what in heaven's name are we doing to Him?

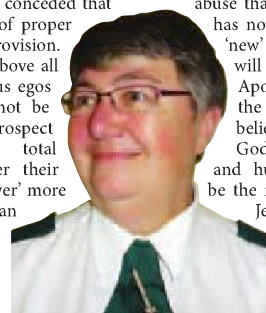
Reflecting on the sacramental consequences, **Sheila Campbell**, granddaughter of Fr Monahan of Worcester (*Giant in the Land Autumn 2008*), writes: "Following the Synod's decision we must always remember that 'they' the C of E, left us; we did not leave them. Our Faith, is clearly defined by our belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the sacrament, and there is only one way in which this can be perpetuated. God became Man in Jesus Christ who, at the last supper established

his Church here on earth with his twelve Apostles, whom he ordained to the Episcopate at the Eucharist, so that they, in turn, would consecrate further Fishers of men, as Bishops and Priests.

Without this sacramental gift, there can be no Real Presence. In the Ordination of women as Priests and Bishops we gravely abuse that sacred rite, as it has no authenticity. This 'new' Anglican Church will be abandoning the Apostolic succession, the Creed, Catholic beliefs, and culture.

God selected a pure and humble woman to be the mother of his son Jesus Christ - the Blessed Virgin Mary whom all women can relate to; what higher honour could a woman have? Holy women throughout the ages have not sought for power of position, but just to be close to the crucified Lord, at the foot of his cross. We who have been abandoned have the assurance of the Real Presence, of which those who have left us can never be sure."

Joyce, a member of St Thomas, Somercotes, in Derbyshire, says "For the last 2000 years apostolic succession has been observed by the church. Who decided that this should stop? Are they now saying that we have been misled and what we have been brought up to believe is now not correct? I would have thought that in this age of near empty churches the Synod should be doing all in its power to embrace all sections of the C of E rather than divide it. She adds that, like many others in the congregation, "I have to drive 10 miles to my FiF church, because in my town of nine churches all have lady priests. I am not getting any younger, and in time I will be unable to get to church. How sad is that?"



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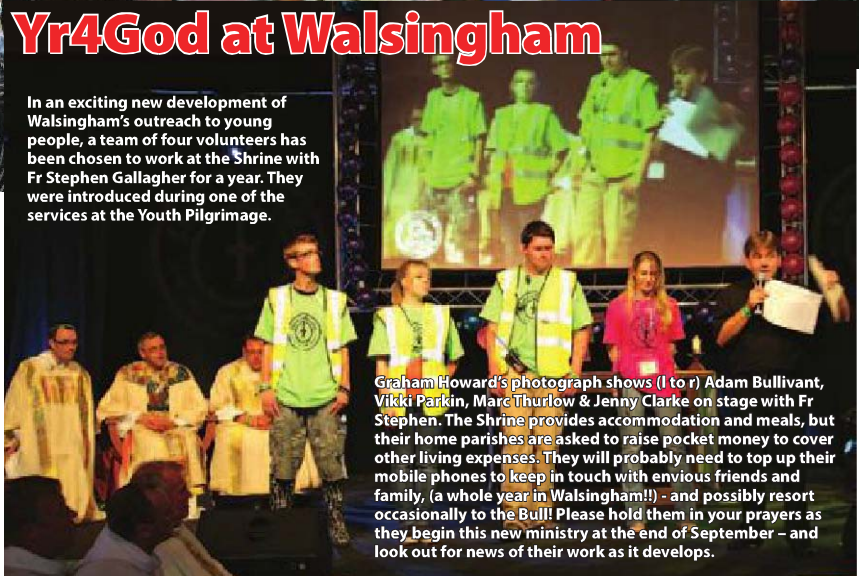
Enter the Mysteries



Once again the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage was a great success. More than ever attended and were caught up in the atmosphere of worship, fun and fellowship in equal measure. Inspiring Bible studies, amazing music, lively services with young people presenting the ministry of the word in dramatic form, silent processions, reverent stillness in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, afternoon outings, football competitions and activities, barbecues, karaoke and discos – and good weather – a winning combination for the more than eight hundred who had come to enter the mysteries of the Rosary. "The best ever!" they said. "Can't wait for next year!!"

Yr4God at Walsingham

In an exciting new development of Walsingham's outreach to young people, a team of four volunteers has been chosen to work at the Shrine with Fr Stephen Gallagher for a year. They were introduced during one of the services at the Youth Pilgrimage.



Graham Howard's photograph shows (l to r) Adam Bullivant, Vikki Parkin, Marc Thurlow & Jenny Clarke on stage with Fr Stephen. The Shrine provides accommodation and meals, but their home parishes are asked to raise pocket money to cover other living expenses. They will probably need to top up their mobile phones to keep in touch with envious friends and family, (a whole year in Walsingham!!) - and possibly resort occasionally to the Bull! Please hold them in your prayers as they begin this new ministry at the end of September – and look out for news of their work as it develops.

Double Gold for Fareham

THE CHURCH of St Peter and St Paul Fareham in the Diocese of Portsmouth (an A, B, and C parish), has been in a period of Interregnum since February 2009. We have been very fortunate insofar as an 'army' of retired priests have ensured that our daily Mass has been celebrated and our pattern of worship has not been interrupted in any way (apart from the deep snow of Epiphany!).



Two of the priests who have helped to keep the services going, who are also members of the congregation, Fr Peter Marshall and Fr Derek Bates, were both Priested on the Feast of the Holy Trinity 1960. To commemorate their fiftieth anniversary Fr Derek celebrated the 8 am Mass and Fr Peter the 9.30 am Mass, after which they were greeted

ed in the Church Hall by the congregations and everyone enjoyed a slice of cake and a glass of wine. Churchwarden Mr Derek Gifford on behalf of the Parish presented both priests with a Garden Centre Gift Token.

We are now looking forward to welcoming Fr Christopher Woodman on the 1st September as our new Parish Priest.

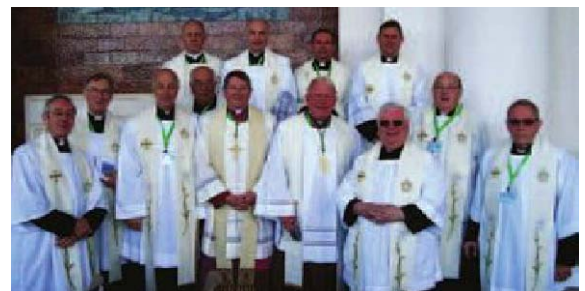
Jean Bates

Fellowship and fun in Fátima

MONTHS OF preparation by the Ecumenical Friends of Fátima Association came to fruition when Bishop Edwin Barnes and Bishop Keith Newton with 11 priests and 12 lay people arrived there for the pilgrimage. The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI was also present to recall the first appearance of Our Lady to the three children, Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia.

Through the Cardinal Archbishop of Lisbon's office EFFE clergy were granted special passes for Vespers and Benediction presided over by Pope Benedict in the (new) Church of the Holy Trinity which seats 9000 people.

For the Mass on 13th, through the kindness of the Rector and Shrine staff, our clergy were seated just behind the President of Portugal in the



Colonnade to the right of the 'recinto' (open air) altar from where the Holy Father presided over the Mass with four Cardinals, 77 Bishops and almost 1,500 priests. The congregation was estimated at 500,000.

A small group will be going to Fátima in October – possibly

7-14th. Anyone interested should let Fr Gray know a.s.a.p.

Next year's Pilgrimage is from Monday 9th to Monday 16th May and bookings should be made before the end of this year through Fr Malcolm Gray - frmg.stanmore@btinternet.com.

Not wanted any more

General Synod has rejected all 'safeguards' for traditionalists

Fr John Pitchford reflects on what this may mean for us.

Where are we now?

To put it plainly, we have been defeated and rejected. In July, General Synod voted to go ahead with the creation of women bishops. At the same time, they clearly decided to make no provisions for traditionalists. General Synod seems to be saying – either accept a Code of Practice (still to be written) – or, get out of the Church.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York

They understand how much the Church will be damaged if no provisions are made for us. Thus, they proposed an amendment. This would have provided new 'co-ordinate bishops'. I'm not altogether clear how that scheme would have worked.

However, it was a brave attempt to rescue the situation for traditionalists, and also for the Church of England. Their efforts took much courage, and they

of its two leaders? Synod threw away this last attempt to keep the Church of England together.

Proposal to create New Dioceses To survive in the Church of England, traditionalists need to function as a Church in all areas of Church life, including mission and fostering vocations for the Priesthood. The Catholic Group in Synod proposed the creation of new traditional dioceses. Sadly, this was rejected by Synod.

Broken Promises

When the possibility of women priests was discussed in 1992, General Synod made a promise to Parliament. There would be an honoured place in the Church of England for those who could not accept women priests. The legislation was only passed by Parliament because of this promise. Now, Synod has broken that promise made to Parliament, and to traditionalists.

consciences of those involved be troubled about the damage they have done to God's Church?

Traditional vocations to the Priesthood

God seems to be still calling men (young and older) to be priests who hold the orthodox faith. However, in the future, there will be no room for them in the Church of England. The faith 'once delivered to the Apostles' will slowly die out, and the Church of England will become another 'Liberal Protestant Sect.' (If you are not sure about this, see what has happened to the Episcopal Church in America!!)

A Code of Practice

This Code still has to be written. In view of former broken promises, and the way some parishes and priests have been treated, no one has any trust in a Code of Practice. It is said that traditionalists will not be faced with women bishops. Yet we will soon be faced with male bishops who have been ordained by women bishops. The unbroken 'Apostolic Succession' will soon be a thing of the past.

The next Stage in the process

The 43 dioceses will now vote on Women Bishops. In September, there is the election for the new General Synod. In about 18 months, the women bishop plans will return from the Dioceses to the (new) General Synod. It will need a two-thirds majority in each of the three Houses (Bishops, Clergy, Laity (lay representatives)). It looks as if this will take until February, 2014. Women will be consecrated as bishops soon after that date.

September Elections

It is important for all Deanery Synod members to vote only for traditional candidates in the General Synod elections. If enough traditional candidates are elected, it may just be possible to have provisions for us. However, the chances of this happening do not appear to be very bright. But who knows?

Two Church Buildings.

It is interesting how different ideas come into our minds. Before I wrote this article, my wife

and I had to go to Leicester. We decided to visit the Roman Catholic Church. There was no noise, and about five individuals and groups were in the Church – all kneeling and praying. Then we went into the Anglican Cathedral, and what a great contrast! People were talking, and no one seemed to be praying. Certainly no one was kneeling. It was with sadness that we left that building.

What do you believe?

Like most of you, I say the Creed regularly. "I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church." What does the Church of England mean by those words? (How many different answers would that produce?)

What does the Roman Catholic Church understand by those words? Since the ordination of women as priests (1993), I have been trying to provide myself with an answer. In 1962 and 1963, I believed that I was being or-

dained Deacon, and then Priest in the Church of God. The Church of England has now changed. Synod rejected the clear advice of the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox Churches. Thus I believe the Church of England is no longer part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Each of us will have to make a decision on this same question in due course.

What will happen next?

Since Synod last met in July, no doubt, many of us have been thinking, discussing and praying about the future. Fifteen traditional bishops are arranging for two 'Sacred Synods' for Bishops and Priests of our 'integrity.' These will be followed by meetings which are open to all lay people who are concerned about the future. Forward in Faith has the National Assembly which will meet 15-16th October in London.

A decision for individuals

How seriously do you hold your religious beliefs? When crunch time comes, how many will be prepared to act on their beliefs (whatever that may involve)? Will this problem call our bluff? What is the Holy Spirit saying to the Churches?

Synod vote

Written in sadness in York on Saturday 10th July 2010 following the rejection of the Archbishops' Amendment 514 by the House of Clergy

So they think they're wise and clever,
You cannot agree with that!
Now everything that we endeavour, is
Over-ruled and turned down flat.
Don't expect to get any sympathy,
Very little will come our way,
Our future is uncertain,
Tomorrow is vague and grey.
Except that we are determined to follow a better way.

John Haynes

'All Saints with St Saviour', Weston-super-Mare (ABC Parish)

risked being humiliated by Synod. Both Archbishops support the ordination of women, but they both want to keep traditionalists within the Church the Church of England. Sadly, their efforts were rejected by Synod.

Sometimes, General Synod votes "by houses." On this occasion, the Bishops and the lay representatives supported the Archbishops. The Amendment was defeated only by five votes in the House of Clergy, which contains a number of women priests. What sort of Church is it that rejects the advice

God and broken promises

A broken promise is a dishonourable act. It is a betrayal of trust. God does not break his promises. We put our trust in God and his promises. We believe that He will do what He has promised. This is no longer true concerning some of his servants – whether bishops, priests and lay members of General Synod. The words in the 1662 Prayer Book come to mind – 'The secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed.' We might also wonder – What does God make of these broken promises? Will the

Creaking Collegiality

SPEAKING IN Synod in 2001, the Archbishop of Canterbury gave an assurance that "members of the House of Bishops are conscious of their special role in keeping the Church true to the apostolic teaching and ministry."

But he also quoted words from one of their reports (GS Misc 580) "Speaking collegially does not mean speaking in full agreement on every subject." No doubt he remembered this when the following fifteen of his college voted against the amendment that he and Dr Sentamu had proposed to the women's consecration report.

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How tragic it is that those who are supposed to be conscious of their "special role" as guardians of true doctrine are unable to agree on what the apostolic teaching and ministry really are.

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The Forty Hours Devotion

IT HAS been a tremendous experience! The Parish of St George's Hanworth will never be the same again! It will be more prayerful. And it was a lot of work to enable the Forty Hours Devotion.

Unexpectedly the Chapel and Chancel roofs were still "off" for restoration – so with plastic sheeting, plum velvet curtains, and by moving the 1860 antique Lady Altar consecrated by the Bishop of London three years ago a place was created to enthrone Our Lord Jesus Christ in his Holy Sacrament.

On Thursday 24th June a High Mass of Exposition was celebrated ending with a Procession of the

Most Holy and Enthronement until Watch closure at 10.30pm. On Friday Mass was celebrated at 8am, 12 noon, and 6pm.

Holy Hour with conducted prayers was held for the last hour of the Watch until 10.30pm. And on Saturday Mass was celebrated at 8am, and High Mass at 12 noon – with a procession of the Most Holy, and Solemn Benediction.

People came and stayed in silent adoration, lit candles came to the weekday Masses, and wonderful offering was made to Our Lord in time and prayer.

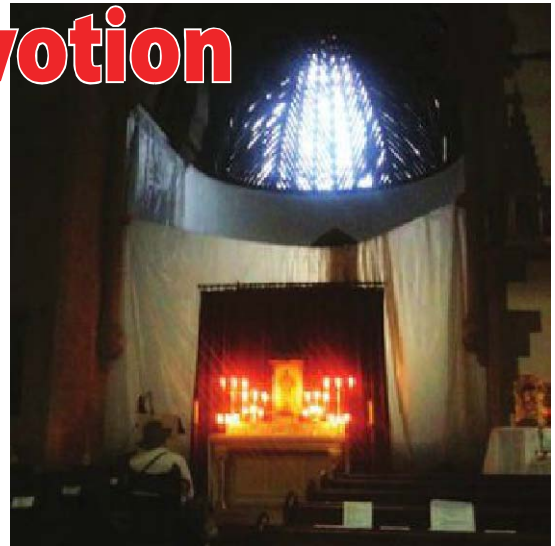
We held the 40 Hours Devotion to mark the end of the year of the priest by having a special

Intention for ACS, for more priests to teach the catholic and apostolic faith towards the conversion of England.

All those who took part were deeply moved and appreciative of the Devotion.

The suggestion has been made that parishes might form a "Guild" of the Forty Hours to hold the Devotion during their week, and that 52 parishes so combining would provide a wave of Devotion around the Country. Shall we form such a Guild?

"We shall hold the Forty Hours Devotion again next year," proclaimed Fr Paul Williamson, Vicar of the Parish of St George's Hanworth.



Unfinished Business

Fr Paul Benfield reflects on Women Bishops and the July Synod

THE JULY synod was disappointing for all traditionalists since we were able to make no significant changes to the draft legislation on women bishops. Though the Catholic Group on General Synod, supported by Evangelicals and those true liberals who want to see proper provision for those who cannot accept women bishops, performed well, we did not persuade enough people to vote with us.

The amendment which would have created new dioceses in which only male bishops and priests could serve (leaving other dioceses where women bishops and priests could have had unfettered authority) was defeated, though over one third of Synod supported it, showing that there is a large minority who wish to see proper provision for us. The next amendment was for a form of statutory transfer, where certain jurisdiction and episcopal functions would have been transferred by statute from the diocesan bishop to a bishop acceptable to us. This was lost by a similar amount.

Archbishops' amendment rejected

Then came the amendments standing in the name of the Archbishops that would have created 'co-ordinate jurisdiction'. Though many details of this arrangement would have needed to be worked out, it seemed that this might have provided a way forward. Although the majority of synod members voted for it (216 to 191) it was lost on a division by houses by just 5 votes in the House of Clergy. The Archbishop of Canterbury commented later that the result meant that there was 'unfinished business'. The lists of how people voted are available on the Church of England website and they make interesting reading.

Although the Archbishop of Canterbury made it clear that the vote was not a test of loyalty, it is instructive to see the names of those, including 15 bishops, who voted against the archbishops. If

just 3 additional clerics had voted in favour, the amendments would have passed.

There followed various technical amendments by a variety of people, most of which were lost. The only gain we made was to ensure that changes to the legislation (if it is eventually enacted) can only be made if there is two-thirds majority in each of the three houses of bishops, clergy and laity. The amendment to alleviate financial hardship for those clergy and lay workers forced to resign was defeated convincingly on a show of hands, demonstrating the lack of generosity of the Synod.

Doctrine in danger

Perhaps one of the most significant speeches of the weekend was that by the Bishop of Durham (in his last Synod before he moves to become a professor at St Andrew's) when he said that the Church of England was in danger of becoming a Church in which one could believe anything about the incarnation, the Trinity or the atonement, but that one had to believe in the ordination of women. And that from a supporter of women bishops!

So what now? The Synod declined a request to send the legislation for further revision in committee and so it will be sent out for consideration in the dioceses. Dioceses may refer the matter to deanery or parish level and it will probably be in the Summer or Autumn of 2011 that diocesan synods vote on the proposals as drafted. The proposals must gain support in the majority of diocesan synods in order to proceed further. As well as considering the draft legislation as it stands, diocesan synods may pass 'following motions' expressing concern at certain aspects of the draft or a desire for changes in particular areas. These motions might become very important.

Destructive legislation

If the legislation passes in the majority of dioceses, it will re-



turn to Synod. The House of Bishops will have an opportunity of amending it before it goes for final approval, taking account, if appropriate, of any following motions passed by dioceses. Eventually the measure will come for final approval. Then it must achieve a two-thirds majority in each of the three houses. Unless the newly elected synod has a very different make-up from the old one, there is every possibility that it will fall at that stage.

This is not the place to rehearse what is wrong with the present legislation. But it is time for us all to resolve now that, before it is considered in dioceses, deaneries and parishes, we all make sure that we understand fully why it offers no proper place us. We must commit ourselves to arguing our case politely, but firmly, at every opportunity and at every level.

It has been said in Synod and in Parliament that those who cannot accept women priests and bishops have an honoured place in the Church of England. It has been said formally at the Lambeth Conference and Synod that we are loyal Anglicans. This legislation would, if passed, destroy those assurances of all meaning.

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Supporting Ordinands

Fr Darren Smith writes

I AM HONoured and thrilled to have been appointed Chaplain to the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary (GSS) Candidates for Ordination Fund. In 1904 the GSS started a separate Fund to assist members of the Guild in their training for Ordination at home and abroad, a Fund completely separate from the general accounts that has over the years helped and supported many ordinands in training and for some has been a vital lifeline.

For example, I was interested to read the account by Fr Christopher Pearson (Superior-General of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament) of the help he received from the Fund: "I can remember it quite vividly, it all lead up to one Thursday morning, I was desperately short of money and I did not know what to do. I could get a part-time job – that would interrupt my studies, and

wouldn't go down well with the college staff. I seriously asked myself if I should delay, even give up seminary for a while, to get a better financial footing.

My father always said I should get a proper job! My intention at Mass that morning was what I should do. I went to my pigeon-hole after breakfast and my prayer was answered by the GSS Candidates for Ordination Fund. Sitting waiting, to my relief and delight, was a cheque. I didn't have to interrupt my studies and I didn't have to leave college."

The role as Chaplain to all of GSS's Candidates for Ordination seems to naturally dovetail with the work that I already undertake as General-Secretary of the Additional Curates Society.

I will be able to offer full pastoral care for the Catholic ordinands who are supported by the GSS, many of whom will then go on to

receive help from the ACS in their training posts. I will be delighted to stand alongside these chosen vessels of God at their ordination as a true friend and a representative of the generous supporters of the GSS and ACS.

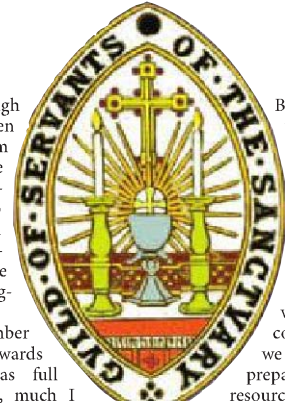
Fruitful partnership

Amidst all the negativity of the moment it is indeed encouraging to see more tangible signs of greater co-operation with the Catholic Societies, as we are all partners in this important task of maintaining Catholic witness in the Church of England; indeed the GSS has for some considerable time with many other leading Catholic Societies been a partner in our vocations initiative under the umbrella of 'God Calling'.

This co-operation will further enable us to steer our ordinands through the challenging and tricky path of selection, support-

ing them through training and then assisting them with their title parishes, enabling them to flourish and grow as Catholic priests in the Church of England.

The September conference 'Towards Priesthood' was full to overflowing, much I am sure to the surprise of many who would like to say that the Catholic voice is almost silent; and not only have all the places been taken, there is a predominance of young prospective ordinands aged 19, 21 and 22, another trend that seems counter-cultural for the Church of England that has seen the age profile of its ordinands increase year on year.



But, believe me, there is no place for complacency on our part. We continue to have an enormous battle to put priests in our parishes, but with this new coalition I believe we are even better prepared to work at resourcing our Church for ministry and mission in the coming years.

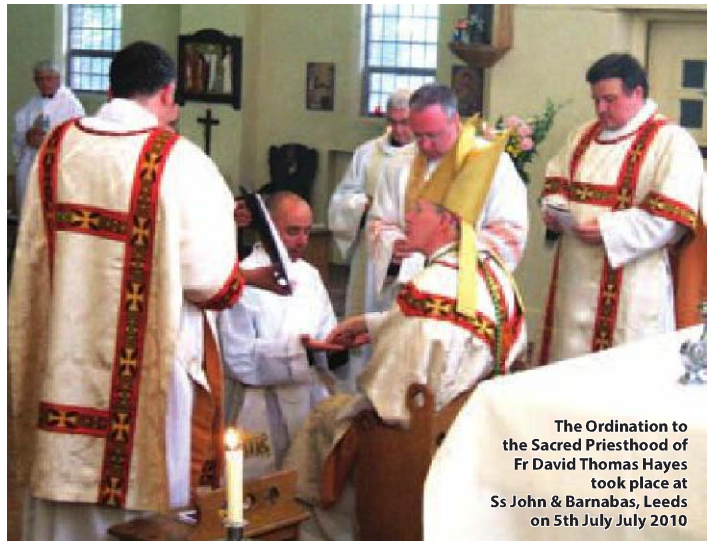
Do visit our website: www.additionalcurates.co.uk for more information about the September conference.

There is a Vocations Day arranged for the 11th December at Gordon Square. And never grow tired of praying with us for more priests.

... and those newly Ordained



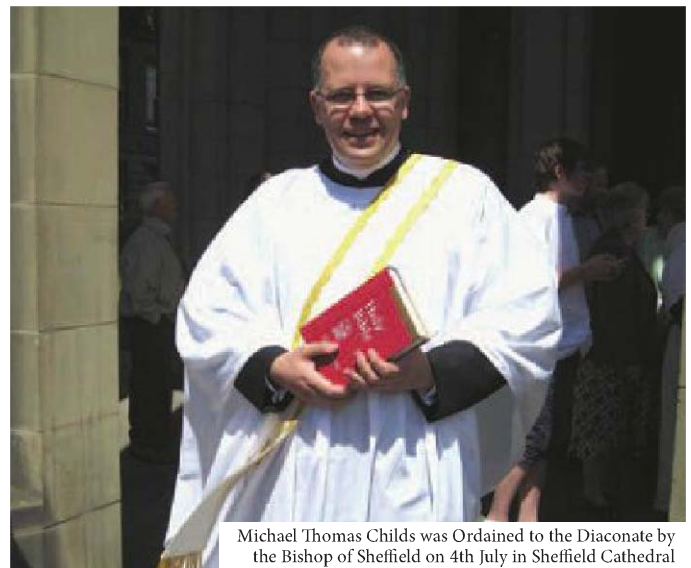
The First Mass of Fr Gordon Newton, at St Bartholomew's, Armley, Leeds, where he is curate, on Sunday 11th July - Fr Gordon was ordained to the priesthood, by ✠Martyn, Bishop of Beverley, on the previous Sunday, 4th July, at St Bartholomew's



The Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Fr David Thomas Hayes took place at Ss John & Barnabas, Leeds on 5th July 2010



Daniel Lloyd was Ordained to the Diaconate by the Bishop of Ebbsfleet on 3rd July in Ss Mary & Giles, Stony Stratford (Oxford)



Michael Thomas Childs was Ordained to the Diaconate by the Bishop of Sheffield on 4th July in Sheffield Cathedral

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In his own write...

From the Editor's desk



THE VICAR as a figure of fun is all too familiar in modern English comedy, from the Whitehall farces to *All Gas and Gaiters* and *Dad's Army*. Clergy in soaps and series are just as ineffective, like the dopey Emmerdale divorcee who couldn't spot a predatrix with the crazed looks and gestures of a Victorian melodrama villainess, or the hapless clot in *Rev* presiding over a congregation of half a dozen nutters.

The scriptwriters of *Eastenders*, however, gave Dot (the chain-smoking church-going launderette manager) some telling lines recently. Her young black neighbour asks her if the minister at her church preaches hellfire and damnation. "Oh no," says Dot, "It's C of E." "What does he preach about, then?" continues the enquirer. "Well, I don't know really. Recently it's been all about the Third World," Dot says, "and homosexuals." The girl then asks if she can go to church with her on Sunday. Dot says that she can, of course, adding, "They like to see a black face. It makes 'em feel inclusive."

Sauce for the goose

The July Synod was not feeling very inclusive. Once again all efforts to secure an honoured and permanent place for the orthodox minority were frustrated. The simplest solution, the creation of separate jurisdictions (dioceses or province) to allow space for each side to develop, was again rejected.

The Archbishop's amendment to allow "co-ordinate jurisdiction" by statute rather than delegation was also blocked.

The bishops who voted against this attempt – however late in the day – to offer some hope for an amicable solution, seem to cling to the idea that they must have absolute power over everything in their territory. Because many of them have had comparatively little experience of parochial ministry they also seem to forget that while they institute incumbents to a cure of souls in a specified area, there is nothing to prevent anyone attending a church in another parish.

If that person is entered on the electoral roll of that parish, that priest is able to minister to him or her at home without reference to the incumbent. Also outside the incumbent's jurisdiction are services and ministry at a university, college, school, hospital, or public or

charitable institution. Where is the difference in principle or in practice, one might ask, between the incumbent's position here and that of a diocesan with a parish that could choose alternative episcopal ministry by statutory registration?

Space to flourish and grow

One of the most perceptive contributions before the Synod was this passionate plea from Bishop Lindsay Urwin in a letter to the *Church Times*.

"It is now time for fair minded Anglicans who see no reason why women should not be priests and bishops, but who understand that it is possible to be a Christian and a faithful Anglican and take a different view, to make clear that they don't want their so called 'traditionalist' brothers and sisters to have merely hospice room in the Church of England, but rather the chance to flourish and grow. And hospice room is all that the draft legislation offers.

Within a short time, there will be no traditionalist bishops with jurisdiction, and therefore the authority to encourage and discern ordination candidates, or the authority to send labourers into the harvest and direct the mission of the church. Soon we will have a college of bishops the vast majority of whom merely tolerate traditionalist priests and parishes rather than love them into growth.

Everybody secretly knows that the scenario on offer from the legislative group is designed to be a stop-gap to deal with a group of people until they die out. No one will admit this publicly, not primarily, I believe, out of loving regard for the people concerned, but to

hide from themselves the reality of what they are doing. A few years ago, I challenged the College of Bishops with this reality. Heads went down sheepishly, and none more so than bishops with Catholic hearts who accept the ordination of women.

Those who come to a different conclusion about the admission of women to the episcopate have been promised that they would always have an equal and honoured place in the life of the Church. Since 1993, I have continually urged traditional Catholics and Evangelicals to play their part in the full life of the Church of England and to trust those promises. I cannot express the searing disappointment in my own heart and in those who feel betrayed by the community they love. I feel irritated at myself that I keep saying it, and still keep hoping that something fair and just will emerge. If traditionalists express anger, their first emotion

is hurt.

Where is the equal love that the great Augustine of Hippo so famously demanded of himself as a bishop? Rarely to be found. Jurisdiction without equal love is a hollow authority. The greatest responsibility for the fair mindedness we ask for lies with my brother bishops. I am well aware of the complexities of decision making in Episcopal life, but why are they so hesitant to take a lead and accept their responsibility to safeguard the weaker brethren and ensure the unity of the Church entrusted to them by the Lord? Sadly, I suspect that some of them are secretly hopeful that one of the other Houses will vote the legislation down and so take the heat off.

A glass ceiling may indeed be about to be broken with the admission of women to the episcopate. More than the ceiling will be shattered.

Needless to say, this letter simply reflects my own opinion and does not represent that of the Shrine at Walsingham, where, I hope and pray, love continues to be offered in equal measure, even in the midst of our differences."

The final battle

Some years ago I incurred the displeasure of Bishop Eric Kemp when, writing in *New Directions* about the first Caister retreat, I suggested that the Diocese of Chichester was not fully aware of the pressures and antipathy faced by traditionalists elsewhere. In recent years there has been widespread discontent in our ranks that Catholic-minded dioceses (London, Chichester, Blackburn) have not appeared strong enough in opposition or aligned themselves firmly enough with FiF while the liberal agenda has been pushed relentlessly elsewhere. (In Liverpool, for example, 39 priests declared themselves against the ordination of women in 1992; today we have only five such incumbents and three retired priests in the diocese).

Fifteen bishops have called Sacred Synods to consult with their priests in September. Bishop Edwin Barnes is scathing about them on his blog and sees the Ordinarate as the only answer to our dilemma. Those who cannot, for various reasons, take that path, look to the remaining bishops for firm action. In the face of consistent rejection what is surely needed is defiance. To capitulate after all the hard years of struggle would make us look as foolish and inept as any BBC scriptwriter's efforts; more seriously, it would be a betrayal of the Faith for which we have consistently fought.

For more of Bp Lindsay's forthright comments, see an interview with him at www.youtube.com/user/WalkingToWalsingham

THE DISGRACEFUL scenes in General Synod, with so many members ignoring the clearly-expressed will of the two Archbishops, should be a cause of shame to all loyal members of the Church of England.

What the future holds for Catholics in our Church remains to be seen, although things will no doubt become much clearer during the final few months of this year and the early part of next. Now is not the time for panic, still less for complacency. We must all consider our corporate future, and do so calmly and prayerfully. And, as we do so, those of us en-

titled to vote in the forthcoming General Synod Election must ensure that we exercise that doubtful privilege with care. Tempting as it might be 'not to bother', failure to vote would be a betrayal of everything for which we have stood over these many years. And who knows?

With help from our Evangelical friends, we might just unseat some of those so-called 'liberals' which, when all is said and done, would be no more or less than any of them deserve. That way, we might just begin to mitigate the shame they have brought upon the Church.

director's diary

A FEW DAYS after the General Synod in York, a friend rang me to ask if I'd had a nice holiday in Yorkshire. At first, I thought that he had perhaps failed to grasp just what I'd been doing, until I remembered the words of George Bernard Shaw: 'A perpetual holiday is a good working definition of hell' which seem to me to be pretty close to the mark – just lose the word 'perpetual', and insert after the word 'holiday' the words 'at the University of York during the General Synod', and it's spot on.

Still, at least I found time to revert to my Yorkshire roots and take Afternoon Tea at Betty's during my stay. And fabulous as it might have been to eat pikelets and a fat rascal, it really didn't do that much to make up for the vile, cruel behaviour of a Synod made up of those who call themselves Christians. I don't suppose any of them ever read this column but, just in case they do, let's just say it one more time: your so-called 'generous provision' is nothing of the sort and, furthermore, when you call it 'generous', you know that you do not speak the truth.

Well, hopefully that got rid of them and now I can tell you a bit about a holiday which was a whole lot closer to heaven. If I'm honest, I'm not at my best before seven in the morning, and setting off to drive down the M20 to the Channel Tunnel early enough to (a) avoid the Congestion Charge, and (b) not miss the ludicrously early shuttle I'd booked to France, put me in something less than the holiday mood. Add some rain clouds, road works in New Cross and the fact that some fool had allowed other motorists on the road when I was in a hurry, and you'll understand that it was not all sweetness and light as we drove south. But, as we emerged from the stygian depths into the sunshine which was the Pas de Calais, our mood lightened and we felt on holiday. Two days, two nice hotels, two excellent dinners and 620 miles later, we were ensconced on the roof terrace of a friend's house, just twenty-odd miles away from the Mediterranean. And there – apart from the odd foray to the shops, the sea, the occasional café and the less occa-

sional restaurant – we stayed for just over two weeks of blissful quiet and sunshine. Mind you, I say 'quiet', but there were a lot of bells. A little way to the west of the terrace was the village's clock tower, which helpfully struck the hour and half-hour during the hours of daylight. And it was particularly helpful that, having struck them, it then struck them again two minutes later – in case you weren't concentrating the first time.

Meanwhile, slightly closer and to the east of the terrace, there was the church tower, which rang the Angelus (as is only right and proper) three times a day. Now, we Anglo Catholics know how to do things right, don't we? We know how to ring the Angelus, don't we? Three rings, three times, and then nine rings, isn't it? Not in this village! Three, three and three was fine, but then it was a lot more than nine! I think it was thirty-three (a number that would make sense), but I couldn't swear to it, on account of the fact that, like as not, the clock was striking its second go at the hour at the same time! Much as we appreciated it in the evening, prompting as it did some recourse to suitable liquid refreshment, we found it less welcome at 7.00 am each day, with its implicit rebuke aimed at those on holiday and still asleep in bed!

The time passed all too quickly and 860 miles later, we found ourselves at home for a period of recovery before the return to the fray. That is when it dawned on me that all my good intentions about getting every last scrap of work done before I went away had come to naught. A 'phone call demanded (in the nicest way) this Diary, so here I am writing for you when I ought to be doing something holiday-esque, like building some more bookshelves!

Actually, I'm secretly rather pleased not to be able to build any bookshelves today, but not a word to my wife, any of you! Anyway, she has taken herself off to London today and I ought to be a free agent – a little lunch at a friendly pub, perhaps, or a touch of retail therapy in a nearby town. Instead, I'm stuck here at the laptop, trying desperately to reach 800 words! Which I did, with this word.

Forward!

St Francis of Assisi



Many stories tell of someone going from rags to riches, but with St Francis the story goes the other way. Francis was born in 1182 and was the son of a rich merchant. Until he was 20 years old he worked with his father in his cloth business. He enjoyed going out with his friends and having a good time, sometimes a riotous one.



Then he became very seriously ill. During his long illness he had time to think about his life and finally decided that he would devote his life to prayer and service to the poor. When he was recovered he went on a pilgrimage to Rome and whilst there he gave his rich clothes to a beggar whom he met in the street and for the rest of the day wore the beggar's clothes himself and begged for food in the city.

When he returned to Assisi, Francis spent his time caring for lepers, whilst still living at home. On one occasion he sold a bale of precious cloth from his father's warehouse and gave the proceeds to a priest for him to repair a church. His father was very angry and took him into the market place, where he reprimanded him publicly for stealing from him, after he had always given him everything he had asked for. Francis took off his clothes and gave them back to his father, saying, "From now on I will only obey my Father in Heaven."

Wearing a long dark garment tied with a girdle Francis went off to live a solitary life caring for the poor and living like them. Many people came to listen to his teaching and wanted to follow his way of life. At first Francis resisted,

but eventually realised that this was God's will and so the Franciscan Order was founded. They were known as Friars.

In 1212 a lady of Assisi called Clare founded a similar order for women. They followed Francis's teaching and lived a very simple life. They became known as the Poor Clares. The order still exists today throughout the world.

In 1221 Francis founded a branch of the Franciscan Order for People who did not

want to live in seclusion, but remain in society, carrying on with their jobs and raising families. This is called the Third Order of St Francis or the Tertiaries.

Francis regarded the whole of creation as part of his family and spoke of Brother Sun and Sister Water. The hymn "All creatures of our God and King" is based on Francis' Canticle of the Sun.

Statues and pictures often show Francis surrounded by animals and flowers. Some Churches celebrate his Feast day with a service for animals!

Francis died on 4th October 1226 and only two years later was canonised by Pope Gregory IX.

How We Can Follow St Francis

If Francis were alive today I think he would be concerned about the environment and the future of the earth. He would be saddened by the number of species, which have become extinct since the 13th Century.

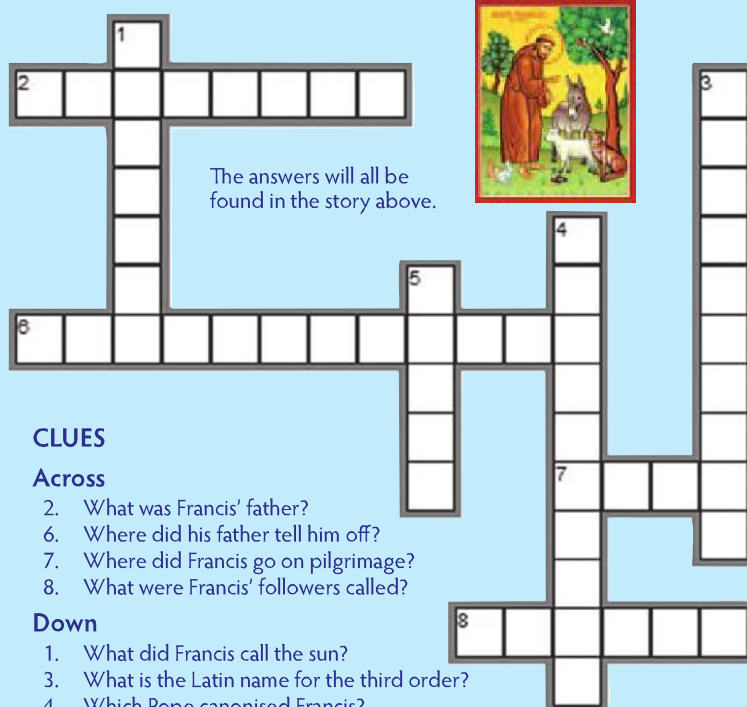
The poor are still with us and we are constantly being asked to give to this charity or that one. Perhaps it is better to choose one or two charities and give or work for them. Collecting and saving coppers is a good way of helping as the money grows and you do not miss it.

You can make animal feeders to help the birds through the cold winter months but take care that cats can't get to them!

We can all do more to care for the environment. Recycling, conserving water, picking up litter can all help and doesn't cost anything. In fact it can save you money.

So give it a try!

St Francis of Assisi Crossword



The answers will all be found in the story above.

CLUES

Across

2. What was Francis' father?
6. Where did his father tell him off?
7. Where did Francis go on pilgrimage?
8. What were Francis' followers called?

Down

1. What did Francis call the sun?
3. What is the Latin name for the third order?
4. Which Pope canonised Francis?
5. Who founded the order for women?

All God's Creatures Wordsearch

LION TIGER DOG CAT CHEETAH GOAT
ELEPHANT GIRAFFE RHINOCEROS SNAKE
HIPPOPOTAMUS GORILLA MOUSE RABBIT
HAMSTER LLAMA REINDEER CROCODILE

Wordsearch Solution on page 10 ... but don't cheat!



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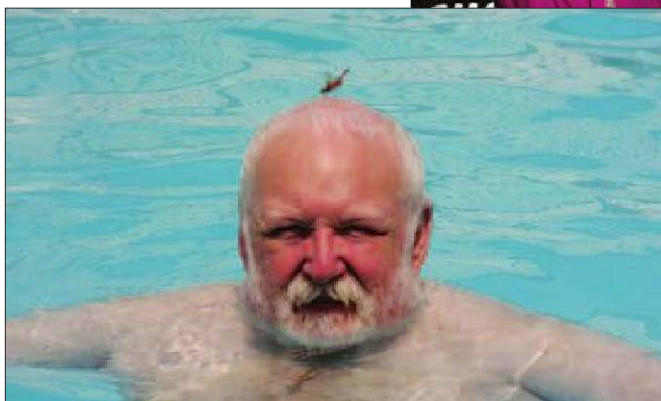
A FAIRLY DECENT crop of entries this time round: as usual, Fr James Patrick got in first with **Even with practice, the Administrator was having difficulty mastering 'I'm a little tea-pot'**, whilst Sheila Wheelhouse from Walsingham threw caution to the wind with **Buy me a pint and I'll fight anyone!**.

Fr David Lawson (who has made it his life's work to upset bishops) came in with **Bishop Lindsay gives the ladies of the Mothers Union a traditional blessing!**

But the book to-ken will make its way to Doncaster to Fr Howard Crosthwaite, who *actually* came up with what Bishop Lindsay was *actually* saying (we imagine): **Due to a severe shortage of volunteers for the Candlelit Procession, the Administrator declared himself fit**

enough to carry Our Lady single handed.

There's no flies on the Regional Dean for Mercia – except, in this photo, it seems there is just the



one, who's obviously hitched a ride on Fr Ronarl Crane's head during his ill-fated attempt to walk on water. . .

As usual, a £20 Book Token to the caption which gets the loudest laugh in Gordon Square. Send your entries to:

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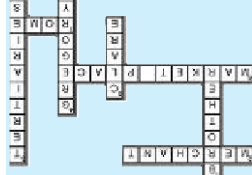
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Autumn Kitchen



Small Cup Cakes

This basic rich sponge mix is perfect for making your own dainty cup cakes using paper cases on a flat oven tray.

INGREDIENTS:

4oz Block Margarine
4oz Castor Sugar
2 Eggs
4oz Selfraising Flour

METHOD:

Beat the Marg in a mixing bowl. Add the sugar and beat together until light and creamy, like whipped cream.

Add the eggs one at a time, beating each in thoroughly and individually to avoid curdling. Once there is no sign of unmixed egg add the sieved flour by lightly folding it in with a metal spoon just until it is evenly combined.

Place 1 generously heaped teaspoonful of the mixture into each of the paper cases, (18–24 medium cases).

Bake for 20–25 minutes in a preheated oven at Mk5,380,190.

Cool on a wire rack until cold. Then have fun creating your very own choice of toppings!

Gipsy Creams

This tea-time treat takes a little longer to make than shortbread but is worth the time spent in preparation. It is two biscuits sandwiched together with butter icing. You will need a flat oven tray.

INGREDIENTS:

Serves 5,000

2oz Block Margarine
2oz Lard
3oz Sugar
1 tsp Golden Syrup
1cup Plain Flour
1cup Porage Oats
1tbsp Boiling Water
1tsp (level) Bicarbonate of Soda

METHOD:

Grease the tray.

Melt the first four ingredients together in a saucepan over a gentle heat.

Do not boil. Mix the flour and the oats.

In a bowl. In a cup blend the bicarbonate of soda with the boiling water and immediately pour onto the dry ingredients.

Mix together before adding the melted fats and sugar. Once combined form into even sized, round biscuits. Take a teaspoonful of the mix at a time and roll it into a ball between your hands. Once shaped place on tray and gently flatten to form a small round.

Bake in a preheated oven at Mk4, 375, 190, for 15 – 20 mins.

When cool sandwich together with a thin layer of chocolate butter icing, (*see below).

Keep in an airtight tin.

Butter Icing

The basic recipe for this icing is very easy and adds a touch of luxury to a plain sponge cake and converts cup cakes into angel cakes.

INGREDIENTS:

3oz Butter
8oz Icing Sugar (sieved)
2 dessert tps
Water / Fruit Juice

METHOD:

Beat the butter until soft and creamy. Add half of the icing sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Then add the liquid and the rest of the sugar beating until it is creamy again.

At this stage a few drops of colouring or flavouring can be added, e.g. vanilla, orange, lemon, if no fruit juice has been used. A coffee flavour can be got by using liquid which is half water and half coffee essence.

*Chocolate icing is best made using Cocoa, (drinking chocolate will do).

Blend 2 rounded tps sieved cocoa (or more, to taste) with 3tsp boiling water. Allow to cool before adding at the same time as the 2 dessert tps of water shown for the basic recipe.



If you have a favourite recipe to share, please send it to Sandra Fowles
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THERE WERE GIANTS IN THE LAND

A series of portraits of great Anglo-Catholics

On a busy Friday lunchtime, 2nd October 1998, the great West Doors of St Paul's Cathedral were opened wide and, through the ranks of robed priests fanned out across the cold stone steps, the body of Brian, Bishop of Edmonton was carried reverently to the waiting hearse as the bells rang out their solemn muffled peal. It was a deeply moving moment bringing to a close a service of wonderful dignity and simplicity, sorrow and joy, which will for ever live in the memories of those who packed the vast Mother-Church of the London Diocese. The place where thirty-three years before he had been ordained priest was filled with those who had been touched by his faithful ministry and rejoiced in his devotion to Christ's flock - bishops and priests from near and far, rich and poor, city gentlemen and *real* Eastenders - who, as the Bishop of London said in his address, "loved him and will miss him."

Call to service

Brian John Masters was born in Sussex on 17th October 1932, was educated at Collyers School, Horsham and Queens' College, Cambridge, and began a career in the City of London as an insurance broker at Lloyd's. After seven years, however, realising his vocation to the priesthood he trained at Cuddesdon and was made deacon in 1964 to serve an assistant curacy at St Dunstan's, Stepney, under Fr Edwyn Young. Here began his enduring devotion to the people of East and North London in days recalled by Fr Malcolm Gray, Regional Dean of London, in a sermon at the SSC Chapter Requiem for the Bishop.

"In the early days of Fr Young (late 50's) it was not unusual to have six curates, half a dozen nuns and three parish workers all serving the one parish. However, by the time Fr Masters arrived he was one of only four curates! Not long after, Fr Young was off to St Nicholas, the Parish Church of Liverpool, which was thought to be a step in the right direction for the purple and the pointy hat. In one of the first recorded predictions about such matters, the young Fr Masters commented, 'I think not' - and he was right!"

A real Catholic at last!

"Fr Masters had already become known affectionately as 'Farv', but he wore a double-breasted cassock which put him in the 'not-quite-kosher' category. Then Fr Loveless, of Holy Trinity, Hoxton, was made full-time Rural Dean of Hackney and Fr Masters was appointed to replace him. So, to Hoxton he went, taking with him not just the affection of Stepney but, thankfully, the gift of a 39-buttoned cassock that made him at last respectable - a *real* Catholic!"

As Vicar of Holy Trinity with St Mary, Hoxton, he was also priest

in charge of the neighbouring parish of St Anne with St Saviour and St Andrew, to which was added the parish of St Columba in 1975. The traditional pattern of daily Mass and Office and tireless visiting of the homes of parishioners, churchgoers or not, was the basis of his diligent ministry there. That unbroken tradition of sacrificial service begun by the giants of the Catholic Revival in the slums of Victorian London may never have filled the churches to capacity, but it has ensured a respect and affection for the Church to an extent rarely found elsewhere. "Wherever Fr Masters went he was known and loved as a faithful and devoted priest who cared for individuals - calling them all by their names."

The corridors of power

There was another side to his work and influence. The Bishop of London in his funeral homily recalled that from 1973 onwards "before he was a bishop he was a great figure in Synod and wielded considerable influence in its corridors and meeting rooms." In the fight for orthodoxy in Synod he worked closely with Fr John Broadhurst, now Bishop of Fulham and Chairman of FiF, who spoke affectionately of him at the National Assembly, just days after his death. He attributed largely to Fr Masters' influence the appointment of three successive Bishops of London: Graham Leonard, David Hope and Richard Chartres. In 1982, came his own consecration as Bishop. Dr Chartres had received "a great many letters from people who did not share Brian's views but who deeply respected him as a father in God and were grateful for the painstaking and self-sacrificing way in which he did his work as a Bishop. He was a professional in the best sense of the word. He had always read the papers and could go swiftly to the heart of the matter answering his own leading question, 'What's the clue?' Years as a parish priest, especially at beloved Hoxton had added rich experience to his innate common sense and he exposed a great deal of humbug and folly with a brisk, 'It's all a load of nonsense, of course.' He loved Edmonton and its parishes but he loved the clergy and appreciated their work, its difficulties and its privilege, in a special way." The clue to his success in the Edmonton Area, said Fr David Houlding, "was that he held us together, people of all opinions, of churchmanship differing vastly from his own, with his example of loving and devoted service. It was his belief in the fundamental Catholicism

Brian John Masters SSC 1932 - 1998 Bishop of Edmonton *A true pastor*



of the Church of England with its parochial system and with mission beating at the heart of the life of the church that kept him at the helm of the ship. He generated a sense of calm and perspective when others in the church its busy war were waging."

A pastoral heart ... and a twinkle in the eye!

"How he loved being in his parishes", recalls Fr Jonathan Kester, his Domestic Chaplain, "visiting every parish once a year, confirming when there was sometimes only one candidate, often filling in himself if ever a priest was sick. He loved being in the schools, in the hospitals and other institutions, rejoicing in the Church of England's unique parochial system - that not one square inch of our land falls beyond the boundaries of a parish Church and under the care of a priest, whose cure of souls is something he shares with his Bishop. He enjoyed these pastoral visits as a sign of encouragement to the whole Church of our shared vocation to be close to Jesus and to enkindle the fire of his love in the hearts of others. 'Always be close to Jesus', he would frequently remind newly licensed and instituted clergy. How he cared for his ordinands, as he saw the nurturing of vocations to the sacred ministry as a primary task for the Bishop. His concern for his priests was shown whenever an Area mailing was sent out. In the office we would print the pages and the address labels; but he

would insist on topping and tailing every letter individually, often adding a personal greeting. He would then personally stick every label onto the envelopes saying that it was a way of sending up an arrow

prayer for each and every one of his priests."

He had a wonderful sense of humour. Returning from an international bishops' meeting he was asked to explain how he had apparently got on so well with his Canadian counterpart, the female Bishop of Edmonton, Alberta. "You know how charming I am with lay people!" he replied with the characteristic twinkle in the eye. The stories of his wit and humour will delight for many years to come. "How we shall miss his fun!" said Dr Chartres. "One young priest asked him for some advice on becoming a Bishop's Chaplain. 'Always beware of clergy with poncey bows on their curtains', was the reply. As so often, you laugh and then see how wise he was. He liked dedicated clergy, order, irony, white wine. He disliked brown shoes in the sanctuary ('Wrong shoes', he would hiss), pomposity, unprofessional behaviour, do-it-yourself liturgy and staying awake at post-prandial meetings."

The end of an era

He had been deeply saddened by the General Synod's destruction of the Church of England as he had known and loved it. He was one of the few Bishops who would not ordain women deacons. The vote on 11th November 1992 to permit female priestly ordination "destroyed the claim of the Church of England to be part of the universal Church, flouts biblical teaching and severely damages the prospect of unity with the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches", he said. Despite his liking for Roman dress and ceremonial, he was essentially Anglican at heart, and remained in post when many of his priests and friends were

crossing the Tiber. All who knew him knew that he dreaded retirement. His wish was to die in office and it was granted suddenly, three weeks before his 66th birthday. He had said his morning Office and been, as usual, for the newspaper and then had begun work at the desk. The Bishop of London gave this account of his last moments: "It was so very sudden. At 8 am Brian telephoned a priest who lived nearby to say that he was having some kind of attack. The priest ran to the house and, thank God, found Brian still conscious. He was able to pray with him and later anoint him and tell him, for us all, before Brian lapsed into unconsciousness that he was much loved and that he was especially loved by the clergy. He died as he would have wished in the midst of his episcopal service."

In the afternoon of 1st October his body, clothed in full pontifical dress, was received into Holy Trinity Hoxton, and laid before the altar amid a profusion of his favourite white lilies. His brethren of the Society of the Holy Cross sang Vespers of the Dead and a constant stream of the faithful offered their quiet prayers in the poignant stillness until the Solemn Requiem in the evening. The church was packed to overflowing as dozens of priests celebrated in the presence of John, Bishop of Fulham, singing (with many a tear) hymns which proclaimed the hope and love of the Gospel message on which his life was founded. Throughout the night priests and people offered, every half hour, requiem masses, and votive candles burned brightly in front of the coffin.

In the morning a final Concelebration concluded with a procession from the church. The priests in black vestments carrying the Bishop's staff and symbols of office, preceded by thurifer, crucifer and acolytes, led the coffin to the boundary of the parish on its journey to the Cathedral.

In the St Alban's burial ground at Brookwood, his body lies near to Fr Mackonochie, Fr Stanton, Fr Dolling, and other devoted priests who will be forever revered as champions of the Faith and servants of the poor.

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- 2 St John the Baptist, Staveley & Barrow Hill, Fr William Butt, Fr Martin Daniels (Derby)
- 3 St Bartholomew, Derby (Derby)
- 4 Bishop of Ebbsfleet and parishes under his care (St Gregory yesterday)
- 5 Bishop of Richborough and Parishes under his care
- 6 St Crispin, Manchester, Fr Patrick Davies (Manchester)
- 7 The Ascension, Lower Broughton, Fr David Wyatt (Manchester)
- 8 The Most Holy Trinity, Blackley, Fr Philip Stamp (Manchester)
- 9 St Luke, Dukinfield, Fr David Schofield (Chester)
- 10 The Epiphany, Columbia, Rt Rev'd Paul Hewett (Overseas)
- 11 'Towards Priesthood' Vocations Conference at St Stephen's House (Friday - Sunday)
- 12 SSC (Feast of Triumph of the Cross on Tuesday)
- 13 St John the Evangelist, Chopwell, Fr Paul Murray (Durham)
- 14 St James the Apostle, Hartlepool, Fr Stephen Locke (Durham)
- 15 St Oswald, Hartlepool, Fr Graeme Buttery (Durham)
- 16 St Ignatius the Martyr, Hendon, Fr Andrew Jones (Durham)
- 17 St Mary, Horden, Fr Kevin Smith, Fr David Carr (Durham)
- 18 Candidates in the General Synod Elections
- 19 Openness to the Holy Spirit in the General Synod Elections
- 20 St Helen, Auckland, Fr Robert McLeer (Durham)
- 21 St Mary Magdalene, Millfield, Sunderland, Fr Beresford Skelton (Durham)
- 22 St James the Great, Darlington, Fr Ian Grieves (Durham)
- 23 St Columba, Middlesbrough, Fr Stephen Cooper (York)
- 24 St John the Evangelist, Middlesbrough, Fr Stephen Cooper (York)
- 25 Bishop of Beverley and parishes under his care
- 26 Agricultural community & traditionalist parishes in agricultural areas
- 27 St Michael & All Angels, Walthamstow, Fr Jon Ravensdale (Chelmsford)
- 28 St Barnabas, Old Heath, Colchester, Fr Richard Tillbrook (Chelmsford)
- 29 SS Peter & Paul, Hockley, Fr Jeffrey Woolnough (Chelmsford)
- 30 St Luke, Prittlewell, Fr James McCluskey (Chelmsford)

October, 2010

- 1 St Saviour, Raynes Park, Fr Michael Blackman (Southwark)
- 2 Fr Peter Clarke, Regional Dean of West Wessex, & FiF in Bath & Wells, Bristol & Salisbury
- 3 Brothers Paschal and Maximilian at Walsingham (St Francis on Monday)
- 4 All Saints, Sydenham, Fr Philip Smith (Southwark)
- 5 St Andrew, Croydon, Fr Keith Sylvia (Southwark)
- 6 St Silas, with All Saints & St James, Pentonville (London)
- 7 St Anselm, Hatch End, Prebendary Clive Pearce (London)
- 8 St Giles, Willenhall (Lichfield)
- 9 Fr John Pitchford, Regional Dean of the Marches, & FiF in Gloucester, Hereford & Worcester
- 10 Fr Len Black, Regional Dean of Scotland & FiF in Scottish Dioceses
- 11 St Andrew, Worthing, Fr Colin Kassell (Chichester)
- 12 St Patrick, Hove (Chichester)
- 13 St Michael & All Angels, Cookley (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich)
- 14 St Simon, Mount Gold, Plymouth, Fr Patrick Allen (Exeter)
- 15 SS Peter & Paul, Fareham, Fr Christopher Woodman (Portsmouth)
- 16 National Assembly of 'Forward in Faith'
- 17 Newly elected General Synod Members
- 18 St Leonard, Loftus in Cleveland, with St Helen, Carlisle, Fr Andrew Gaunt (York)
- 19 St Hilda of Whitby, Grange Town (Middlesbrough), Fr Ian Graham (York)
- 20 St Mary the Virgin, South Benfleet, Fr Lee Bennett (Chelmsford)
- 21 St Andrew, North Weald, Fr Trevor Thorpe (Chelmsford)
- 22 St Michael, Thorpe-le-Soken, Fr Jeremy Dowding (Chelmsford)
- 23 Bishop Matthias and the Diocese of Ho, Ghana
- 24 Mission Direct and all traditionalist Mission work (World Mission Sunday)
- 25 The Holy Family, Failsworth, Fr Tony Mills (Manchester)
- 26 Holy Trinity, Shaw (Manchester)
- 27 St Gabriel, Middleton Junction, Fr Andrew Starkie (Manchester)
- 28 St Mark, Chadderton, Fr Alan Cooke (Manchester)

- 29 St Paul with Christ Church, Salford, Canon David Wyatt (Manchester)
- 30 Departed members and sympathisers of Forward in Faith, RIP
- 31 Joy in the fellowship of the saints

November, 2010

- 1 St Barnabas, Tunbridge Wells, Fr Ed Tomlinson (Rochester)
- 2 St Mary the Virgin, Littlehampton, Fr Roger Caswell (Chichester)
- 3 St Saviour & St Peter, Eastbourne, Fr Jeffrey Gunn (Chichester)
- 4 St John the Evangelist, Crowborough, Fr Robert Norbury (Chichester)
- 5 St Salvador, Church Street, Dundee, Fr Clive Clapson (Scotland)
- 6 Generous consideration of the ordination of women Bishops legislation in Diocesan and Deanery Synods
- 7 Guild of All Souls
- 8 St Michael & All Angels, Cross Heath (Lichfield)
- 9 St Gabriel, Fullbrook (Lichfield)
- 10 SS Mary & Chad, Longton, Prebendary Paul Lockett (Lichfield)
- 11 St Andrew, Kingsbury, Fr John Smith (London)
- 12 St Matthew, Willesden, Fr Daniel Humphreys (London)
- 13 Northern Provincial Festival
- 14 Those who died in war and violence
- 15 All Saints with St Michael, Shrewsbury, Fr Michael Fish (Lichfield)
- 16 St Saviour, Smallthorne, Fr Richard Grigson (Lichfield)
- 17 St Michael the Archangel, Tivdale (Lichfield)
- 18 St James, Wednesbury, Fr Kevin Palmer (Lichfield)
- 19 St Francis of Assisi, Friar Park, West Bromwich, Fr Ron Farrell (Lichfield)
- 20 Catholic Group on Synod (Synod Meeting: Monday to Wednesday)
- 21 The Pastoral & Catechetical Centre at Christ the King, Gordon Square
- 22 Holy Trinity, Ettingshall Park Wolverhampton, Fr Alan Jones (Lichfield)
- 23 St Martin, Wolverhampton, Fr John Oakes (Lichfield)
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30	Walsingham Shrine Church	3pm	The Pilgrimage of Healing and Renewal 12 noon Concelebrated Mass; 2.45 pm Laying-on of Hands & Anointing, Sprinkling and Benediction	Shrine Office	01328 824204
Sept 2	S.John, Sevenoaks	3.00pm	Ordination to the Diaconate of James Daniel Bradley by the Bishop of Fulham		
9	S.Hilda, Cross Green, Leeds	10am - 12 noon	Heritage Open Day	Stephen Savage	0113 260 8972
10	S.Stephen's House, Oxford		Catholic Societies Vocations Conference "Towards Priesthood" book online at www.additionalcurates.co.uk/towardspriesthood.html		
11	S.Hilda, Cross Green, Leeds	10.30am - 5pm	Heritage Open Day Low Mass at 10.00 am	Stephen Savage	0113 260 8972
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12	S.Hilda, Cross Green, Leeds	12.30pm - 5pm	Heritage Open Day Solemn Mass at 11.15 followed by Evening Prayer at 4.30 pm	Stephen Savage	0113 260 8972
18	S.Mary, Bute Street, Cardiff	12 noon	Annual Credo Cymru / Forward in Faith, Wales & SSC Festival of Faith olemn Eucharist of the Holy Cross Preacher: Fr Philip North Priest members of Credo Cymru, FiF, SSC are welcome to concelebrate (red stole)	Fr Andrew Holmes	01443 473716
18	S.Hilda, Cross Green, Leeds	12 noon	Dedication Festival Solemn Mass and Procession	Fr Alex Lane	0113 271 9661
18	St Mary de Castro, Leicester	12 noon	GSS Midlands Area Festival	www.gssonline.org.uk	
26	S.Mary, St Marychurch, Torquay	10.30am	Ordination to the Priesthood of Dexter Bracey by the Bishop of Plymouth. (First Mass 29 September time tbc)		
27-2	Lourdes		Society of Mary / Society of Our Lady of Walsingham Joint Pilgrimage to Lourdes	www.societyofmary.net	chaplain@ societyofmary.net
Oct 2	S.Augustine, Tonge Moor, Bolton	3pm	Annual Walsingham Festival. Mass followed by refreshments and Benediction. Preacher: Fr John Willett. Contact with approx numbers for catering by 28 August 2010	Doris Willan	01204 520686
2	St Michael and All Angels, Inverness	2.30pm	Michaelmas Celebration Weekend - 'Looking Inside' the Restored Church Organ with Sandy Edmonstone, Organ Builder, with additional commentary from Fr Len, followed by a short Organ Recital	Fr Len Black	01463 233797
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9	St Agnes, Ullett Road, Liverpool	12 noon	SOM Society of Mary October Devotion	www.societyofmary.net	secretary@ societyofmary.net
9	Blackburn Cathedral	12 noon	GSS Autumn Festival	www.gssonline.org.uk	
15-16	Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, London SW1	Friday: 3 - 6.30pm. Saturday: 1pm - 4.15pm	Forward in Faith National Assembly	Forward in Faith	020 7388 3588
16	Christ the King, Gordon Square WC1	10am	Forward in Faith National Assembly Mass		
25-29	Walsingham Shrine Church		The Walsingham Bible Week - Five days of biblical teaching and spiritual renewal at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham	Shrine Office	01328 824204
Nov 6	Egmontan	12 noon	Society of Our Lady of Egmontan Annual Requiem - Solemn Mass of Requiem at 12 noon; AGM of the Society of Our Lady of Egmontan at 2.15 followed by Benediction	www.sole-egmontan.com	sheonagh@ hotmail.com
Nov 11	York Minster	12 noon	The Bishop of Beverley's Northern Provincial Festival www.bishopofbeverley.co.uk	Bishop of Beverley	0113 265 4280
17	S.Hilda, Cross Green, Leeds	7.30pm	Patronal Festival. Solemn Mass Preacher: The Bishop of Whitby	Fr Alex Lane	0113 271 9661
20	Christ the King, Gordon Square WC1	12 noon	FiF London & Southwark Annual Solemn Mass for the Eve of Christ the King. Principal Celebrant: The Bishop of Fulham, Preacher: Fr Philip Corbett	Fr Malcolm Gray Fr Andrew Stevens	020 8950 7860 020 8854 0461

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Fr Crotchet's Corner

Dear Earwigs

I spoke too soon. I have not got rid of the Archdeacon. He has become a complete pest by becoming my big chum and he keeps inviting me to join all sorts of lefty committees for this, that and the other. I finally made him settle for making me the Area Representative of the Homeless Urban Trust (HUT), having turned down the London Diocesan Whaling Commission and the Saint Paul's Cathedral Committee for Disabled Animal Access.

I had thought that it was just a matter of going to the odd meeting and expressing benign but uncommitted interest, but then this lorry turned up with my HUT hut. Apparently, I have to have a hut in the Vicarage garden as a gesture to the homeless. The first homeless man, Cedric, an out of work actor of indeterminate age, arrived a couple of days later.

To be absolutely honest with you, he is not getting on well with either Jean-Louis or Eulalie, as he keeps doing one man shows in the garden and stealing food from the kitchen. I fear the worst. On top of that, the

warm weather has made the use of the Lady Chapel as an abattoir a very smelly sort of operation, and even Jean-Louis has given in to the extent of cleaning the place up a bit.

He is getting a bit narky, though. I thought of warning Cedric that Jean-Louis has already turned an Armenian monk into sausages and killed a whole demonstration of vegetarians using toxic mushrooms, but decided to leave well alone, in case I am accused of being an accessory after the fact.



I turned, as always, to music for solace.

The state-of-the-art hi-fi arrangement in the Lady Chapel has still not

recovered from being turned into an abattoir, so I am stuck with my computer.

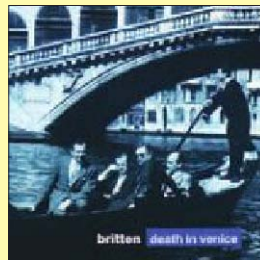
First – good news! The Deutsche Grammophon site is up and running again with a new company dealing with the payment side of things. You can access this at www.deutschegrammophon.com, where you will see that Decca recordings are also included in the catalogue section.

Everything is now available in FLAC quality (uncompressed) as well as in perfectly respectable (and cheaper) MP3 transfers. Beware, though, the MP3 quality has temporarily fallen to 256kbps (not quite so good), but the 320kbps

option will be returning soon.

I purchased and downloaded a work that I have been thinking about a lot recently, Benjamin Britten's *Death in Venice*. I opted for the 'original' recording with Peter Pears, conducted by Steuart Bedford, and have very much enjoyed listening to it again.

When it first appeared, I didn't like it at all. I was already pretty much saturated with *Death in Venice*, being a very big Thomas Mann fan, and I had enjoyed the Visconti film that came out in 1971. When I first heard the opera, I thought that it was tentative and elliptical in expression, and the constant parlando of the music written for Pears seemed mannered and routine. The use of gamelan sonorities baffled me a bit. Venice? Gamelan?



Well, I can now hear the work with fresh ears and, having banished my prejudices about Mann and Venice, find it a very beautiful thing indeed. The sound is excellent, and the downloader provided

by Universal did its work perfectly. This recording is not for those allergic to the sound of Pears' voice, but I shall listen to it a lot. This is a work that is going to endure.

Continuing in the Britten groove, those nice people



from Hyperion have issued a recording of various Britten songs in a programme built round the *Songs and Proverbs of William Blake*, Op. 74. Gerard Finley is the baritone, accompanied by Julius Drake, and this is a recital about which you need have no hesitations. This is great singing. The full details are at: www.hyperion-records.co.uk/dc.asp?dc=D_CDA67778&vw=dc

You can drop in and listen to extracts of this CD (CDA6778), and then you can order it directly from the site, or choose a download option. I am hugely impressed that Hyperion charge the same for FLAC as for MP3 encoding (320kbps), a very reasonable £7.99. Listen to track 3, *I wonder as I wander*, and you will be hooked.

The company rightly

warns you that iTunes and Windows Media Player do not yet read FLAC files, but you can easily download and install a player that does (e.g. the excellent free VLC media player from www.videolan.org, or Winamp, or Real Player). Surely iTunes isn't going to be non-FLAC much longer? It's real disincentive to use the iPod, iPad and suchlike – not that companies seem to care two hoots about real music-lovers.

A last suggestion. The Gramophone has been a bit lukewarm about the first issue in the Hyperion/Graham Johnson Brahms lieder edition. The singer is Angelika Kirschlager and the *Gramophone* reviewer found her a bit dull (although he didn't use that word).

All right, this is not interventionist interpretation like Fischer-Dieskau, or ultra-rich singing like Ludwig, but it is very good. The tone is slightly hooty, but not unpleasantly so, and I find the result very successful. Graham Johnson is on form, and this is a good purchase. The sound, as ever, is compellingly fine.

I must go now. Someone is declaiming Shakespeare in the garden, and I can hear Jean-Louis hunting for his shotgun...

May your music be with you...

Fr Amictus Crotchet

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Kenton's New Basilica

Fr Giles Pinnock visits the site of the Byzantine Basilica in Kenton, NW London



Fr Anastasios Salapatias (left) & Fr Pinnock on the roof of the new Basilica

ACOUPLE of days ago, I had the pleasure of being shown around the site of the Byzantine Basilica that is being built in Kenton, NW London.

The history is that several years ago, the Anglican parish, of which I am the vicar, sold our daughter church of the Holy Spirit to the Greek Orthodox community with which we had been sharing the building for some time. The local joke is that the Anglican Church sold the Holy Spirit to the Greeks – so now we know why He doesn't turn up any more to the General Synod!

The Church of the Holy Spirit

was a basic structure – to many it looked more like a parish hall or scout headquarters – and while the Greek Orthodox Community of St Panteleimon did a very good job of configuring it for Orthodox worship, it was by no stretch of the imagination a basilica.

This is important because the Orthodox recognize in the architecture of a church – its sacred geometry – far greater significance

than is typically the case of western Christians.

In July 2009, the former structure was deconsecrated and demolished and building began, fundraising taking place all the while, with the intention that the new basilica be ready for worship in December 2010, and it is well on the way to completion.

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