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The July Synod and the Women Bishops Legislation

Fr Paul Benfield explains how the General Synod will deal with the latest report on the proposals to create women bishops

THE DRAFT timetable for the July Synod at York shows that the women bishops legislation will be being discussed on Saturday 10th July and Monday 12th July from 9.30am to 1.00pm and 2.30pm to 6.15pm and (if necessary) on the morning of Tuesday 13th July. What will happen during these long sessions?

Votes

There will be many votes taken, either by a show of hands or by electronic voting. A simple majority is all that is required. Members may call for individual votes to be taken by houses, and if such a call is successful then the motion in question must pass in each of the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity.

Procedural Motions

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Take-Note Debate

The first motion before the Synod will be to 'take note' of the Revision Committee Report. The debate on the motion will allow members to address more general issues relating to the draft legislation. If the 'take note' motion is not carried the legislative process would be at an end.

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Revision Stage

If the 'take-note' motion is carried the Synod will move to the Revision Stage when it will consider the draft legislation and amending canon, clause by clause, in such order as the Chairman of the sitting determines.

It is likely that fundamental amendments designed to ensure that arrangements for those with conscientious difficulties over women bishops take a different

form from those in the legislation as revised by the Revision Committee will be taken first. So we can expect that proposals for

new dioceses and some form of statutory transfer will be taken at a fairly early stage.

Secondly there will be 'free standing' amendments such as those for financial provision. Finally there will probably be detailed amendments on the legislation as it now stands.

Second Revision Stage

If the shape of the legislation is fundamentally changed it is likely that a second revision stage will be required and so the amended legislation will be sent back to a revision committee, requiring a further

revision stage in full Synod in due course.

Reference to Dioceses

If the revision stage is completed in July and there is a no need for a second revision stage, then legislation will be referred to the Diocesan Synods. This process would take about 18 months. Only if it is approved by a majority of the dioceses could it return for final approval by the General Synod.

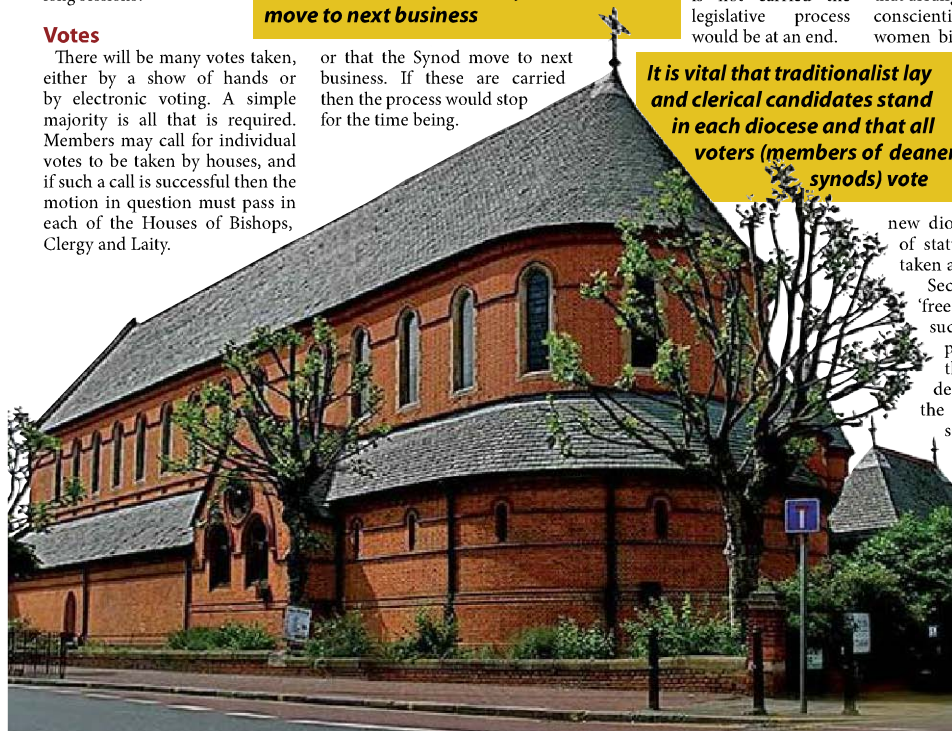
Final Approval

It is only at final approval that the legislation must be supported by at least two thirds of each of the houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity. After Final Approval by Synod the Measure would then have to go to Parliament before receiving Royal Assent. So the earliest that there could be women bishops in the Church of England is thought to be 2014.

Synod Elections

The July Sessions are the last of this Synod and a new Synod will be elected this year. It will be this new Synod which approves (or rejects) the legislation at Final Approval. The election process begins in July and nomination papers must be received by returning officers by 3rd September. Voting takes place between 17th September and 8th October.

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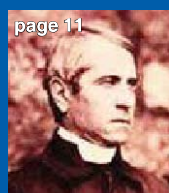
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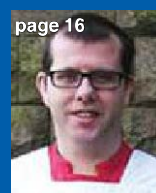
Provision for Traditionalists



Giants: Fr Thomas Chamberlain SSC



John Smee's 20 years



Andrew Settle's 25 years

Walking The Pilgrims' Way

Six parishioners from St John the Baptist, Sevenoaks have completed a 65 mile walk from Sevenoaks to Canterbury along the Pilgrims' Way to raise money for new robes for the serving team.



They were joined by their parish priest, Father Ivan Aquilina, and a further 40 parishioners for the final leg of the journey on Saturday 24th April and were greeted by the Dean at evensong in the cathedral.

The walkers enjoyed almost uninterrupted sunshine along the way and sunhats and sun lotion were in greater demand than waterproofs and fleeces. They experienced a few sore feet and stiff muscles, but these were hugely outweighed by the pleasure of walking through the Kentish countryside in spring and by the satisfaction of knowing that they were following in the footsteps of the many thousands of pilgrims who had trod this route to the shrine of St Thomas Becket in the past.



May Day Procession



THE SOCIETY of Mary's May Devotion at St Silas, Kentish Town. The day began with a Solemn Pontifical Concelebrated Mass at which the Superior-General, Bishop Robert Ladds was principal celebrant. This was followed by the procession of Our Lady through the streets to Holy Trinity, Hartland Road. Lunch followed in Holy Trinity hall and the day concluded, after the AGM, with Solemn Pontifical Vespers and Pontifical Benediction at which the preacher was Canon Jonathan Goodall, Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury.



2010 National Pilgrimage

THIS YEAR'S National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Monday, 31st May took place, as Father Ivan Aquilina reported on his blog, "amid somewhat 'iffy' weather; a chilly Norfolk breeze whipped through the ruins of the Abbey, which provides the setting for the day".

The Principal Celebrant at the Concelebrated Mass in the Abbey Grounds was The Right Revd Martin Warner, Bishop of Whitby. After an adjournment for lunch - which was not long enough for some - pilgrims gathered again in the Abbey grounds where the Bishop of Stafford, The Right Revd Gordon Mursell, gave a lively yet meditative sermon on the Motherhood of Mary.

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Abbey ruins through the village was blessed by the weather improving greatly, and the pilgrims entered the shrine grounds in pleasant sunshine as Benediction began. Then it was time to prepare for home.

Honourable and Acceptable Provisions for Traditionalists

An Open Letter to Members Of General Synod

Since careful arguments and reasons have failed, Fr John Pitchford looks in God's direction

WRITING THIS article has been hanging over me for some time. I have not known what to say. Am I going to be kicked out of the Church which I have served since 1962? General Synod will make the most important decision of its existence in July. The outlook for us does not look good.

What does God want for his Church?

On the day I started to write this article, the words of Evening Prayer jumped out at me. "Lord, send the Spirit of unity on your Church." The signs from the Revision Committee look more like creating disunity. The words of Pope Benedict XVI are interesting: "The Holy Spirit is a powerful self-communication of God. The Spirit triggers a process of reunification of the divided and dispersed parts of the human family." We can again ask: "What is the Spirit saying to the Churches?" (Revelation). Or – what about the words of St Paul, who wrote: "All things work together for good to them that love God."

What is the present situation?

General Synod will vote on the creation of women bishops at its next meeting at York University (9th – 13th July). The 'Revision Committee' has put forward a set of words for Synod to debate. Sadly, there are no plans for those who hold traditional views about bishops. The Committee could not agree on any such provisions, so none are being put to Synod. This will not surprise anyone – but a great number will be deeply disturbed by it.

The latest proposals are rather brutal

The Revision Committee put forward the following: (1) Any bishops provided for traditionalists will act with authority 'delegated' from the Diocesan Bishop. (The Diocesan

Bishop will soon be a woman in many cases. This is the very bishop whose authority we cannot accept). (2) The present ministry of the Provincial Episcopal Visitors ("Flying Bishops") will be abolished. (3) Resolutions A, B and C will be abolished. (4) Parishes may ask for a 'male' priest or male bishop. But they may not require that he has been ordained by a male bishop.

What difference will these changes make for us?

We believe the bishop is vital for the life and mission of the Church. Continuity with Christ and the Apostles comes through the bishop. He is the link of unity across the centuries, and round the globe. He is a guardian of the faith, and guarantees that the Sacraments are valid. To create women bishops will cut us off from the past. It will break the continuity of the 'Apostolic Succession'. It will cause division among the bishops. It will separate us further from the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

'We have a male priest ... so we are all right'

Sadly, that is far from the truth. Once he has been ordained, the priest cannot simply do what he wants. He does not go off and work independently of the bishop. He is part of the 'College of Priests' who work with the bishop. He acts under the authority of the bishop, and as his representative. They both represent Christ, and they must obey Christ and his Church.

Outward ceremonies and 'catholic' trimmings are not enough

A parish may burn incense, the priest may wear a Chasuble, and bells may be rung. These things do not guarantee 'catholicity'. The only guarantee is for the parish and priest to be in communion

with a traditional bishop. The only way to do this, in the present situation in the Church of England, is for the PCC to pass Resolution C (asking for the parish to be in the care of a Provincial Episcopal Visitor). We say in the Creed – 'We believe in one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church'. The present system of PEVs ("Flying Bishops") is a strange compromise. Yet without it, we would lose – as it were – the very life blood of the Church. Traditional Bishops, and the Sacraments they validate, are vital for the Church. According to the Synod's 'Agenda', these are the very things which are going to be abolished!

Our only hope is on the floor of Synod

Our representatives on General Synod have a daunting and challenging responsibility.

They have to persuade enough members of Synod to vote for proper arrangements for us. We need traditional bishops – and a fair and just way for us to get on with the work and mission of the Church. We will know the outcome of the debate by Tuesday 13th July.

How will synod vote?

The middle ground of Synod seems to swing in one direction after one speech, and then in

another after the next speech. We need to take prayer seriously – praying for all members of Synod, and particularly the House of Bishops. May they all be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Any Amendments

The proposals will be debated, clause by clause, at York University. We need people with courage and skill to put forward amendments. They have to win the support of those who are in favour of women

bishops. This will not be easy.

Where is God in all this turmoil?

The Church belongs to God, and not to bishops, priests and people. Not, as some would think, to the General Synod. This prayer was used at Pentecost recently – "We pray to Christ, who is calling his Church together in the Holy Spirit."

We are called to 'maintain the highest degree of communion possible'.

The Revision Committee has put forward a plan to maintain the highest degree of communion possible. However, unless amended, it will have the opposite effect! It will exclude all who cannot in conscience accept the ministry of women bishops.

At present, there is 'broken communion' concerning the Eucharist. Yet, there is still a deep communion within the one Church because of our Baptism. We are at present still able to work together in some ways. The present proposals will only achieve the highest degree

of communion possibly by excluding traditionalists.

"The longest suicide note in history"

Gerald Kaufman used these words when the Labour Party moved in a left wing direction. Would Kaufman's words describe the action of General Synod, if they do not provide us with fair and just settlement?

What might happen without proper arrangements for traditional Christians?

Up to now, male candidates have offered themselves for ordination – from Evangelicals, Anglo-Catholics and Central Churchmen. Money has been given to central funds from parishes and individuals. To what extent will these be diverted elsewhere, if no adequate provisions are made for us?

At present, it seems that many Dioceses are struggling financially. To what extent is the Church being kept afloat financially by the selling of property? If no provisions are made for us, not everyone will leave immediately. Yet, as night follows day, many will slowly leave in the course of time. We only have to see what is happening in the Episcopal Church in America.

What about the mission of the Church?

How will this affect the mission of the Church? 'A house divided against itself will fall.'

From where does our help come?

A prayer adapted from the feast day of the Venerable Bede:

May Christ our Teacher instruct us, so that we may learn the truth, and practice it in love.

Father Paul's Farewell

SUNDAY APRIL 11th marked a sad day in the life of the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Bournemouth. After an incumbency of 27 years, Canon Paul Berrett SSC was retiring. Over 200 people attended his last Mass to join with him in this moment of celebration tinged with sadness.

A moving sermon on the Good Shepherd ended, much to his amazement, with a spontaneous round of applause. (The full text is on the parish website: www.stfrancisbournemouth.org.uk)

Before the Blessing tributes were paid and presentations made to Father Paul and to



June, his wife, for their work throughout the years; for his example of faith and devotion and for her unfailing cheerfulness and enthusiasm. The people of St Francis will remember them with great affection and wish them a long and contented retirement.

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and

Saturday - 10am

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6pm Songs of Praise

2nd Sunday

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Foundation Stone Laid at New Holy Cross Convent

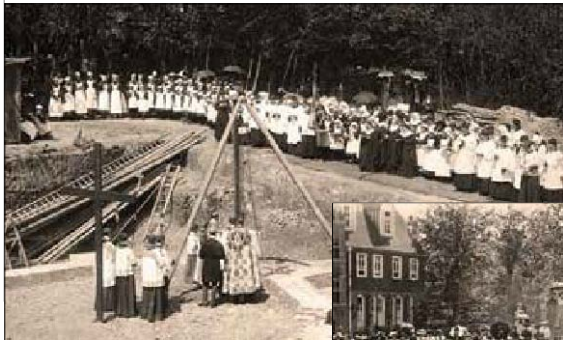
ON MONDAY 12th April the Sisters of the Community of the Holy Cross at Rempstone and about fifty people, plus the building site team, gathered at the site of the new Holy Cross Convent at Costock where the foundation stone of the Chapel was to

be blessed by the Right Revd Dr David Hope and laid by the Earl of Halifax.

There was a strong historical link in that the Earl's great-grandfather, Viscount Halifax, a leading Anglo Catholic layman, laid the foundation stone of

the Chapel of the Community at Haywards Heath in Sussex on the 2nd June 1902. The Earl used the same trowel and mallet that his great-grandfather had used and pronounced the stone 'well and truly laid', at which the enthusiastic congregation applauded.

Pictures of the building progress and video clips of the foundation stone ceremony can be found on www.holycross.org.uk. The Community hope to move the two miles from Rempstone to their new Convent in Costock in a year's time.



above - the laying of the Foundation Stone in 1902

below - the new Holy Cross Convent begins to take shape



Mother Mary Luke is clapping as the Earl declares the stone laid - the trowel and mallet used in 1902 was used again in 2010

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Solar St Silas

ON TUESDAY 11 May, the Forward in Faith church of St Silas, Pentonville, made history, becoming the first church in London to have a solar tiled roof. The completion of the project was celebrated with a 'topping out' ceremony.

Fr Shaun Richards SSC, the Parish Priest, signed and laid the last tile, watched by local dignitaries and representatives of organisations which helped fund the work, including Islington Council. Sporting a splendid green safety helmet, he blessed the roof, sprinkling it with holy water.

The need for a new roof had become urgent in the summer of 2008 when heavy rainfall broke through the old roof and torrents of water damaged the inside of

the church. The decision to use solar tiles specially designed to be a similar colour and size as those on the slate roof it replaced, made it possible for the church to be more environmentally friendly without altering its appearance. Experts estimate that the tiles will generate 47% of power requirements and reduce the church carbon emissions by over 7000 kg per annum. The church will also be able to sell green energy back to the National Grid using the feed-in-tariffs scheme.

The prospect of raising funds for the enormous costs involved would have daunted many. But Fr Shaun and the people of St Silas,

although set in one of London's most deprived areas, have so far managed to raise £270,000 towards the total £370,000 required. The Diocese has given a bridging loan to enable the work to be completed.

Fr Shaun said, "the church community and local people have pulled out all the stops. The project would have been a non-starter without their commitment and pioneering spirit."

The Big Solar Roof project attracted nationwide interest. Press reports can be found online at www.saint-silas.org.uk



Sunshine at Ladyewell



IN CONTRAST to last year when the rain hardly stopped all day, the sun shone brightly for the joint Forward in Faith / Society of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Ladyewell, near Preston, on the first Saturday in June.

After a procession from the RC parish church along the country lane to the Shrine, Bishop John Goddard was principal concelebrant at Mass with a congregation of over two hundred. Sprinkling followed lunch, and the day concluded with Benediction given by Fr Tom Hoole, the Parish priest and Shrine Director.

Fr Tom and his helpers are unfailingly warm and generous in their welcome and hospitality, and we look forward to next year's visit on Saturday 4th June 2011.



Around and about



The Beating the Bounds of the parish of St Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, on Ascension Day, 13th May



The installation, as Priest in Charge of St John's Watford, of Fr Edward Lewis (3rd from left), Priest Vicar of Westminster Abbey and Chaplain to HM, pictured with Pam Rastall Lay Chair of Watford Deanery, the Archdeacon of St Alban's, the serving team and Fr John Belither



The Corpus Christi flower carpet from All Saints Wimbledon



The Licensing of Fr Malcolm Jones as Honorary Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity Winchester on 23rd February 2010



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THERE ARE those who say it's all over but, as Fr Benfield explains on page 1 of this issue of Forward plus it most certainly isn't! The women bishops legislation continues to grind its tortuous way through the General Synod, totally dominating this month's sessions and distracting all its members from all those Gospel imperatives which we elected them to address: Mission, Ministry and Evangelism will all be on the back burner for two and a half days!

It never had to be this way. If it were not for the small-minded

obsessions of the minority who want women bishops at any price, even it means thousands of loyal Anglicans being unchurched, a deal could have been done long ago. Fr Jonathan Baker's book *Consecrated Women?* set out in detail as long ago as 2004 how the C of E could have both women bishops and make provision for traditionalists.

Will the Synod step back from the brink? Will proper, equitable provision be made? Or will our future be elsewhere? Watch and pray, dear readers, watch and pray.

director's diary

AT A loss to know what to write in this Diary, I resorted to consulting my diary. A sensible enough approach, you'd think – but the problem is that it is full of shorthand and abbreviations, all of which made total sense when I wrote them, but none of which convey anything meaningful when I return to them weeks or months later. For example, what on earth does 'BSM' stand for? Is it someone I met? A trendy new restaurant to which someone took me to lunch? I really haven't a clue! Still, let's see what I can untangle.

A Saturday in late April saw me at Pusey House, Oxford for a day-long Conference on Anglican Patrimony. When he had first planned it, Fr Baker had solemnly instructed me to be there so, as soon as it was advertised, I did as the advertisement requested. 'In order to book, please email Fr William Davage, advising him of any dietary requirements'. I sent him a suggested menu which I thought might keep body and soul together – you know the sort of thing: . . . a modicum of fish soup, a couple of lightly seared pigeon breasts and a green salad – only to be told that I'd have to make do with the standard Pusey House Buffet Lunch. (I also told him that I wanted no nuts, but he seemed less sure whether he'd be able to oblige.) Anyway, the Conference was excellent and the Buffet Lunch a triumph, despite the lack of pigeon breasts. You can listen to it at www.theanglocatholic.com/2010/04/anglicanorum-coetibus-conference-presentations/ and, hopefully before too long, the papers will be published in text form as well.

Next in the diary (from the events I can actually identify despite my shorthand) was the launch of the Bishop of Ebsfleet's new book which took place one evening at, er, Pusey House, Oxford. *Heaven and Earth in Little Space* is (according to the Forward in Faith Website – so it must be true!) a significant and absorbing study, informed by his expertise in liturgical theology and history, and is required reading for all who have a concern for the authentic renewal of the worship of God. A bargain at

£16.99 – and even more of a bargain if you download the flyer from www.forwardinfaith.com, in which case you can get it for £13.59 (plus P & P) direct from the publisher! The launch was great fun, even though it did not involve a Buffet Lunch, as it *did* involve going out for supper with Bishop Andrew and some other friends later in the evening. Sadly, though, the restaurant concerned had neither fish soup nor pigeon breasts on the menu. Still, you can't have everything!

Moving on, I next went to the festival of the Friends of Pusey House, which took place on a Sunday in early June at, um, Pusey House, Oxford. A lovely High Mass, with stunning music, fizzy wine in the sunshine afterwards and then a super Buffet Lunch prepared by Fr Davage and his glamorous assistants. The fish soup and pigeon breasts were superb and, needless to say, a figment of my fevered imagination.

By now, you'll have got the impression that all I've done is visit Pusey House, Oxford every five minutes. Not so! Looking at the diary, I can see I've had all sorts of interesting meetings here with all sorts of people, none of whose names I can reveal (or decipher). Some of those meetings took place in the pub, but only when our discussions needed extra privacy and beer.

It's been a few years since I went on the Forward in Faith London Pilgrimage to Boulogne, so it was a very nice change to drive down to the Channel Tunnel and along the French coast for that great annual event. My wife and I drove Fr Kirk there the evening before the Mass in the Cathedral and then found ourselves having dinner with the Bishop of Fulham and his wife. No pigeon breast, but lots of Fish Soup and a great deal of other fishy things as well, to say nothing of liberal quantities of cold white wine. And very nice it was too, once I'd explained to the bishop & Fr K that the words 'synod' and 'ordinariate' were banned at the dinner table! And that, come to think of it, explains what 'BSM' stands for – which takes us neatly back to where we started!

In his own write...



From the Editor's desk

ON THE way from Gordon Square to the Lamb in Lamb's Conduit Street I have passed the building dozens of times without giving it a glance. My good friends John and Beryl told me about it when I was at Holy Trinity, Hoxton, for the St George's day celebrations, so I decided to visit while back in London for the June FiF Council meeting.

The Foundling Museum, at the end of the cul-de-sac behind the green in Brunswick Square, tells a remarkable story of care for unwanted and neglected children that began in the mid-18th century and continues to the present day.

Thomas Coram, a shipwright who had first gone to sea in 1699 as a cabin boy at the age of eleven, had spent some years trading in America before returning with his wife to settle in England. On his daily walks through the streets of London he was saddened and increasingly troubled by the sight of the corpses of unwanted babies abandoned in the streets, lying among the filth and sewage of the gutters. It is estimated that at least a thousand died in this way each year.

Other capital cities experienced the same appalling problem, but had begun to deal with it. In Paris, for example, L'Hôpital des Enfants-Trouvés opened in 1670 as a result of the work of St Vincent de Paul and the Daughters of Charity over four decades. But in post-Reformation London there were few saints and no Sisters to lead the way.

Coram's vision

In 1722 Captain Coram, a staunch and devout Anglican, began a campaign to raise funds for the establishment of a permanent home for unwanted babies, known as foundlings. At first he was faced with opposition from people who thought that it would be an encouragement for even more illegitimate births, and others who thought it simply an undeserving cause; but he persevered. He pointed out that as well as saving vulnerable children, a well-run establishment would provide artisans, servants, soldiers and sailors for the benefit of the Realm.

After seventeen years of pleading for benefactors, he was able to petition King George II "in behalf of great numbers of helpless Infants daily exposed to destruction", "that many persons of quality and distinction, as well as others of both sexes (being sensible of the frequent Murders committed on poor miserable Infants, by their parents, to hide

their shame, and the inhuman custom of exposing new born Children to perish in the Streets, or training them up in Idleness, Beggary and Theft) have by Instruments in writing declared their Intentions to Contribute Liberally towards Erecting an Hospital, after the example of other Christian countries, and for supporting the same, for the Reception, Maintenance and



proper Education of such helpless Infants." The king duly granted his Royal Charter in 1739 and the first Hospital opened in temporary premises in Hatton Garden, taking its first foundlings – 18 boys and 12 girls.

The Hospital was governed by a General Committee of fifty men drawn from the 375 appointed by Coram. A new site, in Lamb's Conduit Fields, then a rural area on the edge of the city, was chosen for the erection of the new building. Pressure on the Hatton Garden site was such that the admission of nearly 200 babies to the new Hospital began when only the west wing had been completed.

Despite generous support from the many patrons, there was not enough money to meet the heavy running costs of caring for such a large number of children. Parliament was petitioned and in 1756 granted the enormous sum of £10,000; but with onerous, and as it proved, unworkable, conditions. Up to this point admission had been by lottery: mothers seeking a place for their baby had to pick a ball from a sack. A white ball meant a child would be admitted subject to medical examination; a red ball put a child on a reserve list in case an accepted child failed the medical; a black ball meant rejection.

The Government's grant conditions required the admission of every baby under two months old at any time of the day or night.

A basket was to be hung at the main entrance gate into which the mother could deposit her child after ringing the porter's bell. This system, which remained in place for four years, placed an intolerable strain on the Hospital's resources.

On the first night 117 babies were placed in the basket, and another 308 were left during the month. Of the 14,934 children admitted in the four years of general reception, 10,204 died. Many babies were sent out to be cared for by wet nurses, remaining in foster care under regular inspection until returning to the Foundling Hospital after their sixth birthday.

Memories, art and music

On the ground floor the museum sets out the history from Coram's long struggle to bring his vision to life, through the years of the Hospital in Lamb's Conduit Fields from 1745 until its closure in 1926, temporary location in Redhill, and its final phase as a residential establishment from 1935–1953.

It explains also the continuing work of the charity, now known as the Coram Family, with children and young people. Particularly moving are the cases containing the little mementoes left by mothers with their babies – scraps of paper with verses expressing the deep sorrow of separation, rings, coins, knotted ribbons, pieces of embroidery – all carefully recorded so that the child could be identified if circumstances changed and mother could reclaim her child. Such reunions were sadly not common.

On the first floor are some very fine paintings by William Hogarth who was from the outset a Governor and enthusiastic supporter of the Hospital. He was an inspector of the foster homes in Kent and Surrey where children were placed, and fostered a number of foundlings with his wife Jane.

He designed the Coat of Arms and the children's uniform. His paintings are depictions of Biblical scenes relating to the theme of foundlings: the baby Moses being handed over to Miriam by Pharaoh's daughter; the tearful mother later returning the distressed child Moses; the angel rescuing Hagar and Ishmael by pointing out a well; Jesus blessing the children.

On the second floor a room devoted to the works of Handel, another dedicated supporter and fundraiser, contains his Will and a fair copy of the Messiah which he bequeathed to the Hospital.

There are also armchairs with built-in stereo speakers in which you can sit and listen to extracts from his works. I enjoyed some extracts from *Acis and Galatea* that I had not heard since singing them as a treble in the school choir over fifty years ago; then into the lift down to the ground floor café for a lovely cream tea.

For further information: www.foundingmuseum.org.uk

Forward!

kids

Marian traditions and shrines

Tradition says that Mary, at the command of her son, Jesus, went to live at the house of St John the beloved disciple. There is a story that she took a table with her, that had been made by Jesus in the carpenter's workshop at Nazareth. It is again a tradition that St Luke painted a portrait of Our Lady on this table top.

This painting was discovered by St Helen in the 4th Century. Her son, the Emperor Constantine, built a church in Constantinople specially to house this picture.

This picture was kept safe there for hundreds of years until the city was sacked by barbarians. The portrait was rescued and taken to Poland. Prince Ladislaus kept it in his castle at Belz. In the 14th Century an enemy arrow, fired through a window, hit the neck of the image. The Prince decided to remove the painting to a safer place and set off for his birthplace, Opala. On the way he rested at Czestochowa and placed the portrait overnight for safety in the church of the Assumption at the monastery of Jasna Gora. The next morning

when it was loaded on the wagon to continue the journey, the horses refused to move. Prince Ladislaus



saw this as a sign that the image should remain in Czestochowa. He built a church there to display the picture.

In the Hussite wars of the 15th Century the church was raided and all its treasures stolen, including the portrait. For the second time the horses pulling the raiders wagon refused to budge so the picture was thrown out on to the road. One of the Hussites slashed it with his sword and immediately he fell down dead!

These marks of damage have been painted over and restored over the years but strangely they have always re-emerged.

Our Lady was named Queen of the Nation in thanks for her answer to prayers during the Polish Swedish war in 1655. On Holy Cross Day, 14th September, 1920, a Russian army halted by the river Vistula ready to invade Poland. Tradition says that the enemy were deterred by a vision of Our Lady in the sky. This is known as the miracle of the Vistula.

Poland has had her fair share of trouble under Nazi

and Communist domination, but devotion to Our Lady of Czestochowa continued and pilgrims defied the ban to visit the church.

Over the centuries the image has darkened through exposure to the elements and candle smoke. It is now known throughout the world as the Black Madonna. A record of miracles is kept by the monks of Jasna Gora.

Our Lady of Czestochowa pray for us.

Summer Wordsearch

SOUTHPORT BLACKPOOL LLANDUDNO RHYL
NEWQUAY DUNBAR ABERYSTWYTH TENBY
MINEHEAD BARRY STANDREWS ILFRACOMBE
CLOVELLY NAIRN BUDE TINTAGEL PADSTOW
ST AGNES ST IVES PENZANCE FALMOUTH

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



Summer Seaside Towns Crossword

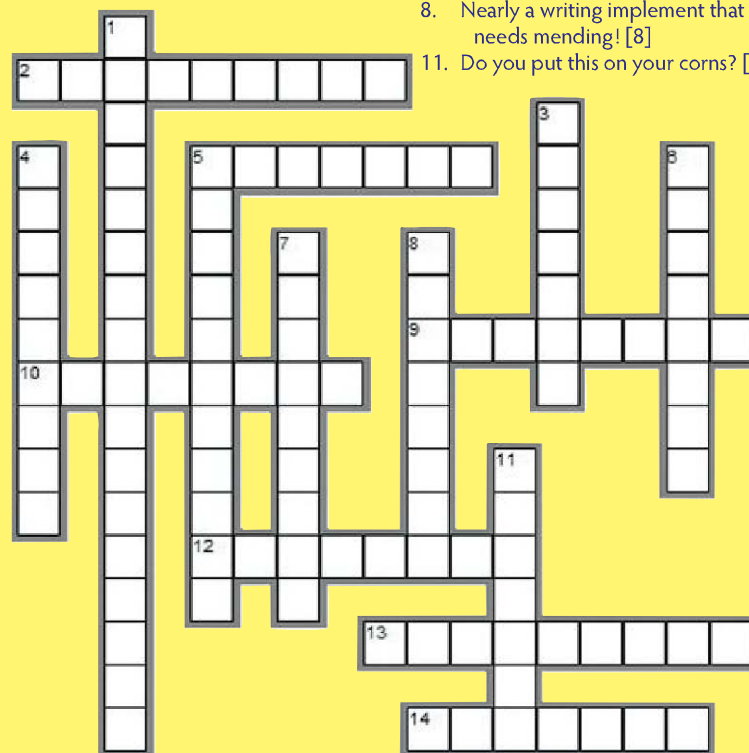
The answers are all seaside towns along the west coast, starting from the toe of Cornwall and travelling North.

Across

2. Pond Noir [9]
5. Look out! [6]
9. The top of the pit [8]
10. Sounds like your uncle's wife's writing tool [8]
12. Top of a monk or priest perhaps? [8]
13. A harbour, but not in the North [9]
14. Don't put this in an old lock [7]

Down

1. Could be a garden trolley in an iron foundry [6+2+7]
3. Royal bird on water [7]
4. Offal and pond [9]
5. In which direction do we go? [8+2]
6. Ernie's partner [8]
7. Where the one in charge lives in state! [9]
8. Nearly a writing implement that needs mending! [8]
11. Do you put this on your corns? [7]



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Caption Competition

A FASCINATING ASSET of entries last time for the Bishop of Beverley and the Vicar of S.Nicholas, Fleetwood and their hula hoops – mostly, it has to be said, from the congregation of, er, S.Nicholas, Fleetwood!

Ron Newton went for product placement with *My battery has gone flat, you must be using Duracell*, whilst Jackie Collins went all poetic with (deep breath):



Underneath the spreading chestnut tree,
Can we get these hula hoops above our knee?
Green is good, but mine is best;
Purple rises up to my chest.
If I let go it is for certain
My hula hoop will go for a burton!
~ which, if nothing else, is the

longest caption we've ever had! Fr James Patrick surfaced yet again with *It was only on Craggy Island that he would be first prize on the Hoopla Stall* (I wonder which one of them he means?), whilst Stella Ludlam from Chadderton hit a nail on the head with the book token-winning and all too accurate *Going round in circles comes easily to Anglican Bishops* – which she can explain to Bishop Martyn the next time she sees him!

Talking of bishops, here's a shot, courtesy of Graham Howard, of the Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham indulging in a little muscular Christianity.

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Liverpool Lamp

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Summer Kitchen

Lemon Curd and Meringue Souffle



INGREDIENTS:

1lb 9oz Fat Free Greek Yogurt
6 Meringue Nests
3 1/2oz Lemon Curd
1/2oz Flaked Almonds (toasted)
9oz Strawberries

METHOD:

Use 6 ramekin (1/4pt size) or a loaf tin lined with cling film which will overlap and cover the containers when filled.

Place the yogurt and lemon curd in a large bowl and fold together carefully to give a marbled effect. Lightly crush the meringue into small pieces and carefully fold that in.

Fill the containers with the mixture then cover them with the overlap of cling film. Place in the freezer for 4hrs. Before serving defrost for 40minutes at room temperature.

Serve by inverting the uncovered moulds over the plates and then removing the cling film.

Decorate with flaked almonds and strawberries.

Warm Lime Chicken and Bacon

INGREDIENTS:

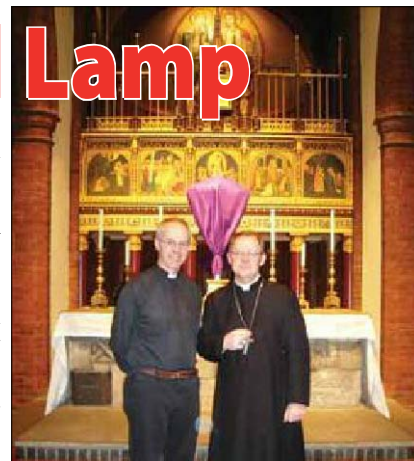
1lb 8oz Mini Chicken Fillets 2tbsp Lime Juice
8 Rashers Smoked Bacon Zest of 1 Lime
(sliced) 2tbsp Vegetable oil

METHOD:

Heat the oil in a frying pan until hot. Add the chicken and cook to a golden colour when the juice and zest should be added. After a further minute or so add the slices of bacon and cook with the chicken until crisp.

Arrange the salad leaves and tomatoes on plates placing the warm chicken and bacon on top. Serve with fresh crusty bread for a light summer meal. Serve with salad leaves and tomatoes.

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Thomas Chamberlain SSC 1810 – 1892

"Pioneer of the Catholic Revival"

ALTHOUGH HE is remembered in his Oxford parish Canon Thomas Chamberlain has been described as a forgotten Tractarian. This is perhaps surprising, and indeed unfair, for his achievements as Vicar of St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford, between 1842 and 1892 were pioneering in the restoration of Catholic practice within the Church of England, and remarkable in their own right.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Thomas Chamberlain's birth. The son of the Vicar of Wardington in Oxfordshire, he was educated at Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford. Ordained in 1834-5 he served the parish of St James Cowley as vicar from 1837 before being presented to the Christ Church living of St Thomas in 1842. He remained a life-long member of the Senior Common Room, and lived in college until 1869. This college connection gave him not only the living of St Thomas but also a degree of security from the attacks of his opponents by the Bishops or parishioners.

Ministry to the poor and deprived

St Thomas' parish was a poor, slum area west of the city centre, occupied by families dependent on the river and canal trade, and with more than its fair share of social problems linked to poor housing, poverty, disease, drink, violence and prostitution. During his fifty years the parish changed significantly, notably with arrival of the railway in 1851-2 and the expansion of the city westwards in the later years of his incumbency, but much of it remained poor and an area of deprivation.

Most of the former incumbents had viewed the parish as merely a stepping stone in their careers. His predecessor, John Jones, had been the first to take an active interest in the parish providing new school buildings and the first repairs to the church for two hundred years. Chamberlain was, however, to spend the rest of his life as Vicar of St Thomas.

How he encountered the ideas of the Oxford Movement is not entirely clear, but the enthusiasm of the years after 1833 had obviously inspired him. He remained resolutely a man of the Church of England, and if in his earlier years

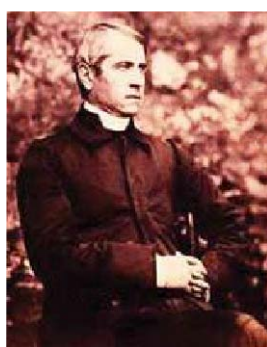
sought to avoid being a 'party man' he was also clearly not going over to Rome, being a follower of Pusey rather than of Newman.

As a parish priest rather than an academic he had both the opportunity and the responsibility to introduce the ideas of the Movement to what must have seemed, and indeed was at first, unpromising territory. In that he anticipated more famous clergy in slum areas of London and northern industrial cities. Like them he was to attract the opprobrium of those who made their living from exploiting the weaknesses of others. Certainly on occasion he seems to have faced threats of personal violence from parishioners.

He appears not to have addressed the problem of poor housing in the parish, but it may be that he looked to Christ Church to remedy that as a principal landowner in the area, and the college did rebuild tenement blocks, some of which still remain. Chamberlain certainly worked during the cholera epidemics of 1849 and 1854 in the parish, visiting the sick whilst maintaining the round of services in the church.

He worked to close the brothels in the area, and one of his parishioners, Felicia Skene, addressed issues such as "kept women" in her novels. She became the first official woman prison visitor, and Chamberlain said she was worth two curates.

Chamberlain had a passionate belief in the importance of education. He was Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Education as early as 1839, and it remained an abiding concern. He founded a series of schools, for both boys and girls, usually placing a hapless curate in charge. Perhaps not surprisingly the schools often failed to prosper. One does survive - St Edward's, now in north Oxford. That it survived is due to efforts of the designated curate, Algernon Simeon, rather than Chamberlain, who objected to the school's move away from the city



centre. Amongst its earliest pupils was Kenneth Grahame, author of *The Wind in the Willows*, and later pupils have included Laurence Olivier and Douglas Bader.

Liturgical advances

Early, and bitter, battles were fought, and won by Chamberlain, to clear the church of the accumulation of box pews and the church was restored and extended on what were then advanced Tractarian lines. Little of that survives today, with redecoration and later features replacing much of his work. The most striking survival is the splendid Eucharistic window (1860) at the east end of the north aisle, inspired by a ritualist conception of the Sacrifice. Chamberlain wrote about the need to restore chancels in the 1850s, and in 1868 helped initiate the restoration of Christ Church cathedral. He was appointed an honorary Canon of Christ Church in 1882.

Quite early in his ministry he established a daily pattern of sung Offices in the church, and this was a distinctive feature of St Thomas' life throughout Chamberlain's time. He promoted the use of hymns and wrote some himself. His hymns in honour of St Thomas and St Frideswide, still in use today, helped restore invocation of the saints. Chamberlain disseminated his ideas on parochial practice from the late 1840s through long running publications, *The Churchman's Diary* and *The Churchman's Companion*.

An altar frontal was made by his cousin Marian Hughes in 1846-7 and the Roman cycle of liturgical colours began to be followed. By the early 1850s Chamberlain and his curates were moving towards the restoration of vestments. Their practice was to celebrate Holy Communion in surplice with their MA hood folded to suit the season. Thus a penitential season was marked by only the black showing, a festive one by having the red lining on show. At Pentecost 1854, however,

one of his curates provided him with a red chasuble which, having checked there was no one in church who would object, Chamberlain proceeded to wear. Thus St Thomas was the first church in Oxford, and one of the earliest anywhere in the country, to restore vestments to Anglican liturgy. In that original chasuble he was buried almost forty years later. Incense was introduced on Ascension Day 1855. Not surprisingly such developments attracted the ire of critics, but, as with threats of actual violence over parish disputes, Chamberlain carried on unperturbed.

The church was extended in 1846 by building a north aisle, paid for by his curate Alexander Forbes. The chapel of St Nicholas was built in 1868 to replace the Floating Chapel - a converted barge in Egyptian style which had ministered to the canal workers since 1839 - which sank that year. St Frideswide's Church was established in 1860, and replaced by the present building designed by Teulon in 1870-72, and made a separate parish. Chamberlain largely paid for this himself with money he inherited from his brother. His final gift to the church was a parish hall, built in 1891 and opened at the time of his death.

Sisters and Curates

Like many of the Tractarians Chamberlain was interested in establishing a Sisterhood. His first attempt, in 1850, involved his cousin Marian Hughes. She had taken religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in 1841 - becoming the first Sister in the Church of England since the Reformation. As cousins they were, perhaps, too much alike, and could not agree on where ultimate control of the community would lie. Marian Hughes would appear to have been about the only person to have ever successfully opposed Chamberlain. She established her own community of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, and Chamberlain tried again.

The fact that Bishop Wilberforce, happy enough with a parish sisterhood of active carers, was horrified by talk of perpetual vows and of spouses of Christ, did not dissuade Chamberlain. By the mid-1850s he has drawn together a new group of candidates and in 1859 the Community of St Thomas the Martyr was established. In its early years it assisted in other parishes and helped with the foundation of a community in South Africa. He lived to see the development of a range of buildings adjacent to the church, and his grave is next to

those of the early Sisters. CSTM merged with the Wantage Sisters in the late 1930s, and finally closed the Oxford house in 1958.

Amongst his curates two were to become bishops: Alexander Forbes, who as Bishop of Brechin became known as "The Scottish Pusey", and James Patterson, who having become a Roman Catholic served as an assistant bishop to Cardinals Wiseman and Manning. Undergraduates were drawn into the life of the church and discovered their vocations there. As early as 1842 he was advocating the establishment of theological colleges, and was also a supporter of missionary work.

Amongst Chamberlain's fellow Students at Christ Church was the mathematics tutor, the Rev. Charles Dodgson - Lewis Carroll - who on occasion took Evensong for Chamberlain in the cemetery chapel, and who, as a keen photographer, got Chamberlain to sit for him in 1860.

By the mid 1860s his health was broken. In 1869 he moved from the college into the parish, lodging with another clergyman and his wife. Not until after his death was a proper vicarage built. At Christmas 1885 Chamberlain appears to have suffered a heart attack and had to give up active ministry. Despite his poor health he continued his writing as editor of the *Oxford University Herald* until his death. At the insistence of the Bishop of Oxford he remained as vicar of St Thomas.

Enduring legacy

His death on 20th January 1892 marked the end of an era. He had outlived many of his generation and was the last surviving Oxford clergyman to have been a contemporary of Newman, who had died eighteen months earlier. Chamberlain lived long enough to see the Anglo-Catholic cause sail in calmer waters, with the end of ritual prosecutions; but his achievements had largely slipped from public memory. He belonged to an earlier, heroic age in the struggle for the soul of the Church of England. If he often seemed remote and austere, those who knew him well remembered a man notable for kindness and gentleness. To have achieved all that he did required a discipline and resolve that might not easily reveal a gentler side. The massive granite cross that marks his grave in the churchyard conveys something of the man who lies beneath. He combined genuine fervour with Victorian energy in a remarkable half century of ministry. He deserves to be remembered with gratitude and respect for what he achieved and for the vision he sought so hard to realise.

John Whitehead

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- 4 Diocesan Committees of 'Forward in Faith'
- 5 St Martin, Fenny Stratford, Fr Victor Bullock (Oxford)
- 6 St Mark, Swindon, Fr David McConkey, Fr Christopher Kinch (Bristol)
- 7 St Luke, Swindon Fr David McConkey, Fr Christopher Kinch (Bristol)
- 8 St Saviour, Swindon, Fr David McConkey, Fr Christopher Kinch (Bristol)
- 9 All Saints with St Saviour, Weston-super-Mare, Fr Peter Bolton (Bath & Wells)
- 10 The Catholic Group & other traditionalists on General Synod (9th - 13th July)
- 11 General Synod (Meeting 9th - 13th July)
- 12 St John the Evangelist, Balby, Fr Brian Inston (Sheffield)
- 13 St Catherine of Siena, Richmond Road, Sheffield, Fr Harold Loxley (Sheffield)
- 14 St John the Baptist, Mexborough, Fr David Wise (Sheffield)
- 15 Holy Trinity, Sneyd (Burslem), Fr Brian Williams (Lichfield)
- 16 St Peter, Rickerscote, Stafford, Fr Mark McIntyre (Lichfield)
- 17 The Editors of Forward Teaching and Church work with children
- 18 The Editorial Board of Forward Pew Sheet
- 19 St Margaret & St Chad, Hollinwood & Limeside, Oldham, Fr David Hawthorn (Manchester)
- 20 St Paul, Royton (Manchester)
- 21 St Martin, Bedford, Fr Roger Stokes (St Albans)
- 22 St Bede, Birmingham, Alabama, Fr Bo Braswell (USA)
- 23 All Saints, East St Kilda, Fr Ramsay Williams (Australia)
- 24 The Editorial Board of Forward Plus
- 25 Fr Nicholas Turner and the Editorial Board of New Directions
- 26 Emmanuel, Wylde Green, Fr Ronald Crane (Birmingham)
- 27 St Agatha, Sparkbrook, Canon John Herve (Birmingham)
- 28 St Mark, Washwood Heath, Fr Alan Thompson (Birmingham)
- 29 Most Holy Saviour, Saltley, Fr Alan Thompson (Birmingham)
- 30 St Mary the Virgin, Cottingham, Fr Paul Smith, Fr Oliver Coss (York)
- 31 Christian youth holiday projects

August 2010

- 1 The Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham 'Enter the Mysteries' (2nd-6th)
- 2 St Mary, Mendlesham, Fr Philip Gray (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich)
- 3 St Mary at the Elms, Ipswich, Fr Stephen Raine (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich)
- 4 All Saints, St Ives, Fr James Pullen (Ely)
- 5 St Edmund, Downham Market, Fr James Mather (Ely)
- 6 St Peter, West Lynn, Fr Andrew Davey (Ely)
- 7 'Forward in Faith' parishes ministering in holiday areas
- 8 Traditionalist Chaplaincies in European holiday centres
- 9 The Ascension, Chelmsford, Fr Ivor Morris (Chelmsford)
- 10 St Margaret w St Columba, Leytonstone, Canon Rob Page (Chelmsford)
- 11 St Alban, Romford, Fr Roderick Hingley (Chelmsford)
- 12 St Saviour, Walthamstow, Fr David Waller (Chelmsford)
- 13 St Saviour, Portsea, Fr Roger Calder (Portsmouth)
- 14 Retreat Houses
- 15 All Pilgrims to the Shrine of our Lady Walsingham and those who welcome them
- 16 St Andrew, Birchills, Walsall, Fr Iain Templeton (Lichfield)
- 17 St John the Evangelist, Tipton, Fr Christopher Marshall (Lichfield)
- 18 All Saints, Benhilton, Fr Michael Oades (Southwark)
- 19 All Saints, South Wimbledon, Fr Michael Blackman (Southwark)
- 20 St Agnes, Kennington Park, Fr Christopher Pearson (Southwark)
- 21 Bristol Catholic Societies Assumptiontide Festival (Bishop David Thomas)
- 22 Parish clergy preparing for retirement
- 23 St Stephen on the Cliffs, Blackpool, Fr Andrew Sage (Blackburn)
- 24 St Bartholomew, Armley with St Mary of Bethany New Wortley, Fr Ian Wright, Fr Gordon Newton (Ripon & Leeds)
- 25 St Barnabas, Crewe, Fr Ralph Powell (Chester)
- 26 St Peter, Stockport, Fr Kenneth Kenrick (Chester)
- 27 St Paul, Charlestown, Fr John Greatbach (Truro)

- 28 Christian nurses and doctors
- 29 Pilgrimage for Healing and Renewal to Walsingham (Monday)
- 30 St Jude, Hexthorpe (Sheffield)
- 31 St Wilfrid, Hickleton, Fr Carl Schaefer (Sheffield)

September 2010

- 1 St John & St Mary Magdalene, Goldthorpe, Fr Carl Schaefer (Sheffield)
- 2 St John the Baptist, Staveley & Barrow Hill, Fr William Butt (Derby)
- 3 St Bartholomew, Derby (Derby)
- 4 Andrew, Bishop of Ebbsfleet and parishes under his care (St Gregory last Friday)
- 5 Keith, Bishop of Richborough and parishes under his care
- 6 St Crispin, Manchester, Fr Patrick Davies (Manchester)
- 7 The Ascension, Lower Broughton, Canon David Wyatt (Manchester)
- 8 The Most Holy Trinity, Blackley, Fr Philip Stamp (Manchester)
- 9 St Luke, Dukinfield, Fr David Schofield (Chester)
- 10 The Epiphany Pro-Cathedral, Columbia, The Very Rev Craig Edward Young (USA)
- 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, Fr David Raine (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 Martyn, Bishop of Beverley and parishes under his care
- 26 Agricultural communities & 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)



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1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

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4	S.Bartholomew, Armley, Leeds	3.30 pm	Ordination to the Priesthood of Gordon Newton by the Bishop of Beverley. (First Mass 11 July 3.30pm)		
4	S.Luke, Holbrooks, Coventry	5.00 pm	Ordination to the Priesthood of Matthew Pittam by the Bishop of Ebbsfleet. (First Mass 10 July 12.00 noon)		
4	Leicester Cathedral		Ordination to the Diaconate of Adrian Furse by the Bishop of Leicester		
5	SS. John & Barnabas, Belle Isle, Leeds	7.00 pm	Ordination to the Priesthood of David Hayes by the Bishop of Beverley. (First Mass 6 July 7.00 pm)		
8	S.Mark, Washwood Heath	7.30 pm	FiF Birmingham: The Ordinatee Explained. A question and answer session for the laity only with the Bishop of Ebbsfleet	Mrs Rosemary Parslow	0121 382 6798
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21	Bristol Cathedral & Lord Mayor's Chapel	12 noon	Bristol Catholic Societies Assumptiontide Festival - 12.00 noon: Procession of Our Lady and Solemn Concelebrated Mass. Preacher: Bishop David Thomas followed at 3.30 in the Lord Mayor's Chapel, College Green by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	Mr Chris Verity	01275 462927
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10-12	S.Stephen's House, Oxford		Catholic Societies Vocations Conference "Towards Priesthood" book online at www.additionalcurates.co.uk/towardspriesthood.html		
18	St Mary's, Bute Ste, Cardiff	12 noon	FiF Wales - Credo Cymru: Festival of Faith - Solemn Eucharist of the Holy Cross, Preacher: Fr Philip North - Priest members of Credo Cymru/Forward in Faith/SSC are welcome to concelebrate (red stole)	Miss Pat Davies	01443 436387
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Passionate About Priesthood

Fr Darren Smith, Secretary of the Additional Curates Society asks for our help



I LOVE THOSE words of the prophet Isaiah: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying whom shall I send, and who will go for us, and I said, here am I, send me".

When he comes face to face with that awesome vision of the Lord, high and lifted up with the magnificent train filling the temple, Isaiah is initially completely aware of his unworthiness: "I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of people of unclean lips for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts".

But then is given not only the cleansing coals of fire, but also the courage and conviction to submit himself to God's will to be His messenger, His servant, here I am Lord, send me.

The thing I am utterly convinced of in spite of all the secularisation that we see about us, the troubles that beset our church and all churches, God still calls men to be priests, to be shepherds of His sheep, and ministers of his sacrament. God needs priests, God calls priests and God uses priests.

Together with other Catholic societies and Forward in Faith, the Additional Curates Society are working under the God Calling banner to promote its most recent vocational event, entitled "Towards Priesthood"

Please pray for those preparing for Ordination

Ordination to the Diaconate of Brother Maximilian SSF by the Bishop of Gloucester
1st July - Hillfield Friary

Ordination to the Diaconate of Daniel Lloyd by the Bishop of Ebbsfleet
3rd July - SS Mary & Giles, Stony Stratford (Oxford)

Ordination to the Diaconate of Ian Douglas McCormack by the Bishop of Pontefract
3rd July - SS Peter & Leonard, Horbury (Wakefield)

Ordination to the Diaconate of Michael Thomas Childs by the Bishop of Sheffield
4th July - Sheffield Cathedral

Ordination to the Diaconate of Michael Bailey by the Bishop of Coventry
4th July - Coventry Cathedral

Ordination to the Priesthood of Gordon Newton by the Bishop of Beverley
4th July - St Bartholomew, Armley, Leeds - First Mass: 11th July 3.30pm

Ordination to the Priesthood of Matthew Pittam by the Bishop of Ebbsfleet
4th July - St Luke, Holbrooks, Coventry - First Mass: 10th July 12 noon

Ordination to the Diaconate of Adrian Furse by the Bishop of Leicester
4 July - Leicester Cathedral

Ordination to the Priesthood of David Hayes by the Bishop of Beverley
5th July - SS John & Barnabas, Belle Isle, Leeds - First Mass: 6th July 7pm

Ordination to the Diaconate of James Daniel Bradley by the Bishop of Fulham
1st September - St John, Sevenoaks

Ordination to the Priesthood of Dexter Bracey by the Bishop of Plymouth
26th September - St Mary, St Marychurch, Torquay - First Mass: 29th September

which will be held at Saint Stephen's House, Oxford from 10th-12th September. As well as attracting those in the early stages of discernment the conference is also open for others who might be in the "system" having been selected for training, or even those who have recently been ordained and are serving their diaconal year.

What we are hoping to explore together is not only what are the mechanics involved in going forward for ordination, selection criteria, training opportunities,

models and styles of ministry, but also some of the aspects of priesthood, what makes priesthood different to social work? Priests as Pastor, Priests as Evangelists, Priests as Teachers.

We have invited a number of keynote speakers well known in their field such as the Master of SSC Father Kit Dunkley, who comes not only as a well-experienced parish priest but also the Master of one of the largest priestly societies in the Church. A man who shares one of the particular charisms of the ACS "A

Passion for Priesthood".

I hope I can encourage all readers to join me in a number of tasks. Firstly promoting and making known as far as possible the details of this conference. Posters are available from the ACS website www.additionalcurates.co.uk, by telephone 0121 382 5533 or by writing to us at Gordon Browning House, Spitfire Road, Birmingham B24 9PB.

Secondly thinking about possible ordination candidates within your own congregation or whether or not this is something God is calling you to. Like Isaiah you may be reticent and aware of your own shortcomings, believe me every single priest has feet of clay, if the church was

only to ordain

perfect priests we would be in a worse mess than we are at present!

Thirdly praying for the conference and for vocations. Pray that the conference will be successful and pray that God who calls will also give the courage and the strength to individuals to respond in the way that Isaiah so readily, eagerly and humbly responded.

My dear friends in Christ **never**, **never** grow tired of praying for priests and as someone so perfectly put it to me today on the phone, we are talking about cure of souls, something that none of us should take lightly.

Do keep your eye on our website, it is also visiting the *God Calling* website www.godcallingvocations.org.uk as we all seek to resource the church for ministry and mission in this and in current generations.

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Dear Earwigs,

Greetings. Gosh, I have had to do a spot of quick thinking. The loathsome Archdeacon was phoning me up just as I was polishing off my last article for *Forward Plus*, and it turned out that he wanted to carry out a solemn visitation of the parish. Solemn Visitation. It didn't sound good. It wasn't. Now, you will remember that the Archdeacon disapproves of the fact that we now use the church to keep livestock in and that Jean-Louis has taken over the Lady Chapel for use as an abattoir. Well, he made it pretty clear that he was coming with the intent of proving that I was no longer carrying out my duties as Incumbent of the Parish. He even said that he was coming with a bevy of lawyers and a photographer in order to nail me once for all. Luckily, I conceived a cunning plan. First, I hid Jean-Louis' shotguns where he wouldn't ever find them (in the bathroom). Secondly, I got Père Pierre and Eulalie to clean up the church a bit and managed to put some chairs back in the nave. Thirdly I painted some big signs saying, "Animal Blessing Service", and "Dedication of Falklands Memorial – Preacher: the Archdeacon". Fourthly, I invited the local press. Fifthly, I went round to the local pub, "The Bent

Nine Bob Note" and invited everyone to the brief service and, especially, to the long drink afterwards. Sixthly, I persuaded Jean-Louis and Eulalie to prepare a barbecue (mainly liquid) on what is left of the Vicarage lawn.

ANYWAY, when the Archdeacon came, we didn't set the dogs on him but invited him into church where the assembled congregation of close on twenty people applauded him loudly. I then introduced him, invited him to bless the assembled 'pets' of the congregation and then dedicate the Lady Chapel/Falklands Memorial and its blood-soaked altar. The Archdeacon, a typical lefty, quite got into the thing and went on and on about the evils of war and how wonderful it was that we now had a memorial which didn't glorify war but evoked sacrifice etc. etc. Everyone shouted 'Bravo!' and we went and got drunk on the lawn. The Archdeacon was photographed next to the blood-spattered knitted lifesize image of St Sebastian given by the Mothers' Union after the war by the representatives of the East Finchley Chronicle, which image later appeared on the front page of the said rag. Anyway, we got the venerable so-and-so good

and drunk on Vicarage *ordinaire*, after which he left, hugely pleased with himself, and even congratulated me on finding new ways of being Church. Crisis averted, for a while.

ON the musical front, the only crisis in view is financial. The main companies are getting well into their stride with megabox presentations of the great composers, and the Schumann anniversary is about to be observed with

great pomp by both DG and EMI. The palm goes to DG with their "Robert Schumann Masterworks Edition", a 35 disc set which can be pre-ordered from www.europadisc.co.uk for £58.95.

Ashkenazy is playing the concerted piano music, Szeryng the *Violin Concerto*, Harrell the *Cello Concerto*, the *Scenes from Goethe's Faust* are represented by the Britten recording and the songs are in the capable of hands of Fischer-Dieskau, Mathis, Schreier, Fassbaender and the like. Is this a no-problems must-buy super-bargain like the previous Brahms equivalent? Not quite. The symphonies and *Das Paradies und die Peri* are in the hands of John Eliot Gardiner and some itchy and scratchy authentic orchestra. I have dipped into their performances and, although

there are times when their efforts are listenable, there are also times when they aren't. If you doubt me, then go to the DG webshop at www2.deutsche Grammophon.com/cat and listen to the opening of *Symphony No.4 in D minor*. A comparison with Karajan, Kubelik or Furtwängler will show you that what you are offered is a denial of the expressive power of the music. A strange decision. Still, even if you discount these performances the box is still good value and can

be supplemented with other versions of the symphonies, for example the excellent Berlin Philharmonic/Kubelik set on DG Originals (4778621 including the overtures *Genoveva* and *Manfred*) which can be obtained for around £10.00 if you scout around. Otherwise, you may wish to look at EMI's Schumann bicentenary offering which includes a box of all the orchestral music for around £16.00 (6090372). The symphonies are present in the fine performances by the Staatskapelle Dresden under Wolfgang Sawallisch and are accompanied by more than respectable performances of the concertos and overtures. There are other boxes devoted to, respectively, the Lieder, the Chamber Music and the Piano Music which seem to me to be less compelling than the DG alternatives but which

have the advantage of being available in more manageable boxes.

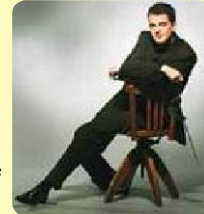
WELL, enough of big boxes and anniversaries! Away with the nineteenth century, in fact! I very much recommend a new Virgin Classics release called "Stabat Mater" featuring the French counter-tenor Philippe Jaroussky which consists of C17th Italian motets to the BVM by Grandi, Bassani and Sances (a composer of whom I have never heard) and the like. This is utterly remarkable. The flexibility and expressive power of the voice will take you by surprise. If you don't believe me, then try listening to a sample performance on the company website: go to www.emiclassics.co.uk/release.php?id=5099969390722 and then click on the video link. The catalogue number is 6939072.

WELL, not for the first time, I seem to have run out of space. Please check my blog (<http://frcrotchet.blogspot.com>) to see another couple of recommendations (and another photograph of Philippe Jaroussky). Otherwise, watch this space for more musical enchantment and tips on how to deal with Archdeacons.

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