

## Crunch time for the Church

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## Warm Welcome on a freezing Friday

**UNDAUNTED BY** the bitterly cold January weather, hundreds of members of Forward in Faith and parishes in the Northern Province that look to the Bishop of Beverley for pastoral care travelled to York Minster on the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, to witness the consecration of Canon Glyn Webster as their new Father in God.

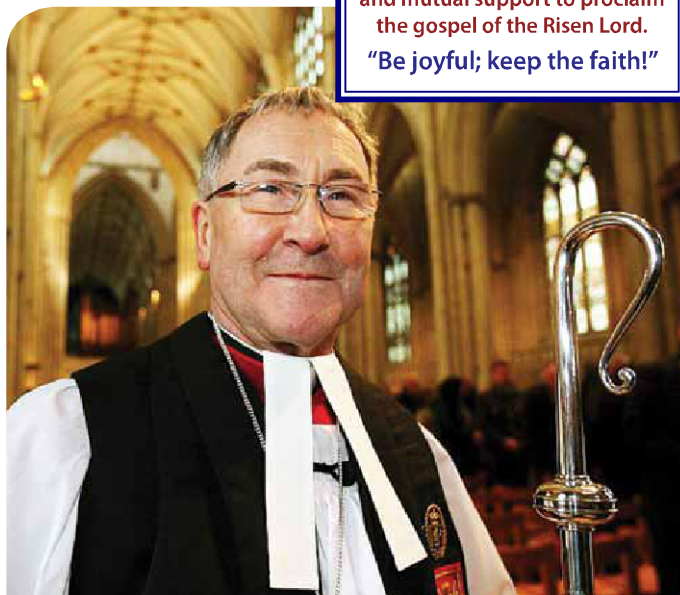
Archbishop Sentamu celebrated the Mass. His predecessor, Lord Hope, warned Bishop Glyn of the enormous task that lay ahead. "Many of the parishes you will serve are in urban areas right there in the thick of it, in the thick of the challenges and upheavals and struggles of local people and where the church's influence in its prophetic service together with other agencies both voluntary and statutory are deeply committed to making those words of Jesus a reality - 'I came that all may have life - life in all its abundance'. It's both a costly and costing ministry on the part of the clergy and their families as well as the members of their congregations."


Essential for the task is a strong spiritual life. "Never become so busy or so immersed

in the clamour both of the church and the world that you do not and cannot make the time daily to stop, to be still, to be silent - simply to be with Jesus - to watch and to pray."

More than forty bishops from both provinces joined in the consecration, watched by over a hundred robed priests in the north transept, and the congregation that filled the nave. After the service, which lasted just over two hours, the bishops assembled with their new colleague outside the west door for photographs (which can be seen on the new Beverley website); then Bishop Glyn returned to be greeted by his new flock as they left the Minster.

Only two days his consecration, Bishop Glyn made his first pastoral visit to one of his parishes. He joined the people of St Paul's, Royton in the Diocese of Manchester as they celebrated their Patronal Festival on 27 January. Around 240 people, including lots of children, visitors from other parishes and 12 concelebrating clergy enjoyed a magnificent Sung Mass. A Party followed in the Parish Centre and the proceedings concluded with fireworks.



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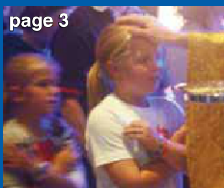
Four pages of news, reviews and comment from Credo Cymru - *Forward in Faith Wales* - as we journey together in love, prayer and mutual support to proclaim the gospel of the Risen Lord.

**"Be joyful; keep the faith!"**



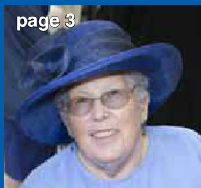
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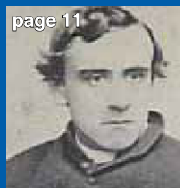
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**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
... a memorable journey**

# Be a Glastonbury Pilgrim!

This year's theme is "Behold Thy Mother"

**ON THE** 6<sup>th</sup> October 2012 the Glastonbury Pilgrimage Association met for its Annual Meeting and began its exciting plans for the next pilgrimage. Building on the success of last year's that recaptured something of the fun and vitality of previous years together with interesting innovations, it has been decided to keep a similar format with a concelebrated Mass, a picnic lunch, then an outdoor street procession led by the Lord himself under the veil of the sacrament, through the streets back into the Abbey for Benediction.

## Behold Thy Mother

The theme of our Mass this year is 'Behold Thy Mother'. In this ecumenical Year of Faith we acknowledge with gratitude the fact that faith came through our Bless-

ed Lady who humbly submitted herself to the will of God and it is through Mary's womb that Christ himself was born.

Mary points to Jesus, leads to Jesus, brings us Jesus. She is the first disciple and a faithful follower of the Lord quite literally from cradle to grave.

## Affiliates

Parishes are being asked to affiliate themselves to the Glastonbury Pilgrimage Association so that a constant cycle of prayer can be held leading up to and beyond the pilgrimage itself, and individuals as always, are being encouraged to commit themselves to personal membership for as little as £3 per month, which both helps with the finances and adds moral and spiritual support. Further details can be found on our website [www.glastonburypilgrimage.com](http://www.glastonburypilgrimage.com).

or by phoning our treasurer, Father Darren Smith at the Additional Curates Society, telephone 0121 382 5533.

## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

The date of the 2013 pilgrimage is **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** beginning at 12 noon. It is not too early to start thinking about booking your parish coach and your place. This is such an important act of witness both to the Church and to the world.

Further details will be available in the next edition of Forward Plus. Posters and other advertising literature are available from the Additional Curates Society. Under the patronage of Our Blessed Lady we rejoice that Mary is not only the Mother of Christ, but our Mother too.

# A new hymn for Lent IV (Mothering Sunday)

Tune: Kingsfold EH 574 NEH 376

The strictness of our Lenten fast  
We may relax today  
To thank the Lord for motherhood,  
And love that guides our way.  
Within the Church that love we find  
With power to heal and save,  
And sacraments that give us grace  
From font unto the grave.

Our Mother Church we hold so dear;  
She fills our every need:  
Baptismal water gives new life,  
As from old sin we're freed;  
And at her Altars sacred food  
Her faithful children share;  
Then at life's end she sends us Home  
Enfolded in her prayer.

Blest Mary stood beneath the Cross  
When all but John had fled;  
"This is your mother, care for her"  
The dying Saviour said.  
With faithful John we love her too,

Obedient to her Son,  
And hope to see her radiant face  
When pilgrim days are done.

We thank the Lord who made us all,  
His sons and daughters dear;  
And for all Christian family life  
Where faith and hope are clear;  
For mothers who true love display  
In all their work and care;  
For mothers who, on earth no more,  
Are held in grateful prayer.

Grant, Father, when this day is done,  
And we resume our fast,  
That we may walk the Saviour's path  
And serve him to the last;  
That sharing in his suffering here,  
Bearing the Cross with love,  
We may the joys of Easter know  
On earth, and then above.

I.G. Brooks

# The Pollard Trust

Support for clergy widows and single daughters

**THE CHURCH** Union helps to administer and disperse the Trust named after The Reverend Father Harry Pollard and his wife Mrs Katie Pollard with the specific brief of helping to support clergy widows and single daughters over the age of 50 of deceased clergymen. Over the years through extremely wise and prudent investments the Trust has been able to accumulate some considerable value and the trustees are now very anxious to try and identify genuine need that falls within the strict remit of the trust in order to distribute grants from the annual interest.

The readers of *Forward Plus* are invited to either inform

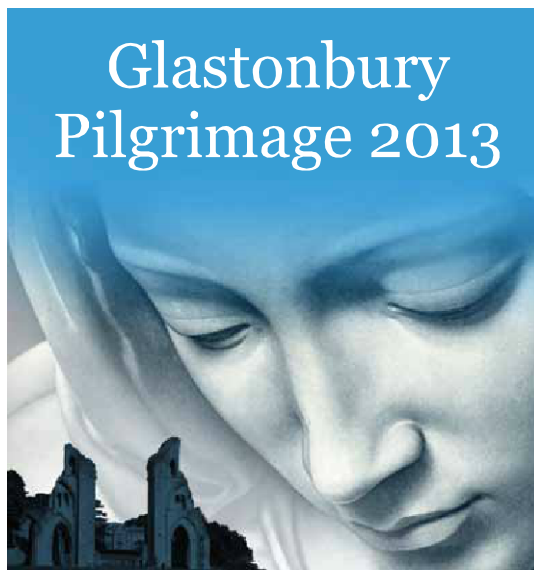
the Trustees directly through the offices of the Additional Curates Society and its General Secretary, Father Darren Smith 0121 382 5533, [fr.smith@additionalcurates.co.uk](mailto:fr.smith@additionalcurates.co.uk). Or pass on this information to any clergy widow or daughter over 50 for them to make contact. Mr and Mrs Pollard generously set this money aside specifically for this purpose and the fact that it has been entrusted to the Church Union helps to illustrate their concern that it should go to Anglican Catholic members of the Church.

The trust has in the past been used to offer practical assistance with all sorts of different things

from renewing a heating system to emergency repairs, all of which could never have been afforded without the help of the Pollard Trust.

This is not charity, but is stewardship. This is a generous gift of others to aid and support people today. So please, please spread the word. Let's make sure this money is used for the purpose it was first given. It could do far more in people's hands than it could ever do simply kept in the bank. Unfortunately the terms are such that only those who fall within this definition can benefit, so only apply in writing if you are a widow or a single daughter over the age of 50.

## Glastonbury Pilgrimage 2013



**Behold Your Mother**

Saturday 15th June 12 noon  
To Book please call 01373 832767  
or visit our website [www.glastonburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.glastonburypilgrimage.co.uk)

## Join Mary

on His Majesty's Special Service fighting against the forces of evil in OOHeaven!

- Camp with hundreds of other young Christians in the village of Little Walsingham minutes from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
- Mass in a Big Top with the amazing band CJM
- First night BBQ, Disco & Karaoke
- Bishop Lindsay's Bible Studies
- Wednesday All Night Liturgy
- Tread in the footsteps of pilgrims from the past 950 years on the Holy Mile walk



- Workshop afternoon with crafts, dance, sport, drama, music with CJM and inflatables!
- Chill out in the café
- Free afternoons to go into Walsingham or perhaps have a sandcastle competition on the beach!
- Last night "Casino Royale Formal Ball"
- Final Mass – go out with a bang, ready to tell everyone about your amazing week!

Young Pilgrims must be aged 11 or over.

Book by 1st June for a discounted price of £68 per person.

Bookings made after this date will be charged at £78.

Get in there quick!

For more information about this event visit the Shrine website [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

or email Fr Stephen Gallagher - [s.gallagher@olw-shrine.org.uk](mailto:s.gallagher@olw-shrine.org.uk)



# Farewell, good and faithful servant

## Mary Christina Emily Sanders

9th November 1933 – 27th December 2012

**A**STHE sun was setting on a grey January afternoon and mourners gathered in the rural setting of All Saints, Calverton, Stony Stratford there was an overwhelming feeling of an era drawing to its close. Mary Sanders had died on 27th December, a death that was not unexpected. She told those close to her of the terminal illness diagnosed in the spring in a typically matter-of-fact fashion, but the end was as sudden as it was peaceful.

The country church was crowded – family, parishioners, friends of all ages, a scattering of clergy and a bishop. After the funeral mass her body was interred in the churchyard, not far from the porch, whilst in the darkness her family held a dozen or more decorative lanterns at the head of her grave – something that would have both delighted and amused Mary.

### Full and rich life

Mary Sanders led a full and rich life. Born in Southampton on 9th November 1933, she studied mathematics at Royal Holloway College before meeting and marry-

ing Fr Graham Sanders. Devoted wife and mother, she actively supported Graham's ministry including a spell in India from 1960-68. In latter years the vision of Mary in a wonderful blue and gold sari was a sight to behold, rather reminiscent of a spectacular galleon in full sail.

Throughout marriage Mary maintained a distinguished teaching career together with wholehearted commitment to the Church. Though not blind to its failings, she loved the Church of England and was firm in her own catholic faith but was horrified by the decision of '92. As a consequence Fr Graham resigned under the Measure in 1994, a decision she fully supported, and they moved from Guiseley to live in Shipley within the Diocese of Bradford. Mary established a very comfortable home where they frequently entertained and gave shelter to any in need.

### Steadfast in the faith

"Cometh the hour, cometh the man?" though in this case she was a woman. In the dark days of the early 90's, when morale amongst traditionalists was very low, Mary worked tirelessly to establish Forward-in-Faith within the Diocese of Bradford. She was secretary and the driving power of the Diocesan branch from the mid 90's until shortly before

she and Fr Graham moved to Stony Stratford in 2008.

Never afraid to lobby bishops, her style might be described as gentle but firm, never strident, constantly suggesting ways in which our constituency could be accommodated within the Church of England. It seemed that she knew every member of Bradford Forward in Faith personally – several hundred of them. There was no prospect of traditionalists capitulating whilst Mary was around.

### Gentle, wise and perceptive

Gentle, wise and perceptive, Mary was possessed of great stillness together with a sense of optimism, which tended to draw people toward her. Not in the least "fuddy-duddy", it was easy to forget her age particularly as she had a young outlook on life and a twinkle was never far from Mary's eye. Mary had particular empathy with the young, attempting to make their way in the world. As a consequence, she had a wide range of friends of all ages and backgrounds.

### Willing helper

At a National Assembly many years ago, Mary asked if anything could be done to ensure the regular arrival of *Forward Plus* which the Bradford branch sent out with their quarterly newsletter. After explaining the reasons for its (then) somewhat erratic pattern of production, I invited her to join the small editorial team to help us improve. She readily agreed, and until Fr Graham's illness, gathered news items from around the country for each edition and made valuable contributions at our planning meetings.

Fr Ian Brooks

### No spiritual lightweight

Mary possessed an active mind that sought constant employment resulting in an enormous range of interests, including cooking, needlework and lace making. Needlework skills were often used in the production of vestments and church furnishings. A great conversationalist, she embraced a ministry of generous hospitality.

No spiritual lightweight, she exemplified a holiness that valued simplicity and would often discern the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of others. She was quick at getting to the heart of the matter and, somewhat disarmingly, was perfectly adept at giving spiritual advice whilst teaching the intricacies of making bobbin lace – part of the subtle secret of her very great charm. She was a constant source of wise and holy counsel.

### Courage and kindness

Mary was resolute and bold in her beliefs; courageously making a speech at the National Assembly of Forward-in-Faith in October knowing it would be her last. Invariably gracious and courteous toward those with whom she disagreed, Mary suffered fools gladly. Hers was a strong personality but not one that overwhelmed others. Indeed, Mary always saw the best in others and this, in turn, brought out the best in them.

Mary's ministry was one of kindness, encouragement and support – one that many in the Diocese of Bradford



### Faithful to the end

**FR GRAHAM** and Mary moved to the Parish of Stony Stratford with Calverton over four years ago, and were immediately taken to heart by the Faithful. Mary set about involving herself in parish life and continued her work for Forward in Faith by being one of the parish's Lay Representatives at the National Assembly and a Committee Member of the FiF Oxford Region, serving for a while as the Membership Secretary. Her care and concern for family and friends was soon extended to a wide circle of people locally, and her experience and wisdom were shared with many, especially the Parish Priest. She faced her final illness with great courage and fortitude and to the end ensured that Fr Graham was well cared for. She died peacefully, having been fortified by the Rites of Holy Church.

Jesus, mercy. Mary, pray.

Fr Ross Northing

with enduring love and patience sprinkled with humour. She saw him safely settled into a comfortable care home just a few weeks before her death.

Her terminal illness was borne with prayerful fortitude, she wasn't afraid of death in the slightest. Her reply to the GP who asked if she wanted counselling was, "I'm an Anglo-catholic; I believe there's a heaven so I'm fine." And so she will be.

*May she rest in peace and rise in glory!*

Fr Terry Buckingham

# Book Now for Brean!

## Brean Ebbsfleet Eucharistic Festival

**WE HAVE** all heard and in fact many have used the saying "Young people are the future of the church", and yet as we all know the truth is they are as much the present as they are the future and any church that neglects its young people does so at its peril.

The Ebbsfleet Episcopal area has always taken its commitment to young people extremely seriously and part of that commitment is expressed through the Brean Young People's Eucharistic Festival.

We are very grateful indeed for the support that the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament has shown to this exciting initiative

which enables quite literally hundreds of young people to come together and celebrate Christ's Eucharistic presence before going into the park for all the thrills and spills of the fun fair.

Brean Sands Holiday Park is reportedly one of the best equipped theme parks in the west of the country. From Mad Mouse to Go Karts, there is something for everyone. Each child receives a £15 subsidy, meaning the tickets are only a few pounds for unlimited rides.

Although bereft of Bishop Jonathan because of his translation to Bishop of Fulham, the festival will still take place: this year

slightly later on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Bookings can be made via Jackie Ottaway at the Ebbsfleet Office telephone number 01865 288030. Posters and booking forms can also be obtained from her.

**For fun, fellowship, faith and food:**

**Brean Ebbsfleet Eucharistic Festival**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon**



**Forward! plus** is the quarterly newspaper of Forward in Faith

# Pray for all FiF members and parishes

## Holy Week St Andrew West Kirby

**Palm Sunday**  
8am Low Mass  
10.30am Blessing of Palms, Procession & Sung Mass  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Sung Mass of The Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday**  
9am Stations  
3pm The Liturgy for Good Friday  
**Holy Saturday**  
7.30pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
8am Low Mass  
10.30am Mass & Procession  
*Traditional ceremonial with a warm welcome*  
[www.standrewswestkirby.co.uk](http://www.standrewswestkirby.co.uk)  
Fr Peter Walsh 0151 632 4728

## St Agatha, Sparkbrook & St Barnabas, Balsall Heath Birmingham

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm (St Agatha's)  
**Good Friday**  
3pm (St Barnabas)  
**Easter Saturday**  
9.30pm Easter Vigil (St Agatha's)  
**Easter Day**  
9am Sung Mass (St Barnabas)  
11am Sung Mass (St Agatha's)  
**Contact:**  
Canon John Herve SSC 0121 449 2790

## St Michael's, Heavitree (Church Lane EX25EH)

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper - Watch of Prayer until midnight  
**Good Friday**  
10am Children at the Cross  
noon Preaching the Cross  
1pm Stations of the Cross  
2pm Good Friday Liturgy  
**Easter - Saturday**  
8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter**  
8am Said Mass  
9.30am 30 Minute Worship  
10.30am Parish Mass  
**Parish Priest**  
Fr Robin Eastoe 01392 677150

## Parish of St Agnes & St Pancras Toxteth Park, Liverpool L17 3BA

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**  
**Preacher: Canon Christopher Cook**  
**Palm Sunday:** Mass 10am  
**Mon-Wed:** Stations of the Cross 12noon (not Tue); Sung Mass & Sermon 7.30pm  
**Maundy Thursday:** Stations at 12noon; Solemn Mass 7.30pm, followed by Watch.  
**Good Friday:** Stations 12 noon; Liturgy 2pm  
**Holy Saturday:** Maria Desolata 9am; Paschal Vigil & 1st Mass of Easter 7.30pm  
**Easter Day:** Solemn Mass 10am; Choral Evensong & Benediction 6.30pm  
**Further details from Canon Cook on**  
**0151 733 1742**

## St Andrew's, Kingsbury, NW9

**Palm Sunday**  
Procession of Palms and Sung Mass at 10am  
**Maundy Thursday**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet at 7.30pm  
**Good Friday**  
Liturgy at 10am  
**Holy Saturday**  
Easter Vigil at 10.30pm  
**Easter Day**  
Mass at 8am and 10am  
Sung Mass on Sundays at 10am  
*Tube to Wembley Park then 83 Bus to Church Lane*  
**Contact during vacancy: 020 8205 7447**

## St Mary Magdalene, Milfield, Sunderland

**Palm Sunday**  
10.30am Blessing and Procession of Palms  
6.30pm Story of the Cross and Benediction  
7.00pm Low Mass  
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week**  
Masses at 10.30am and 7.30pm  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper with Mandatum and Procession to the Altar of Repose - Watch 'til Midnight  
**Good Friday**  
3pm Liturgy of the Passion with Solemn Prayers, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion  
**Holy Saturday**  
9pm Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Candle, Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Solemn Mass  
**Easter Day**  
10.30am Procession, Solemn Mass with Renewal of Baptism Vows and Holy Baptism  
6.30pm Benediction  
7.00pm Low Mass  
**Parish Priest: Fr Beresford Skelton 0191 565 6318**

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD LAVENDER HILL SW11

**PALM SUNDAY**  
10.45am Procession of Palms from Battersea Arts Centre  
11am SOLEMN HIGH MASS OF THE PASSION  
**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week**  
7pm Rosary 7.30pm Mass 8pm Confessions  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER followed by Gethsemane Watch until Compline at Midnight  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
10am Stations of the Cross presented by Children  
3pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION  
**HOLY SATURDAY**  
8pm SOLEMN HIGH MASS OF THE PASCHAL VIGIL  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
11am SOLEMN HIGH MASS AND EASTER BAPTISMS followed by Smoked Salmon and Champagne Reception  
**Parish Priest - Fr Iain Young 020 7228 5340**

## St Peter's, Bath Road Devises

**Palm Sunday**  
8.00am Low Mass  
9.45am Sung Mass, Blessing of Palms and Procession  
**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week**  
7.00pm Low Mass and Homily  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet & Watch until Midnight at the Altar of Repose  
**Good Friday**  
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion  
**Holy Saturday**  
8.30pm The Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
8.00am Low Mass  
10.00am Sung Mass, Procession and Sermon  
5.00pm Evening Prayer (said) & Benediction  
**Parish Priest: Fr Peter Moss SSC 01380 724785**

## St Francis of Assisi, Bournemouth (corner of Charminster Road & East Way)

**Sunday 24 March: PALM SUNDAY**  
8am Low Mass  
10am Blessing of palms, procession & Solemn Mass  
6.30pm Stations of the Cross and Benediction  
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week**  
7pm Low Mass & address by Fr David Hoare  
**Thursday 28 March: MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose, and watch until midnight  
**Friday 29 March: GOOD FRIDAY**  
9.30am Activity session for children, followed at 10.30am by Stations of the Cross for children  
1pm Stations of the Cross  
2pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
**Saturday 29 March: HOLY SATURDAY**  
7.30pm The Easter Vigil Liturgy  
**Sunday 31 March: EASTER DAY**  
8am Low Mass  
10am Procession and Solemn Mass (includes blessing and distribution of Easter eggs)  
*For information about all services during the Interregnum contact Churchwardens:*  
*Barbara Gestrell 01425 470370*  
*Dean Quinton 07974 198173*  
[www.stfrancis-bournemouth.org.uk](http://www.stfrancis-bournemouth.org.uk)

## St Augustine, Aldershot

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday**  
12 noon Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
**Holy Saturday**  
7.30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
8am Mass  
10am Solemn Mass  
Enquiries, Confessions etc  
**Fr Keith Hodges: 01252 320840**  
[www.staugustine-aldershot.org.uk](http://www.staugustine-aldershot.org.uk)

## St Agnes Kennington Park St Agnes Place, London SE11

(nearest tube Oval or Kennington on the Northern Line)  
**Holy Week**  
10am Solemn Mass with Palm Procession  
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**  
7.30pm Mass followed by Compline  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass and Watch 'til 10pm  
**Good Friday**  
2pm Liturgy  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Vigil Mass  
**Easter Day**  
10am Parish Mass  
**Contact Keith Potter: 0207 582 0032 or 07961 869201**

## S.Chad's, Bradford

**Easter Triduum Liturgies**  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
7.30pm Solemn High Mass  
**Easter Sunday**  
10.45am Solemn High Mass  
**Ring 01274 543957**  
**for a full list of Services**

## St Augustine's Church

Cooden Drive, Bexhill on Sea TN39 3AZ  
**Palm Sunday**  
8am Mass, 10am Parish Mass with Procession  
6pm Stations of the Cross  
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**  
7pm Sung Mass with Devotional Address  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch until Midnight  
**Good Friday**  
9am Stations of the Cross  
10am All Age Worship with Children's Workshop  
2pm Liturgy of the Day  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
8am Mass, 10am Parish Mass with Junior Church, 6pm Solemn Benediction  
**Further details:**  
**Fr Robert Coates SSC 01424 210785**

## Holy Trinity Biscot, Luton

### SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**Palm Sunday: 24th March**  
10am Procession and blessing of Palms at the Vicarage car park followed by Solemn Sung Eucharist  
**Mon of Holy Week: 7.30pm Holy Communion**  
**Tues of Holy Week: 7.30pm Holy Communion**  
**Wed of Holy Week: 7.30pm Holy Communion**  
**Maundy Thursday: 9.30am Holy Communion**  
7.30pm THE SUPPER OF THE LORD  
Sung Eucharist with washing of feet, Reposition of the Sacrament and stripping of the Altar, followed by the watch  
**Good Friday: 11am The Liturgy (at Holy Trinity)**  
2pm Service of the Holy Cross.  
**Holy Saturday: 10am Coffee Morning,**  
Egg rolling, Raffle, Church Cleaning, flower arranging, Sacristy duties etc.  
**EASTER DAY: 31st March**  
10am Solemn Eucharist followed by Parish breakfast  
**Fr Thomas Singh 01582 579410**

## All Saints with St Michael Shrewsbury

**Palm Sunday**  
10am Procession and Parish Mass  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch of the Passion  
**Good Friday**  
12 noon Stations of the Cross  
2pm The Liturgy  
**Holy Saturday**  
9pm Vigil Ceremonies and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
10.30am Parish Mass  
3pm Evensong and Benediction  
**Parish Priest: Fr Michael Fish SSC 01743 244879**

## St Barnabas Parish Church Morecambe

**Holy Week: Palm Sunday**  
8.30am Low Mass  
10am Procession and Solemn Mass  
6pm Stations of the Cross  
**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**  
7pm Low Mass  
**Maundy Thursday**  
11am Low Mass  
7.30pm Liturgy of the Last Supper and Watch  
**Good Friday**  
10am Stations 2pm Good Friday Liturgy  
**Holy Saturday**  
8.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
8.30am Low Mass  
10am Solemn Mass and Holy Baptism  
6pm Solemn Evensong  
**Parish Priest: Fr Tom Davis SSC 01524 415216**

## The Parish Church of All Saints' Benlilton

All Saints Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3DA  
**Palm Sunday**  
9.30am The Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem & Procession, leading into the Solemn Mass of Palm Sunday  
**Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week**  
7.30pm Mass and Address  
**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
7.30pm Agapé Meal and Mass  
**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and stripping of the Altar, followed by the Watch before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight  
**Good Friday**  
1.30pm The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross 8pm Stations of the Cross  
**Holy Saturday / Easter Eve**  
9.30am Morning Prayer  
8.30pm The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
8am Low Mass  
9.30am The Solemn Mass of Easter Day  
*For any further information, please contact*  
*Fr Peter Hamden SSC (020 8644 9070) or*  
*Mrs Carolyn Melius (020 8642 4276)*

## St Augustine's, Tonge Moor, Bolton

**Fridays of Lent** 7.30am Stations  
**Sundays of Lent** 6.30pm Evening Prayer and Benediction  
**Palm Sunday** 8am Said Mass  
9.15am Sung Mass (St Aidan's)  
10.30am Sung Mass with Palm Procession (meet in the Crypt)  
6.30pm Evensong and Benediction  
**Holy Monday** 6.15pm Mass  
**Holy Tuesday** 6.15pm Mass  
**Holy Wednesday** 10.30am Mass (St Aidan's) and 6.15pm Mass  
**Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch  
**Good Friday** 10.30am Good Friday Liturgy  
**Holy Saturday** 8.30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Sunday** 8am Said Mass  
9.15am Sung Mass (St Aidan's)  
10.30am Sung Mass  
6.30pm Solemn Evensong with procession and Benediction  
**Fr Tony Davies 01204 523899**

## All Saints, South Shields

**Palm Sunday**  
10am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Eucharist  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper and Watch 'til Midnight  
**Good Friday**  
2pm The Good Friday Liturgy  
**Holy Saturday**  
7.30pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
8am Mass 10am Sung Eucharist  
**Fr Mervyn Thompson, Team Rector 0191 456 1851**

## The Church of the Most Holy Trinity Farrington Road, Ettingshall Park Wolverhampton

**Palm Sunday**  
9.30am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Solemn Mass  
**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, Foot Washing and Watch at the Altar of Repose  
**Good Friday**  
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
9.30am Solemn Mass, 6pm Solemn Evening Prayer & Benediction  
**Parish Priest**  
**Fr Alan Jones 01902 884616**

## Parish Church of St Cuthbert w St Matthias Philbeach Gdns, Earls Court SW5

**Palm Sunday**  
11am Sung Mass  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7pm Sung Mass  
**Good Friday**  
12 noon Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord  
**Holy Saturday**  
7pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
11am Sung Mass  
**Parish Priest: Fr Paul Bagott 0207 370 3263**

## ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 35a Durham Road East Finchley, London N2 9DF

**Palm Sunday**  
10am Solemn Mass with Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Passion  
**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch until Midnight  
**Good Friday**  
3pm Sung Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm The Easter Vigil  
**Easter Day**  
10am Parish Mass of Easter Day  
**Vicar: Fr Christopher Hardy SSC 020 8883 9315**  
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# God Calling: Living Priesthood

**Father Darren Smith, General Secretary of the Additional Curates Society, tells us about the Vocations Day in December at the Old Saint Pancras Team Ministry**

**T**O BE perfectly honest with you all I was feeling somewhat pessimistic about the level of interest that a Vocations Conference would attract soon after the momentous vote in General Synod.



The bookings had been very slow and having had a conference full to overflowing in September, I consoled myself with the fact that many of the individuals we are working with had already availed themselves of that opportunity. It was, as well, the lead up to Christmas, and we all know what a busy time that is.

## Oh man of little faith!

The bookings suggested a somewhat select group of 12; the turnout on the day was double that, even though some who had indicated that they would be attending didn't manage it. The age mix was very interesting as well and there were a number of people completely new to the process of God Calling.

Individuals who had coura-

geously come to the centre of London on a cold December morning to quite literally dip their toe in a cold and somewhat daunting religious sea!

## Indebted

We are incredibly indebted to Father Philip North and his talented team who presented the day for us. We began with a plenary session where, as well as getting to know one another, we heard a critique of the Camden Team Ministry from each team member. Then two very interesting reflections, from a newly ordained priest and a more experienced non-stipendiary clergyman, reminded us of the different modes of ministry available in the Church of England: self-supporting (non-stipendiary), locally ordained, and stipendiary and sector ministry.

## One size does not fit all

Mass, then lunch, prepared us for a healthy sprint around the parishes taking in each church and the local school, where we were asked to reflect for ourselves upon the challenges and opportunities that each fairly distinct environment presents to the Camden Team.

## Seeking to serve

So many of us couldn't help ask the question "What would I do in this place?" as we soaked up the inspirational and challenging words of Fr Philip. Having split into smaller groups it enabled us to observe as well as integrate ourselves into the community, and as we stood at the top of Camden Market with finger signs pointing



to the different landmarks of that community I stepped back to see a number of young men all similarly looking for direction in their life. Where do you want me to go, Lord, how can I serve you best, which path should I take?

## Unworthy

You may be asking these and similar questions for yourself. You may feel totally unworthy and might even have dismissed any possibility of priesthood, but trust me, God chooses the unlikely candidates to serve in his church. I mean, look at your parish priest, look at any group of clergy together and you will see just what a diverse group the priests are in the Church of England. Please do not dismiss the prospect of ordination.

## Your Church needs you

The next vocations conference is at Saint Stephens House, Oxford, from Friday 30th August till Sunday 1st September and is entitled Practical Priesthood. Experience of the last few years is that the places do all fill quickly so to as avoid disappointment do book early.

Details can be found on the God Calling website [www.godcallingvocations.org.uk](http://www.godcallingvocations.org.uk) or call us at The Additional Curates Society on 0121 382 5533 and all of us please continue to pray for priests, because remember **no vocations – no future!**



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**The Church of St Columba  
Middlesbrough**

**Palm Sunday**  
9.30am Procession of Palms and Sung Mass

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in Holy Week**  
7pm Mass

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch of the Passion

**Good Friday**  
10am Stations of the Cross  
3pm The Liturgy

**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Day**  
9.30am Sung Mass and Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*For further information contact  
Fr Stephen Cooper on 01642 824779*

**Holy Family  
Lord Lane, Failsworth  
Manchester**

**Palm Sunday**  
9.15am Procession and Parish Mass  
4pm Stations of the Cross

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and Vigil

**Good Friday**  
12 noon Stations of the Cross  
1pm Meditation  
3pm Good Friday Liturgy

**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass

**Easter Day**  
10am Parish Mass  
4pm Benediction

For further information please contact the Rector,  
Fr Tony Mills: 0161 681 3644

**St Martin  
Lewes Road  
Brighton**

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Day and Vigil

**Good Friday**  
10am Family Stations  
2pm The Liturgy of the Day

**Holy Saturday**  
8.30pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Day**  
10am Parish Mass

**Canon Trevor Buxton SSC**  
01273 604687

**ST MARY'S LITTLEHAMPTON**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
Blessing of Palms at St James 10am; Procession to St Mary's Church for Parish Mass

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm (followed by Watch until Midnight)

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Children's Stations of the Cross & Workshop 10am  
Conducted Meditation 12 noon  
Stations of the Cross 1pm  
Liturgy of the Passion 2pm

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter 8.30pm

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
Mass at 8am Parish Mass 10am  
Solemn Evensong and Benediction 6pm  
Contact Fr Roger Caswell on 01 903 724410

**Holy Week and Easter Celebrations  
at  
St Barnabas Woodford Green**  
127 Snakes Lane East, IG8 7HX

**PALM SUNDAY - March 24**  
8:00am Mass  
9:15am Street Procession & Sung Mass

**MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 28**  
8pm - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY - March 29**  
12pm - Devotions: Seven Sayings of Jesus on the Cross  
1pm - Stations of the Cross  
2pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross

**EASTER VIGIL - March 30**  
at 8:00 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY - March 31**  
8am Mass 9:30am Sung Mass  
11:30am Mass  
6:30pm Evensong with Benediction  
Fr W Obiedoza 0203 659 4023  
[fathrobiedoza@gmail.com](mailto:fathrobiedoza@gmail.com)

**Holy Week and Easter  
at St Luke's Southport**

**Palm Sunday**  
10.30am Liturgy of the Palms & Solemn High Mass  
6.30pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction

**Monday of Holy Week**  
12 noon Mass with address followed by Stations of the Cross

**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
7.30pm 8pm Low Mass, CBS Story of the Cross, address & Solemn Benediction

**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
7.30pm Low Mass with address

**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Vigil at the altar of repose until Midnight

**Good Friday**  
11.30am Stations of the Cross  
1-1.30pm A Journey With Christ (Meditation)  
2pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday  
6pm Maria Desolata

**Holy Saturday**  
7pm Vigil & First Mass of Easter

**Easter Day**  
10.30am Procession & Solemn High Mass (followed by Easter Burch)  
6.30pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction

For more information, contact  
Fr Leonard Young on 07794 854 211  
Email: [frleonardyoung@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:frleonardyoung@hotmail.co.uk)

**Holy Trinity  
Winchmore Hill N21 3RE**

**Palm Sunday**  
10.30am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Mass

**Monday & Wednesday of Holy Week**  
12 noon Mass and Devotional Address

**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Gethsemane Watch

**Good Friday**  
10am All age Stations of the Cross  
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Day

**Holy Saturday**  
6.30pm Easter Vigil followed by reception

**Easter Day**  
9am Mass of the Dawn  
10.30am Sung Mass and Easter Presentation by Junior Church followed by reception

*All enquiries contact  
Fr Richard Bolton: 0208 364 1583*

**St Clement's  
Bridge Street, Cambridge  
(A, B & C / FIF)**

**Palm Sunday**  
10am Distribution of Palms, Procession & Sung Mass

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Sung Mass with Altar of Repose

**Good Friday**  
9am Adoration of the Cross & Liturgy

**Holy Saturday**  
7pm Easter Fire & Proclamation, Blessing of Font & First Mass of Easter

**Easter Sunday**  
10am Procession & Sung Mass

*Services are Traditional Rite  
English Missal/BCP*

Contact: 01 638 780261  
Email: [cat@ast.cam.ac.uk](mailto:cat@ast.cam.ac.uk)

**St Michael and All Angels  
Tonbridge Road  
Maidstone**

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday**  
3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Paschal Vigil Liturgy

**Easter Day**  
10.30am Solemn Mass

Contact Jeanette Ardley  
on 01622 664678

**St Mary's  
Kenton**

Conducted Holy Week  
with Fr Aidan Mayoss CR

Details at  
[www.stmaryskenton.org](http://www.stmaryskenton.org)

020 8907 2914

*All services  
broadcast on the web*

**S. Swithun  
Bridport**

**Palm Sunday**  
9.15am Blessing of Palms  
9.30am Mass

6pm Stations of the Cross in the Town Centre

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**  
10am Mass

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper

**Good Friday**  
2pm Liturgy of the Passion

**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Day**  
8am and 9.30am Mass

Fr Peter Edwards 01308 456588  
*All are welcome*

**St Chad  
Greengate Street, Stafford**

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Vigil

**Good Friday**  
12 noon The Liturgy

**Holy Saturday**  
7.30pm Lighting of the New Fire and Easter Vigil Ceremonies

**Easter Day**  
10am Morning Prayer  
11am High Mass

Fr Tony Hutchinson  
Tel: 07980 883193

**St George's Church  
Bickley Park Road, Bromley**

**Palm Sunday**  
10.30am Procession and Sung Mass

**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**  
8pm Sung Mass

**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Sung Mass of the Last Supper

**Good Friday**  
3pm The Liturgy of the Day

**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Vigil Mass of Easter Day

**Easter Day**  
8am Low Mass  
10.30am Procession and Sung Mass  
6.30pm Evensong and Benediction

*For times of Confessions and other  
Services contact  
Fr Higgs on 020 8467 3809  
or see: [www.stgeorgebickley.co.uk](http://www.stgeorgebickley.co.uk)*

**St John the Evangelist  
Middlesbrough**

**Palm Sunday**  
11am Procession of Palms and Sung Mass

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
in Holy Week**  
10am Mass

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch of the Passion

**Good Friday**  
1pm The Liturgy

**Easter Day**  
11am Sung Mass and Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*For further information contact  
Fr Stephen Cooper on 01642 824779*

**St Gabriel's, Fullbrook  
Walstead Road, Walsall WS5 4LZ**

**Palm Sunday**  
10am Blessing of the Palms, Procession and Parish Mass

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper

**Good Friday**  
3pm Liturgy

**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter

**Easter Day**  
10am Parish Mass 5pm Mass

Fr Mark McIntyre 01922 622583

**St John the Baptist  
Tachbrook St, Leamington Spa**

**Maundy Thursday** 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Vigil

**Good Friday** 10am Stations of the Cross, 3pm Good Friday Liturgy

**Holy Saturday** 8pm Easter Ceremonies & First Mass of Easter

**Easter Day** 8am Low Mass, 9.30am Solemn High Mass and Blessing of the Easter Garden

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Tel: 01926 422208  
[www.fifparish.com/stjohnleamington](http://www.fifparish.com/stjohnleamington)

**The Parish of St Saviour & St Peter, Eastbourne**

**Palm Sunday - 8am** Mass with Blessing of Palms  
10.30am Palm Ceremonies, Procession of the Palms and Solemn Mass with the singing of the St Luke Passion

**Monday & Wednesday - Mass at 10.30am and 7.30pm**

**Tuesday - Mass at 12 noon and 7.30pm**

**Maundy Thursday - 8pm** Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet, Procession to the Altar of Repose and Watch until Midnight

**Good Friday - 10am** Stations of the Cross, 3pm Liturgy of the Day

**Holy Saturday - 8pm** The Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter

**Easter Day - 8am** Mass

10.30am Procession and Solemn Mass of the Resurrection

*For times of Confessions please ring Fr Jeffery Gunn 01323 722317*

**St Stephen  
Sneinton, Nottingham and  
St George-in-The-Meadows  
Nottingham**

**Holy Week  
and Easter**  
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[www.saintgeorgeinthemeadows.com](http://www.saintgeorgeinthemeadows.com)

Fr Colin Rushforth SSC 0115 952 3378

**St Stephen on the Cliffs  
Blackpool**

**Holy Week & Easter 2013**

**Palm Sunday**  
9am Low Mass  
10.30am Procession, Dramatic Reading of the Passion and Solemn Mass  
6pm Meditation in words & music for Holy Week

**Monday of Holy Week**  
Mass and Address at 9.15am

**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
Mass and address at 11.15am

**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
6.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7.30pm Stations of the Cross and Mass

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Solemn Mass with washing of feet and Watch until Midnight

**Good Friday**  
10am Stations of the Cross  
3pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Lighting of the New Fire, Solemn Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter. Party afterwards

**Easter Day**  
9am Low Mass and Sermon  
10.30am Procession and Solemn Mass  
6pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction with Cantantes Domino

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**The Parish of The Holy Cross  
Marsh Farm, Luton**

**HOLY WEEK and EASTER AD 2013**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**  
10.00 - Blessing and Procession of Palms, the Passion according to S. Luke and Solemn Mass

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
in Holy Week**  
20.00 Low Mass and Address

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Holy Thursday**  
20.00 Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, including Foot Washing, Procession to the Altar of Repose and Gethsemane Watch until 23.00 hours

**Good Friday**  
15.00 The Solemn Liturgy of the Day, reading of the Passion of S. John, Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion

**Holy Saturday:** 9.00am Morning Prayer

**Holy Saturday**  
20.00 The Ceremonies of the Easter Vigil and the First Solemn Mass of Easter

**Sunday 31st March, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
10.00 Blessing of the Easter Garden and Solemn Mass

**Sunday 7th April, The Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
10.00 Solemn Mass and Junior Church Enquiries during the Interregnum, please telephone 01 892 598442

**St Peter's Bushey Heath**

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Maundy Mass

**Good Friday**  
2pm Liturgy of the Passion

**Holy Saturday**  
7pm Vigil Mass

**Easter Day**  
8am Low Mass (BCP)  
9.30am Solemn Mass (BCP)  
11.15am Family Mass

Further details from  
Fr Andrew Burton SSC: 020 8950 1424

**All Saints with St Saviours  
Weston-Super-Mare**

**Palm Sunday**  
09.00 Mass  
10.30 The Parish Mass with Procession and Blessing of Palms

**Monday in Holy Week** 19.30 Mass

**Tuesday in Holy Week** 19.30 Mass

**Wednesday in Holy Week** 10.00 Mass

**Maundy Thursday**  
19.30 Solemn Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet and Procession to the Altar of Repose

**Good Friday**  
10.30 Stations of the Cross for families  
14.00 The Liturgy

**Holy Saturday**  
20.00 Vigil and First Mass of Easter

**Easter Day**  
09.00 Mass 10.30 Parish Mass  
Tel: 01934 204217

**St Martin  
Salisbury**

**Palm Sunday**  
10.45am Procession of Palms from Saint Martin's Centre and Sung Eucharist at 11am

6.30pm Meditation in Words and Music for Passiontide

*Weekday Masses - please telephone*

**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and Watch until Midnight

**Good Friday**  
9.30am The Good Friday Liturgy

**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Vigil Ceremonies and First Eucharist of Easter

**Easter Day**  
11am Procession and Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Solemn Evensong, Procession and Benediction

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**St Saviour  
Raynes Park**

**Palm Sunday**  
9.30am Blessing of Palm Crosses, Procession and Sung Eucharist

**Monday to Wednesday**  
Services Daily

**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Sung Eucharist 11pm Vigil

**Good Friday**  
1pm Stations of the Cross  
2pm Liturgy of the Day

**Easter Day**  
6am Vigil & First Mass of Easter  
9.30am Sung Eucharist 4pm Choral Evensong

Fr Michael Blackman 020 8542 2787



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# In his own write...

**A**T A ceremony on Monday 4th February 2013 in St Paul's Cathedral in London, the election of the Bishop of Durham to his new office was confirmed, and he became the Most Reverend Justin Welby, 105th Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan. His Enthronement in Canterbury Cathedral will be on 21st March, the first day of Spring, in time for him to preside at the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter.



He takes office at a time when the tide of aggressive secularism and the growth of Islam threaten the erosion of the Christian civilisation that we hold dear. As Archbishop Sentamu said at the Election Confirmation service, we live in an age of "seemingly unprecedented selfishness, in a society obsessed with individualism and rights." We also face the continuing uncertainty of the place of traditionalists in our Church: *fightings within and fears without*, in the words of the well-known hymn. Both as Dean of Liverpool and as Bishop of Durham he has displayed an openness and willingness to engage sympathetically with those who, unlike him, are not convinced of the rightness of the Church of England's decision to ordain women.

In his employment before ordination we are told that he had a reputation for shrewdness and fairness in finding solutions to problems.

Forward in Faith assures him of our earnest prayers as he begins his new task of giving moral and spiritual leadership to the Nation and a prophetic voice to the Church. And we trust that, with the grace of God, the oil that he pours upon the troubled waters of our beloved Church will be the oil of healing and gladness.

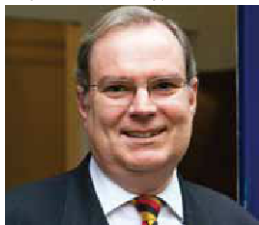
## not the director's diary



**N**O DIRECTOR, so no Diary! We decided that it would be unfair to burden the retired-but-Acting Director with a request to fill the space with news about the everyday story of country folk in a certain East Anglian village. He would probably have said no, anyway! Nor would it be right to expect to know what the director-designate is up to in the upper echelons of the bureaucracy of the established Church – interesting though that would certainly be at this crucial time. We had contemplated a sort of pastiche diary, but the obvious person to write it was, we discovered, busy listening to obscure classical records on his portable gramophone whilst touring the vineyards of France with Fr Stocius.

We hope that the summer edition will have Dr Colin Podmore's first contribution to this column.

He is an accomplished writer, who has an Oxford DPhil in church history and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. His publications include *Aspects of Anglican Identity* (2005) and articles on Anglican ecclesiology.



Our Chairman, Bishop Jonathan has agreed to commission Colin for his new work as Director of Forward in Faith at a Mass to be celebrated in St Alban's, Holborn on Monday 15th April at 6.30 pm. Be there if you can!



### THE CATHEDRAL

Chapter, rather like the staff of the Theological College, has always seemed to me to be the natural habitat of a variety of clerics who range from the mildly eccentric to the near-certifiable. No doubt they have a similar view in the former of the parochial clergy, and in the latter of the students in their charge.

It was in Southwark Cathedral in the 1960s that I first encountered the full range, with its Bishop Mervyn Stockwood, the Provost Ernie Southcott, and a particular Canon, John Pearce-Higgins. Stockwood, who loved Anglo-catholic ceremonial, forced the resignation of Fr Harris at St Andrew's Carshalton for celebrating the Assumption and using the Roman Missal.

He was often seen wearing secular dress, so that the popular press named him the "bowtie bishop", and I have heard it said that Henry Montgomery Campbell, Bishop of London, once encountered him at Westminster in his clerical suit and greeted him, "Ah, Stockwood! Incognito, I see." Canon Pearce-Higgins was a devotee of mediums and the supernatural, claiming to have heard the disembodied voice of the American Bishop Pike who had perished after being lost in a desert somewhere, and reportedly attended séances with episcopal approval.

### Choral evensong

I was reminded of him recently when I received an invitation to preach at Southwark Cathedral

## From the Editor's desk



for the Annual service of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass – an odd engagement, you might think, for the vicar of a dual-purpose building on a Liverpool housing estate that has no stained glass windows.

vice, and read the Lesson at it in 1964.

Some of our boys sang in the cathedral choir; others were choristers at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy in the Strand. We Savoy choristers, trained by Dr William Cole, would sometimes attend choral evensong to hear Harold Dexter's lads. On one such occasion Canon Pearce-Higgins approached the lectern, announced that the portion of Scripture appointed for the second lesson was from the Book of Revelation, from whatever chapter and verse, continued, "But I have no intention of reading such blasphemous nonsense" and read a poem instead.

### Glorious music, splendid supper

For the Glaziers' service the Master read the lesson, the presentation of Christ in the temple, and we all held candles during the singing of Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Stanford's glorious B flat setting. It was very moving to hear the choir performing so beautifully with enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment. The tools of the glaziers' craft were



But the invitation came, via the Dean, from my old friend Michael Broadway, an organ builder and accomplished musician, who was the organist forty years ago at the church in North London where I served my first curacy. Michael tunes the grand organ at Christ the King, Gordon Square.

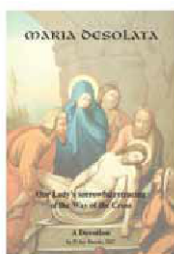
We have kept in touch over the years, and he gave me the honour of preaching for the service as this is his year of office as Master of the Company. I knew the cathedral quite well, having visited it first as a child with a group from St Stephen's, Lewisham, as part of the diocesan Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1955.

Then, as a pupil at St Olave's Grammar School in nearby Tooley Street, I sang there in the school choir for our yearly Commemoration of Benefactors' ser-

presented and blessed before we sang the final hymn proclaiming fittingly "craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure all combine."

Near the cathedral is Glaziers' Hall, where Bishops Jonathan Baker and Norman Banks invited us for refreshments after their episcopal ordination in 2011. Here a splendid supper was served in the upper hall overlooking the Thames, while conversation and fine wine flowed freely.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the river, a short distance away, Parliament was presuming to redefine marriage without a mandate from any manifesto, in legislation as flawed and ill-considered as the Measure rejected by the Synod in July. The mildly eccentric and near-certifiable get everywhere nowadays.



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## EASTER STORY CHARACTERS

*What do we know about Pilate?*



## An Easter Garden

Many churches have an Easter garden each year as a visual aid to help tell the Easter story, but have you considered making one at home. We have cribs in our houses at Christmas so why not an Easter Garden?

### You will need

1. A shallow tray or foil dish.
2. Soil or compost.
3. Grass seed or green coloured sand.
4. 3 wooden crosses - can be made with twigs and thread.
5. Small plant-pot.
6. Flat stone.
7. Small plants.
8. Gravel for path

### What to do

1. Fill the tray with soil or compost, creating a hill at one corner.
2. Place the plant-pot in the hillside.
3. Cover the soil with moss. If you have time sow grass seed, remembering to keep it watered.
4. Place the 3 crosses on the top of the hill.
5. Place small flowering plants eg. primroses and violets, around the hillside.
6. Make a gravel path from the tomb around the edge.
7. Place the flat stone over the entrance to the tomb.
8. Don't forget to roll the stone away on Easter morning.

If you are very enterprising you can put one of those tiny LED lights inside the tomb. This will be a focal point in your home and an aid to prayer.

## Easter Story Crossword

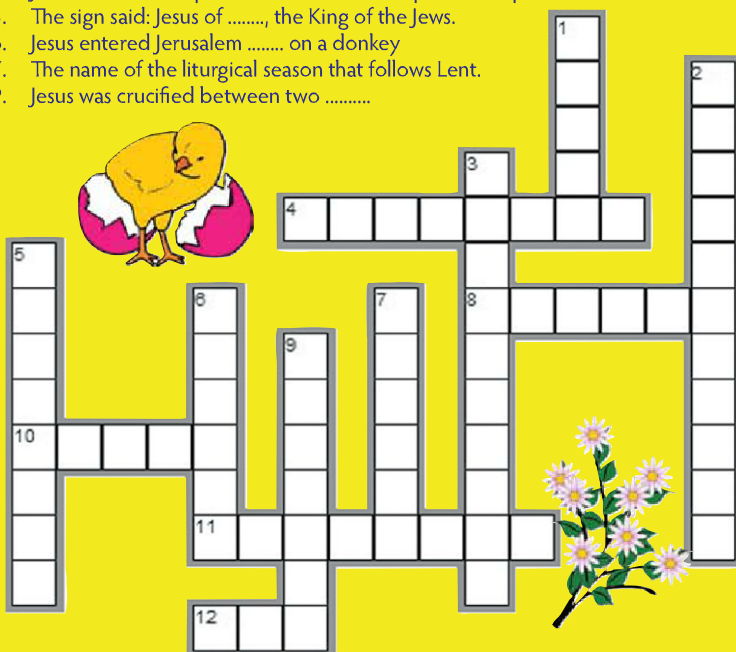


### Clues Across

4. The High Priest's name was .....
8. The scribes and the ..... of the people gathered at the house of the High Priest.
10. The Jewish name for teacher.
11. Pontius Pilate was the Roman .....
12. The three-letter symbol for Jesus.

### Clues Down

1. The area governed by Pontius Pilate.
2. Jesus ate this with the disciples.
3. Jesus met for this special meal with his disciples in this place.
5. The sign said: Jesus of ....., the King of the Jews.
6. Jesus entered Jerusalem ..... on a donkey
7. The name of the liturgical season that follows Lent.
9. Jesus was crucified between two .....



## Lent & Easter Wordsearch

WILDERNESS FORTY DAYS FASTING PALMS  
JERUSALEM DONKEY TEMPLE BETHANY  
MOUNT OF OLIVES LAST SUPPER PASSOVER  
GETHSEMANE BETRAYAL TRIAL THORNS  
CRUCIFIXION GOLGOTHA MARY JOHN  
TOMB STONE EASTER MARY MAGDALENE

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

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# PROVINCE

## From the Chairman

**My dear brothers and sisters,**

**M**Y letter to you in this issue will be short for the Editor has kindly agreed to print in full the sermon I preached at the First Mass of my son Ben.

It was an enormous privilege to be asked to preach then and I hope that my thoughts will be of benefit to the wider audience that Province provides.

One of the great joys of that occasion which is celebrated in text and picture in this edition is the sign of hope that it gives for the future. The Bishop of Richborough said recently that if we were to have a future we needed priests; and the fact that He is still sending us priests means that we have a future. St Stephen's House is full and over half of those in training are tradi-

tionalists; there are those who hold these views in St Michael's College too; and still people are offering themselves to God in this way.

That young men are still willing to respond to the call of God in these uncertain times is an encouragement to those of us who tend to get jaded as we get older.

And it is not the only sign of hope. In the national affairs of Forward in Faith a young woman, Lindsay Newcombe, has taken up the baton of Vice-Chairman and the Clerk to the General Synod and Secretary to the Archbishops Council, Colin Podmore, is to succeed Stephen Parkinson as Director. And the successor to Rowan Williams as Archbishop of Canterbury was welcomed by Forward in Faith as 'the appointment of a man with a proven track record of engagement with, and support of, traditionalists is most welcome and we look forward to working with him to achieve an equitable solution to the problems presently facing the Church of England'.

We too assure Bishop

Justin of our prayers as he moves to Canterbury.

The Governing Body will soon be debating the issue of women in the episcopate once more and it is greatly to be hoped that our legislators will learn from the mistakes of our brothers and sisters in England. There, many keen to see progress on this issue, indeed passionate supporters of women bishops, were not willing to let it happen at the expense of casting out people like us.

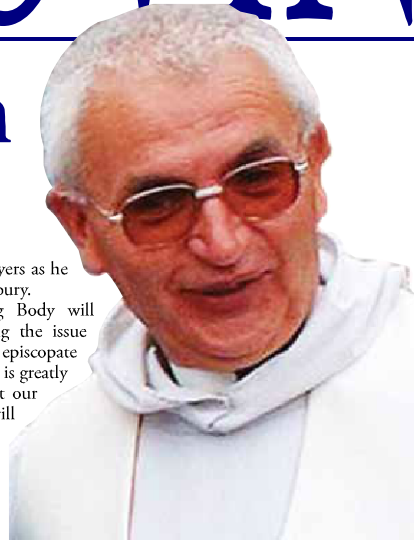
If the argument can range around the issue of justice then equal considerations of justice need to be given to our needs. It is not beyond reason that provision can be made which will make it possible for us to live and work together in common service to our Lord and in common proclamation to the Gospel.

The details of Christian Research's survey conducted on our behalf which you can see on page

confirm that a majority of ordinary members of our church support such an equitable view. We are not the lone voice we sometimes seem to be but in fact reflect a real consensus within the Church. Men and women up and down the country can see this and want this then surely our Bishops and those who represent us in the Governing Body can grasp the same simple truth.

Be constant and insistent in your prayer, believing at all times that what you ask in faith you will receive.

Yours in the love of Christ  
*Alan Rabjohns*

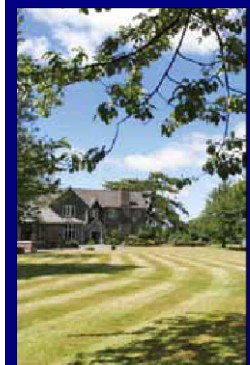


**in this  
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**Sermon  
For Ben  
Rabjohns'  
First  
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**Llangasty  
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## The Credo Cymru Prayer

Lord, we pray  
that your continual pity  
will cleanse and defend  
your Church; and, because  
it cannot continue in safety  
without your support,  
preserve it evermore  
by your help and goodness;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.  
Amen.

O Arglwydd,  
erfyniwn fod i'th  
dosturi gwastadol lanhau  
ac amddiffyn dy Eglwys;  
a chan na all hi barhau  
mewn diogelwch heb  
dy nodded di,  
cadw hi byth trwy dy  
gymorth a'th ddaioni  
trwy Iesu Grist  
ein Harglwydd.  
Amen

## Chrism Mass 2013

**A**S the See of Ebbsfleet is currently vacant the Bishop of Plymouth, The Rt Revd John Ford, will be celebrating a Chrism Mass at 11 a.m. in Bristol Cathedral.

We plan to take coaches from South Wales to this Mass. For details please contact the Provincial Secretary, Mrs Suzanne Amos on [suzanneamos1@hotmail.com](mailto:suzanneamos1@hotmail.com) or look out for details on the website which we are in the process of updating.



# Sermon For Ben Rabjohns' First Mass

*'Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears'*

**W**ELL, this is a very special occasion, and I am still overwhelmed with the privilege of being asked to preach tonight that I thought I'd try something different as a beginning; but I've now got doubts!

Friends is OK, I'm sure we are all friends here.

Romans is a bit worrying; after all I once had someone leave the church choir because I was making them sing Roman Catholic music – whatever that means – so there might be suspicions of Romanizing tendencies.

And as for countrymen, that's bad enough from an English man – even after 36 years living in Wales – but a real problem for someone from Swansea preaching in Port Talbot!

But, let it pass and continue the quote from the bard with a change of names.

'Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears. I come to bury Ben, not to praise him.'

There is a sense in which all the Sacraments of the Church involve a sort of dying.

In the Sacrament of Penance we die to our sins through our repentance. In Marriage we die to individual living and the two become one flesh. In Anointing the powers of sin and the evil one are vanquished.

And this is especially true of the primary Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism and Confirmation. St Paul tells us that *'All of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death'*

Each one of us here has died with Christ and because of that we have an indelible new identity.

Because of our Baptism we become something new, we become permanently ambassadors for Christ. Each one of us in our vocation and ministry has the task of spreading the Kingdom of God, of bringing others to that wonderful place we have found where Jesus is King of our hearts and lives.

And within the fellowship of the Baptised there is another dying, another vocation, another Sacrament which bestows a new and permanent character and identity.

Last night in the Cathedral there were three deaths. Ben, Mark and Jonathan, as they were ordained priests, died. They were changed. They became something new. As they were clothed in priestly garments it was as if they were being taken over and entering into something new – something new and exciting.

To be clothed with the chasuble is a sign and a symbol, a sacramental action, of the putting on of Christ. Ben and all called to the priestly office become Christ in a new and special way.

As a sort of aside I should say that someone recently said that as well as hiding the person and clothing him with Christ, under the chasuble may be hidden either a ladder or a towel. Those who come with the hidden ladder are seeking promotion and advancement and therefore ultimately glory for themselves. But the true way of being a priest is to carry with us at all time the towel entrusted to us when we became deacons with which like Christ we shall wash the feet of the world and be at all times servants of the servants of God.

To be a priest is not a job. It doesn't stop when we clock off. It doesn't even stop when we retire – for we only retire from being paid and being hassled! It is difficult to see how it can be subject to appraisal. It is a life.

Of course we are still the same human beings we were before ordination. We have our individual characters and features, some good and some bad – and how good to be reminded last night that ours is a religion of mercy, a mercy I need after 47 years in this role. We will, like all our brothers and sisters in the Church, evangelise, teach, counsel, comfort and show the love of the Saviour to those around us.

But we also become something new. We become in a spe-

cial and real way the presence of Christ. There is only one Priest in the Church, He whom the writer of the letter to the Hebrews calls our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ. And Ben and all called to this place in the Church share in, show forth and make present the priesthood of Christ

St Ambrose writes of the priests;

*'Do not consider their outward appearance but the grace of their ministries. There is no place of deception nor for denial: he is the angel who proclaims the kingdom of Christ and eternal life. You must not make your assessment of him according to his appearance, but according to his office. Consider what he transmitted, reflect upon his function, recognise his dignity.'*

In his sermon at the Golden Jubilee of Canon Harold Clarke Bishop David Thomas quoted a saying of Dom Gregory Dix that the Priest is always saying Mass.

I have already said that we do, of course, do more. We do all the things that all Christians are called to do. We care for and visit our people; we lead them in the paths of life everlasting; we share their joys and their sorrows.

But at the heart of the life of the priest there is the taking of all that is of this world, our life, our bread and our wine and returning it to the Father with thanksgiving and through this action giving to the people of God the true Manna from heaven, the Body and Blood of Christ.

It is an awesome privilege and can never be taken for granted. I overheard a conversation last Saturday between Ben and Bishop Norman Banks. In response to the Bishop's question Ben said he was feeling nervous to which Bishop Norman said, 'Good! The time to worry is when we stop feeling nervous.' Every day the Priest must thank God for his calling and strive with all his might through prayer and repentance to live up to his calling.

I began by speaking of dying and coming to bury Ben. But there is more to this wonderful story of ours.

We heard in the first reading tonight how the dead bones can come to life through the Spirit being breathed into them, the first-fruits of the Spirit that St Paul talks of, that Our Lord says is the satisfying of the thirst of the hungry soul.

Come with me to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.



*It was the Dover road that lay, on a Friday, beyond the Dover mail, as it lumbered up Shooter's Hill, ... the hill, and the harness, and the mud, and the mail, were all so heavy, that the horses had three times already come to a stop, besides once drawing the coach across the road, with the mutinous intent of taking it back to Blackheath.*

*There was a steaming mist in all the hollows, and it had roamed in its forlornness up the hill, like an evil spirit, seeking rest and finding none. A clammy and intensely cold mist, it made its slow way through the air in ripples that visibly followed and overspread one another, as the waves of an unwholesome sea might do. It was dense enough to shut out everything from the light of the coach-lamps but these its own workings, and a few yards of road; and the reek of the labouring horses steamed into it, as if they had made it all.*

*The Dover mail was in its usual genial position that the guard suspected the passengers, the passengers suspected one another and the guard, they all suspected everybody else, and the coachman was sure of nothing but the horses; as to which cattle he could with a clear conscience have taken his oath on the two Testaments that they were not fit for the journey.*

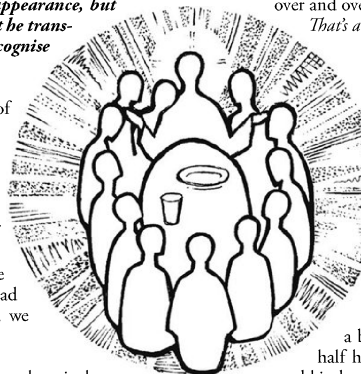
*The last burst carried the mail to the summit of the hill. The horses stopped to breathe again, and the guard got down to skid the wheel for the descent, and open the coach-*

*door to let the passengers in.*

Now there was the sound of a horse at a canter approaching. The coachman and guard were way and drew weapons as they challenged the horseman. It turned out he had a message for one of the passengers; this was duly delivered and read and a verbal reply given to be taken back to London

*Jerry, say that my answer was, RECALLED TO LIFE.*

And as Jerry the messenger rode back to London he said over and over again to himself: *'Recalled to Life! That's a Blazing strange message!'*



Recalled to life: a blazing strange message.

That dying in which we all share by our baptism, the further dyings of our pilgrimage to our heavenly homeland and the dying that is at the heart of becoming a priest are only dyings so that we may be recalled to life.

And we need to remember what a blazing strange message this is. No half hearted commitment to being good and kind, to being honest and respectable. No comfortable, cosy religion. But the blazing strange message of being recalled to life.

It is a message that is both life giving and life enhancing, a message that must be proclaimed in words but even more lived in reality.

If we have died with Christ we shall also rise with him. To go back to St Paul's letter to the Romans *'we were buried therefore with him by baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life'*

Fr Gilbert Shaw, whom Ben and I know through our life as Associates of the Community of the Servants of the Will of God wrote prophetically:

*If we can give ourselves to prayer, God will do all things. We are meeting a new situation in the world today, that of a pagan society to which the only answer is the demonstration of what living for God means. Why is the Church so ineffective? It is through lack of prayer.*

*In all the crisis periods of history it has been through the witness of the suffering saints that the Church has been purified and new patterns of order have been brought into the disordered world. The real flame of utter givenness - that is world saving.*

*We are not to recover the traditionalism of some recent past that trusts to conservatism for security, that is blind to the present judgement upon the world. We must recover the great tradition that life comes through death. That is surely the meaning of the Gospel for today. It is through dying in Christ's death that men come alive in his resurrection.*

Brothers and sisters, we share, here and now, in the dying in Christ's death that men come alive in his resurrection.

If Ordination and the other Sacraments are about dying the Eucharist is the other side of that coin. This is where we eat and drink the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation; this is where the death we have undergone like Christ on the Cross is defeated by the Power and Wisdom of God, by the Life-giving Spirit. Here we are recalled to life

And those of us who have the privilege of ministerial priesthood are called to show forth that blazing strange message in a special and unique way.

Each time when Christ through our words gives forgiveness and absolution, each time when with our hands and our lips Christ takes bread and wine and transforms them into his Body and Blood the blazing strange message ceases to be just words and becomes reality.

We are indeed recalled to life,

**Byddwch lawen; cadwch y Ffydd! – Be joyful; keep the faith!**



# Topical Issues Survey

**W**HEN issues like Women Bishops are discussed in Governing Body or in more local groups it is often said that we are seeking the mind of the Church on the issue. Yet there is doubt whether these elected bodies really represent the views of ordinary men and women in our church. One way of trying to find out what people really think is to use a research organisation which will seek to find a representative sample.

You may have read in the November 2012 issue of *New Directions* that a survey of views on topics of concern to Anglicans had been conducted and perhaps wondered if the same sort of responses would be forthcoming in Wales.

Well, over the summer Christian Research, a respected independent organisation, undertook a similar exercise on behalf of *Credo Cymru*. Because of the size of our country and church the base was smaller but was selected to cover as wide a spectrum of the population as possible.

One big advantage of this survey is that it is conducted on line and no one has to identify themselves or stand up and be counted. Thus we avoid the inevitable bias generated by having to declare one's views publicly. This is much more effective than looking for trends from votes in diocesan and deanery meetings where minority views are never easy to express.

In the survey conducted on our behalf almost half those surveyed were ordained and the rest were lay men and women. Just under 2/3<sup>rd</sup> were male. 43% or respondents were under 54 and 77% were married. There is a balanced spread across churchmanship/style of worship with a moderate inclination towards traditionalist Anglo Catholic or Central/Broad (55%)

The commitment of those surveyed could be seen from the fact that 95% of them attended church at least once a week with 71% more than once. 85% prayed daily or most days and 63% said the same about reading the Bible. In the light of that it was not surprising that over 70% said they had no doubts about the existence of God with another 26% saying that though they had doubts they still believed. Not surprisingly in the light of these facts over half said that their faith was the most important thing in their life with a further third saying that it was more important than most things in

their lives.

When it comes to statements about belief we find that in general well over 90% agree or strongly agree with basic tenets of the creed about the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit though there are some reservations about the virgin birth and the physical resurrection of Our Lord.

Clearly, of the many issues facing the Church in Wales at the moment the one we were most concerned about was the possibility of the consecration of women as bishops. In Question 10 55% said that this should happen within the next 5-10 years or when a greater consensus is reached among all the churches or never with less than half saying as soon as possible.

If the Church were to proceed along this road more than two thirds (70%) consider that those opposed to the ordination of female bishops are faithful Anglicans who should not be forced out of the Church in Wales are should be enabled to stay in the Church in Wales by some form of provision which meets their position of conscience while only 4% think they have no business of being in the Church in Wales any longer. 27% feel that there should be greater consensus before proceeding with this innovation.

Looking at the Anglican Covenant over half those taking part did not think that Provinces should be free to pursue their own agendas with 76% saying that they must be accountable to each other of the Communion is to survive. 44% said that the Church in Wales should side with the conservative provinces of Africa and Asia rather than the liberal ones of North America.

Looking at bishops in the Church in Wales now 88% thought it important that they should be faithful to biblical teaching, with a similar number saying they should be innovative in terms of strategic decision making. 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of those responding thought bishops should have a minimum of 10 years parochial experience and a large majority thought they should respond to social issues. Opinion was fairly evenly divided on whether we had the right system for appointing bishops though nearly half thought there should be an open application process.

There are a number of other issues touched on in the survey and if anyone would like to see the results in full we can email a copy to you if you contact me on [alanrabjohns@ntlworld.com](mailto:alanrabjohns@ntlworld.com)

## Some extracts from the survey.

You might find the following useful in helping you consider how you answer Questions 10 & 11. Those who, in conscience, are unable to accept the introduction of women priests and bishops are often characterised by some fellow Christians as being sexist and out of touch with the modern world. Others, such as Archbishop Rowan Williams, prefer to characterise them as acting in obedience to their interpretation of Holy scripture and the historic tradition of the Church (an interpretation shared by the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches).

10. Having carefully considered the issue as best you can, which of the following statements most closely match your opinion?

*I would like to see the consecration of female bishops in the Church in Wales...*

As soon as possible	Within the next 5 – 10 years	When a consensus is reached among all churches	Never
39 (46.8%)	47 (15.8%)	70 (23.6%)	41 (13.8%)

11. Please indicate which of the following most closely represents your view *I believe that those opposed to the ordination of women...*

Have no business being in the Church in Wales any longer	Have had adequate time to get used to the idea	Are faithful Anglicans who should not be forced out of the Church in Wales because they cannot accept women bishops as a matter of conscience	Should be enabled to stay in the Church in Wales by means of some form of provision which meets their position of conscience	Should have the right to veto the introduction of women bishops
12 (4.1%)	60 (20.3%)	117 (39.5%)	88 (29.7%)	19 (6.4%)



# Editorial

**T**HE Church in Wales has itself identified that it has as its responsibility and at its disposal for mission: 1,430 places of worship, 350 church halls and parish rooms, 696 houses for parish priests, 168 Church in Wales schools, 21,261 children and young people in those schools.

Let us pray for those places of worship, those buildings, those schools, those children, those opportunities for mission, those chances to spread the gospel message. Let us recognise the responsibility that comes with those kind of numbers and let us embrace the missional opportunities that they give to us.

In this time of the Church in Wales review, in a time of change, decision making and sometimes conflict, help us to focus on the right kind of figures and to pray for growth.

God we thank you that you are a God of the journey. You watch over us in our coming and our going and you are always with us. We ask that you will always direct and rule our hearts and

help us to know your will for our lives. Guide the leaders of the Church in their journeys. Send your Spirit to lead them so that they may be faithful shepherds.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons and the ministry of all the baptised. We pray for all those places in the world whose journey through life is troubled by war and violence and hunger. We pray for those people who have a difficult journey to make, people who are not safe or happy, people who do not have a home or someone to care for them. Father we ask you to look after all those people who are tired of the journey who are ill or hurting.

We ask you to walk with them and make them know your presence. Be with us as we make our everyday journeys, help us to include you in everything we do. Thank you God for sending us your Son to show us how to walk the journey of life with you. Help us in the Church in Wales to grow as the body of Christ in the knowledge and love of you our Lord and Saviour.

## One Generation from Extinction

**T**HE author of this book, Mark Griffiths talked to a number of people at a diocesan training event about his book and some of the concepts that it is based on. Key to his theories about work with children and young people are the principles of the early days of Sunday School in the church. Sunday School began with a man called Robert Raikes in c.1780. Raikes was a man who saw a need in his community and responded to it, this response to a need should always be at the beginning of evangelism.

Sunday school children predominantly came from unchurched backgrounds and within eight years of the start of the movement there were 300,000 children connected with the church through Sunday School. By 1910, according to Mark Griffiths, figures show that 85% of children were in contact with the church in this way.

The principles in early Sunday School, Griffiths identifies as such;

**Professional teachers** - the success of Sunday School was largely dependent upon the fact that teachers were recruited carefully and they were people equipped, willing and able to do the job. Sunday School declined when educationalists stepped in and required more structure, in turn, requiring more teachers who were more difficult to recruit. The system ended up recruiting poorer teachers in the time of need and therefore the scheme itself suffered.

**Young people as leaders** - This point is key to keeping and growing children in church. If they are reached by Sunday School then the aim is to nurture them to a point where they themselves can become leaders, giving them ownership and a sense of belonging.

**Recruit to a vision** - When looking for people to lead Sunday School, or any kind of ministry with children and young people, it is important that they are recruited not just because it's something that needs to be done and needs somebody to do it. It is a vital ministry and the vision needs to be communicated to people who are receptive to that vision.

**Training** - Griffiths' statistics show that 92%

of the projects that are reaching more than 100 children had leaders who had been to a training session in the last twelve months. Teachers need to be recruited and trained professionally to ensure the quality of what is being offered.

**Rewards, Prizes and Incentives** - Griffiths' proposes the use of incentives to encourage attendance, this element of hospitality is important to make the children feel secure and at home. Offering food and drink is a Biblical principle of welcome. More importantly even than this is Griffiths' suggestion to offer these prizes for things that in general, society doesn't reward. Not for sporting prowess or musical ability but for kindness, gentleness or self control.

**Responding to a need** - Griffiths returns to this important catalyst for evangelism. That whatever is done in the name of Jesus to work with children and young people is done in the context of a social dimension which takes into account the circumstances and situations of those children.

**Hymn singing and prayer** - Griffiths argues that this is part of the community that is built up by Sunday School type groups and that song is also a way of teaching theology. Research has also shown that children and young people want to be more of a part of liturgy and worship in churches, not just singing but a more profound involvement. This, it could be argued is there desire for a sacramental involvement and response.

**Community Links** - One of the most important points made by Griffiths is that as much as projects such as Sunday School might succeed in bringing children to church, it is also vital that the message of Jesus is brought to people where they are and that what happens in Sunday School links back to the every day lives of the children who attend.

**Church Links** - In the same way, the Sunday School or youth project that happens in a church cannot be an 'add on' to what happens on a Sunday morning, it cannot be an 'optional extra'. What is crucial is that the work with children and young people is embedded at the centre of what is done as whole church family.

Byddwch lawen; cadwch y Ffydd! – Be joyful; keep the faith!

# Template for a Youth Group Session

- This session is designed to be used as part of a series teaching about the Bible
- Old or New Testament game – draw a line across the room and ask the young people to all stand on one side of it. Draw names of books of the Bible out a hat and ask the young people to jump to one side if they think it is Old Testament and the other side if they think it is New Testament
- Discuss the Books of the Bible, how many? Introduce the idea that some books are letters
- Game – write a letter as a group one word at a time to tell someone about Jesus. Say one word each going round the circle.

Paul wrote lots of letters, the one we're going to think about today is his letter to the Ephesians.

Ephesians - Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God – the Bible as our tool for Salvation

Bible race to find Ephesians 6:10-20 (give two young people a Bible each and say the reference only twice, they race to see who can find the chapter and verse first!) Ephesians 6:10-20

Put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the **belt** of truth buckled around your waist, with the armour of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the **shoes** to preach the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, to defend you from the evil one. Take the **helmet** of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**Get people to try on – a selection of belts, shoes and hats. When might you wear certain ones?**

Message – we need the right equipment for the right job.

God says that he gives us the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. He gives us the Bible, the word of God to help us in our lives. But this isn't so that we can fight or hurt other people, it's so that we can win against things which try to hurt us or which make our lives difficult. Think of things we've already learned. If I'm having a bad day and

perhaps feeling really sad I can think about Psalm 23, think about Jesus being my good shepherd and leading me to places that are good, I might be like some of you who have wandered off when I was supposed to be following but he will bring me back. The Bible helps us to know God and to know Jesus so that he can help us every day.

Saul was a man who has been persecuting people who follow Jesus. He is making a journey to a place called Damascus.

Split into groups – to rehearse a drama about Paul's conversion then perform to everyone to tell the story

Message – Saul becomes Paul and becomes a person who uses the word of God to tell people about Jesus.

Activity - How do we spread the good news today? Church, Youth Group, School, talking to friends, doing things in the community, advertising... What is the message? Love, Salvation, Good News, God loves you... Making t-shirts to spread the message like an advert (buy plain white t-shirts and transfers or graffiti pens, get the young people to put their name on the back and design the message on the front for the world to know.

Liturgy – light a candle and come together for prayer God our Father who showed us you love us by sending your Son who died to save us from our sins and to give us new life. He brings us to know you and calls us to be his friends.

**We have heard the message of the Good News**

God our Saviour, Jesus taught people about how good you are and about how you have looked after your people forever. People followed Jesus and listened to what he had to say about you. Help us to help other people to follow him.

**We have heard the message of the Good News**

God our Friend, in our every day lives there are opportunities to do good things, to say good things and to show people your love and your message. Help us to live life as a follower of Jesus and to make new disciples.

**We have heard the message of the Good News**

Finally say the Lord's prayer together before joining in a time of food and fellowship.

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## To all 'would be' contributors to *Province*

I hope that all those who read *Province* are in some way fed by what is on these pages. I encourage you to read and to ponder whether there is something that you could contribute yourself. Nothing is too short or about too small a matter. Poetry, prose, topical articles, book reviews, features, matters of interest, non-theological issues, pictures, adverts, good news stories!

There are so many things that can be covered here and I encourage you all to consider yourselves as contributors.

Please think about it and perhaps send something in for the next issue (by April 23rd)

It would be great to hear from you.

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### All Saints South Wimbledon

**Palm Sunday**  
11am Blessing of Palm Crosses,  
Procession and Solemn Mass  
**Tuesday to Wednesday** - Services Daily  
**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Solemn Mass and Vigil 'til Midnight  
**Good Friday**  
12 noon Stations of the Cross  
1pm Liturgy of the Day  
**Holy Saturday**  
8.30pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
11am Solemn Mass  
Fr Michael Blackman 020 8542 2787

### St John the Evangelist Queens Road, Clevedon, BS21 7TH

*An ABC and FIF registered parish*  
**Palm Sunday - 24th March 2013**  
10.30am Blessing of Palms, Procession &  
Parish Mass: Celebrant Bishop of Taunton  
**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Mass of the Last Supper  
followed with procession to the  
Altar of Repose & Watch  
**Good Friday**  
2pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Blessing of the New Fire, Vigil of  
Readings & First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day - Sunday 31st March 2013**  
10.30am Blessing of Easter Garden  
& Parish Mass  
Parish Priest: Fr Roger Jackson SSC  
01275 341830

### The Annunciation Chislehurst

**Palm Sunday**  
8am Low Mass  
9.45am Procession and Parish Eucharist  
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**  
8am & 7.30pm Low Mass  
**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Solemn Eucharist followed by  
Watch at the Altar of Repose  
**Good Friday**  
Watch at the Altar of Repose from 8am  
12 noon Stations of the Cross  
3pm The Liturgy  
**Holy Saturday** 9pm Liturgy  
**Easter Day**  
8am Holy Communion  
10am Solemn Eucharist  
6pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction  
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### The Parish of Swinton & Pendlebury

**PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
**Palm Sunday**  
8 am & 5.30pm Mass at St Peter, Swinton  
M27 OWA  
Blessing of Palms, etc, & Sung Mass  
9.30am at All Saints', Wardley M27 9UG  
10.30am at St Peter's and at Saint Augustine,  
Pendlebury M27 8UX at 11am  
4pm Stations of the Cross at All Saints'  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper in  
all three churches, followed by the watch at  
the altar of repose, at All Saints and Saint  
Augustine until 9.30pm  
and at St Peter until 12 midnight  
**Good Friday**  
10am Stations of the Cross at St Peter  
12 noon Liturgy of the Day at Saint Augustine  
3pm Liturgy of the Day at St Peter  
7.30pm Liturgy of the Day at All Saints  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm The Easter Vigil at St Peter,  
followed by an Easter Party  
**Easter Sunday**  
8am & 5.30pm Mass at St Peter  
9.30am Festival Mass at All Saints  
10.30am Festival Mass at St Peter  
12.15pm Baptisms & Mass at St Peter  
**Easter Monday**  
11am Solemn Mass at St Peter  
7.30pm Mass at All Saints'  
For full details of all services, times at which the  
office is said, and for the sacrament of repentance,  
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magazine, or contact the clergy.  
Fr Jeremy Sheehy, Rector: 0161 794 1578  
Fr Paul Hutchins, Team Vicar: 0161 794 4298

### St John & St Mary Magdalene Goldthorpe & St Wilfred, Hickleton

**Palm Sunday**  
Procession of Palms and Parish Mass  
9am at Hickleton, 10.30am at Goldthorpe  
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**  
7pm Mass and Address at Goldthorpe  
**Wednesday**  
12 noon Chrism Mass at Goldthorpe  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
at Goldthorpe  
**Good Friday**  
10.30am Children's Stations of the  
Cross at Goldthorpe  
12noon Stations of the Cross at Hickleton  
2.30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
at Goldthorpe  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Easter Vigil at Goldthorpe  
**Easter Day**  
9am Parish Mass at Hickleton  
10.30am at Goldthorpe  
Fr Carl Schaefer 01709 898426

### St Andrew's Croydon

**Palm Sunday**  
10am Mass & Procession of Palms  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass with Washing of  
Feet and Watch 'til Midnight  
**Good Friday**  
2pm Presanctified Rite with  
Veneration  
**Easter Morning**  
10am Vigil Mass  
Fr Keith Sylvia 020 8667 1353

### Saint Cyprian of Carthage Lancaster Road, Sneinton

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### All Saints South Kirkby

**Palm Sunday**  
10am Parish Mass  
and Palm Procession  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7pm Mass of the Lord's  
Supper and Vigil  
**Good Friday**  
2pm The Liturgy  
**Easter Day**  
10am Parish Mass  
Parish Priest: Fr Timothy Kaye  
01977 642795

### THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST HELEN AUCKLAND West Auckland Bishop Auckland

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2013**  
**Palm Sunday** 10am Commemoration of the Lord's  
Entrance into Jerusalem and Parish Mass  
6pm Evensong and Stations of the Cross  
**Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week**  
7pm Holy Mass and Devotion  
**Wednesday in Holy Week** 10am Holy Mass and  
Devotion 7pm Mass and Stations of the Cross  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by  
The Watch of the Passion until Midnight  
**Good Friday** 2pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
2pm Children's Good Friday Liturgy  
**Holy Saturday** 7.30pm The Easter Vigil and First  
Mass of Easter followed by Fireworks and Parish Party  
**Easter Sunday** 10am SOLEMN MASS with  
Children's Club followed by drinks in the Parish Centre  
6pm Festival Evensong & Benediction  
Preacher for Holy Week and Easter  
Brother Stephen CR  
The Revd Canon Robert McLeer SSC  
01388 604152  
[www.sthelenschurch.co.uk](http://www.sthelenschurch.co.uk)

### Holy Trinity Upper Brook Street, Winchester

**Palm Sunday**  
10.30am Procession and Parish Mass  
**Monday** 7pm Mass  
**Tuesday** 10am Mass  
**Wednesday** 7pm Mass  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7pm Mass of the Last Supper & Vigil  
**Good Friday**  
10am Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross  
12 noon Liturgy  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Easter Ceremonies and  
First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
10.30am Solemn Mass & Blessing of  
the Easter Garden  
6pm Evensong & Benediction  
Contact Fr Malcolm Jones 01962 810223

### The Parishes of St Barnabas & St Thomas, Oxford

*Traditional liturgy, music and ceremonial*  
**Palm Sunday**  
10.30am Blessing of Palms (at School),  
Procession and High Mass  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper  
with Washing of Feet and Vigil  
**Good Friday**  
10am Children's Service  
12 noon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Lighting of New Fire,  
Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
8am Low Mass  
9.00 am Low Mass at St.Thomas the Martyr  
10.30 am Procession and High Mass  
6.30 pm Choral Evensong and Benediction  
at St Thomas the Martyr  
Fr Jonathan Beswick SSC  
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[www.sbarnabas.org.uk](http://www.sbarnabas.org.uk)

### Saint Catherine's Burnley

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
Said Mass 8.15am  
Parish Mass 10.30am  
Evensong & Benediction 6.30pm  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
Parish Mass 7pm  
Watch until 12 midnight  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
Stations of the Cross: Children 10.30am  
Stations of the Cross: Adults 11:00am  
The Solemn Liturgy 12 noon  
Church open for Silent Prayer 5-6pm  
**HOLY SATURDAY**  
Easter Vigil &  
FIRST Mass of the Resurrection 8pm  
**EASTER DAY**  
Said Mass 8.15am  
FAMILY MASS 10.30am  
Evensong & Benediction 6.30pm  
For other times please contact  
Father Roger Parker 07977 291166  
or see our website  
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### The Good Shepherd Furnham, Chard

**Palm Sunday**  
9.45am Sung Mass  
**Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday**  
7.30pm Low Mass and Address  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Sung Mass  
and Watch 'til Midnight  
**Good Friday**  
2pm The Liturgy  
**Easter Eve**  
8.30pm Easter Vigil and  
First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
9.45am Sung Mass  
Parish Priest: Fr Jeff Williams

### Parish Church of S Anselm, Hatch End

**Palm Sunday**  
8am Mass 10am Blessing of Palms,  
Procession and Parish Mass  
**Mon, Tues & Weds**  
9.30am & 8pm Mass  
**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by  
Watch at Altar of Repose until Midnight  
**Good Friday**  
10am Stations of the Cross,  
3pm Good Friday Liturgy  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day**  
8am Mass  
10am Blessing of Easter Garden  
and Parish Mass  
4pm Evensong & Benediction  
Contact: Fr Pearce  
020 8428 4111

### St Luke's Holbrooks, Coventry

**Holy Thursday**  
Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7.30pm  
**Good Friday**  
Celebration of the Liturgy of the  
Lord's Passion 3pm  
**Holy Saturday**  
Easter Vigil 7.30pm  
**Easter Day**  
Mass at 8am and 10am  
Contact Fr Kit Dunkley  
024 7688 8604

### The Parish Church of St Saviour

Smallthorne, Stoke on Trent  
[www.smallthorne.org](http://www.smallthorne.org)  
**Palm Sunday**  
10.45am Procession of Palms  
11am Parish Mass, 6pm Stations of  
the Cross and Benediction  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Good Friday**  
2pm Liturgy of the Day  
**Holy Saturday**  
8pm Vigil, Renewal of Baptism  
Vows and Mass  
**Easter Sunday**  
11am Parish Mass and Baptisms  
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### Mission Community of the Sacred Heart Plymouth Holy Week

**Palm Sunday at St Simon's**  
11.00 Solemn Palm Liturgy,  
Procession and Mass  
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
at St Mary's**  
19.30 Low Mass with Hymns and Address  
**Maundy Thursday at St Johns**  
20.00 Solemn Liturgy of The Lord's Supper with  
Mandatum & Watch  
**Good Friday at St Gabriel's**  
15.00 Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
**Holy Saturday at St Johns**  
20.00 Solemn Paschal Vigil and  
First Mass of Easter  
**Easter Day at St Gabriel's**  
11.00 Solemn Mass of the Resurrection  
Frlan Chandler SSC Archdeacon of Plymouth  
will lead Holy Week and the Triduum  
For confession and Stations  
of the Cross call Fr Keith Haydon  
Tel 01752 220644

### St Dunstan's, Cranford Park

**Palm Sunday** Palm Sunday Liturgy  
10.30am, St Dunstan's, Cranford Park  
**Monday - Wednesday**  
Mass 10am, St Dunstan's  
Mass 7.30pm, Holy Angels  
(Except Tuesday morning of Holy Week when we  
shall be at the Chrism Mass at St Alban's, Holborn)  
**Maundy Thursday**  
Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and Watch until  
Midnight - 8pm, Holy Angels  
**Good Friday**  
Stations of the Cross for Children - 11am, Holy  
Angels  
Liturgy of the Passion - 3pm, St Dunstan's  
Stations of the Cross - 7.30pm, Our Lady's,  
Catholic Church  
**Holy Saturday**  
Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Vigil,  
Renewal of Baptismal Vows & First Mass of  
Easter - 8pm, Holy Angels  
**Easter Day**  
Parish Mass - 10.30am, St Dunstan's  
Solemn Evensong and Benediction  
5.30pm - Holy Angels  
Rector, Fr Michael Gill SSC 0208 897 8836

### All Saints Small Heath Birmingham B10

*Preacher for Holy Week  
Fr Nicolas Stebbing CR*  
**Maundy Thursday**  
8pm Solemn Mass and Watch  
**Good Friday**  
3pm Solemn Liturgy  
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**Holy Saturday**  
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**Easter Day**  
10am Parish Mass  
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Procession and High Mass at 11.00  
Byrd - *Atollite Portas*  
Victoria - *St Matthew Passion*  
**28th March - Maundy Thursday**  
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Byrd 4 Part Mass  
Byrd Ave Verum Corpus  
**29th March - Good Friday**  
Stations of the Cross 11.00  
Liturgy of the Day at 12.00  
Victoria - *St John Passion*  
Anerio - *Crux Fidelis*  
Bruckner - *Christus factus est*  
**30th March - Holy Saturday**  
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Dave - *Missa Brevis*  
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# Caption Competition

We were not told when we received the photograph of Fr John Stather on the London Underground Railway whether he was entertaining his fellow passengers with the wonderful old Music Hall song, (Verse) "Now, how I came to get this hat is very strange and funny; grandfather died and left to me his property and money. But when the Will it was read out, it told me straight and flat: if you will have his money, you must always wear his hat." (Spoken) So, now everywhere I go, people shout after me: (Chorus) "Where did you get that hat, where did you get that tile? Isn't it a nobby one, and just the proper style! I should like to have one just the same as that." Where'er I go, they shout, "Hello! Where did you get that hat?" – but it would certainly have been appropriate if he was heading towards the East End.

Most entrants, like Fr Mervyn Jennings, followed that theme with suggestions on the lines of "If you want to get ahead, get a hat."

The book token this time, however, will wing its way to Norman Askew for a slightly different view: "It's high time they banned Frisbees on the Underground."

This time, travelling north to Manchester, we find Fr David Sutton. We would be interested to know what you think he is up to!

Entries, please, to:  
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## Spring Kitchen

### Steamed Puddings

A light and versatile favourite with the family especially when served with freshly prepared pouring custard.

#### INGREDIENTS:

##### Serves 4

2 oz Sugar  
2 oz Butter  
1 Egg  
5 oz Self Raising Flour  
Pinch of Baking Powder  
Water to mix (Equal to one egg)

This is the "basic" sponge recipe.

For a SYRUP / JAM / MARMALADE sponge you will need 2 tbsps. of your choice placed in the bottom of the pudding basin.

For a CHERRY (glace) sponge you will need 1 ½ oz. placed in the bottom of the pudding basin.

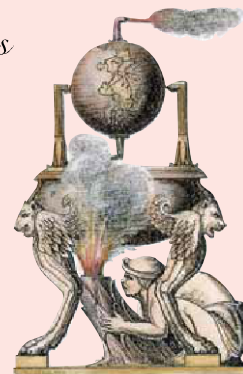
For a FRUIT sponge you will need 3 oz. dried fruit to fold into the sponge mixture.

For a CHOCOLATE sponge replace 1 oz. of flour with 1 oz of cocoa powder, (not hot chocolate powder).

#### METHOD:

Have a 2 pint pudding basin ready (I use one with a snap on lid), a large saucepan and a kettleful of boiling water. In a bowl blend the Sugar and Butter then beat until light and fluffy. Add the Egg and beat again.

If you have a favourite recipe to share, please send it to Sandra Fowles  
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Sift the Flour(s) before gently folding into the mixture until combined. Add the water until the correct consistency is achieved. Then, without disturbing the contents of the pudding basin, add the mixture to it.

You should first grease the basin if you are making a Cherry or a Chocolate pudding. Cover the basin with the lid.

Have a little hot water in the bottom of the saucepan. Lower the basin into the pan and then top it up with boiling water to exceed the level of the sponge in the pudding basin.

Reduce the heat to allow the water to simmer. Continue steaming for 1 ¼ hours adding more boiling water as necessary.

Don't let it boil dry! Turn out on to a large warmed plate and serve.



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Monday 15 April at 6.30 pm

St Alban the Martyr, Holborn

Solemn Pontifical Mass

with the Commissioning of Dr Colin Podmore  
as Director of Forward in Faith

Principal Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Revd Jonathan Baker  
Bishop of Fulham, Chairman of Forward in Faith  
Representative priest members of Forward in Faith  
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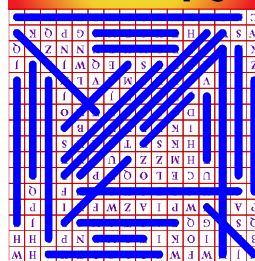
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# THERE WERE GIANTS IN THE LAND

## A series of portraits of great Anglo-Catholics

**ON THURSDAY** 21st February this year the parish of St Alban the Martyr, Holborn, celebrated the 150th anniversary of the church's consecration. The church, rebuilt after being almost totally destroyed by bombing in the Second World War, has from its beginning been at the forefront of the Catholic movement in the Church of England. One of the parts that survived the bombing is the beautiful small chapel to the left of the entrance to the church itself, dedicated to the memory of its first Vicar, Fr Mackonochie. A fearless pioneer of the revival of dignified and reverent ceremonial in the services of the Church, he was mercilessly persecuted by extreme Protestants. After twenty-five years of devoted service to the poor of London, he died, confused and lost in a snow storm in the forest of Mamore whilst staying with his friend the Bishop of Argyll.

### Catholic Revival

From the beginning of his work in Holborn, Mackonochie was supported by Arthur Henry Stanton, one of the greatest and most attractive figures of the Catholic Revival. Sixty years after his death there was a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving for his life and work. It was a wonderful service, with a number of people there who had known or heard him. The address, a fitting and worthy tribute, was given by a fine and powerful preacher, Fr Colin Gill, of St Magnus the Martyr, London bridge. At the end, he paused and said, "You will notice that at the beginning I gave you no text. I give it now. From the Book of Genesis, chapter 6, verse 4: There were giants in the land in those days." It was a moment which I have never forgotten. To that we owe the title of this series of portraits of those who, with Stanton, changed the face of the Church of England. Give thanks for him on the centenary of his death this year, on Maundy Thursday.

### Vocation

Born in Stroud, Gloucestershire, on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1839, he was the youngest of eleven children. It was a Christian family, and the young Arthur took his religion seriously.

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## Arthur Henry Stanton SSC 1839 – 1913

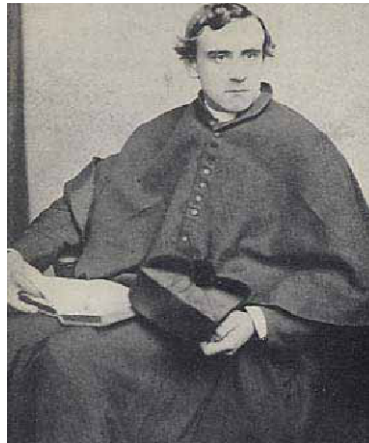
He was fond of churches and enjoyed attending services. His father, a former naval officer, was a successful manufacturer who sent his son to be educated at Rugby and Trinity College, Oxford. He arrived in Oxford in 1858, and in the following year came under the influence of Dr H.P. Liddon, Vice-Principal of St Edmund Hall and Dr Pusey's friend and biographer, and one of the noted preachers of the time.

### Holborn mission

After taking his degree, Stanton moved on to Cuddesdon where he spent six months in training with Robert Suckling (with whom he would later work) and Edward King, later the saintly Bishop of Lincoln. His holidays were spent working in the missionary district of Holborn, a squalid and overcrowded slum soon to become St Alban's parish. There he accepted a title with Fr Mackonochie and was made deacon in Advent 1862, priest at Trinity 1864. The church building was not completed until February 1863, so his first services were conducted in a cellar off the Gray's Inn Road. Bishop Tait warned him that if he went to St Alban's he should expect no preferment. For the rest of his ministry he neither sought nor received preferment, instead he worked for fifty years as honorary assistant curate. His wealth, his health and strength, his gifts and talents were all dedicated to the service of God and his people. He lived simply, spending little on himself (and then not the capital that had been left to him, but only the interest), but giving lavishly to the church and to the poor.

### Sacrificial love

From the first the building of the church and the establishment of catholic worship involved great struggles. There were struggles against poverty and unbelief. Fr



'Mr' Stanton to the outside world, and 'Father' to the people of St Alban's, but to many thousands who knew him as comrade, friend and guide, he was known affectionately as 'Dad'.

### Persecution

Because of its proximity to the City of London, St Alban's became an early target for ritual protests. From the beginning Fr Mackonochie and his curates brought beauty and music into the dark and discordant lives of their worshippers. The Mass and the recitation of the Offices were the centre of their daily worship, and confession at the heart

of their teaching. From 1867 onwards Mackonochie was brought before one court after another by protestors who objected to the forms of worship introduced to the new church. Complaints over candles and vestments, posture and intonation were issued constantly. After 15 years of this the vicar was broken in health and forced to resign. This relentless persecution had its inevitable effect on the other clergy including Stanton. Early in his ministry, Fr Stanton had made his mark as a preacher. He took as his model the famous Baptist preacher Charles Spurgeon and had lessons in elocution from the great actor-manager Sir Henry Irving. Bishop Wilberforce attended a High Mass to see for himself what this new 'Ritualism' was. He heard Stanton preach, and wrote in his diary, "he preached an earnest useful, practical sermon on fasting, its duties, uses, difficulties and temptations – thoroughly evangelical, but rather an imitation of Liddon." As the years passed, Stanton drew enormous crowds on Sundays for the sermons and on Mondays for the mission service and addresses; but because of the ritual troubles, he was forbidden to preach in many places. Speaking at a meeting in 1907 he said that he had never preached a mission or taken a retreat outside the parish since 1875. He was by all accounts a very great preacher. He prepared his sermons thoroughly, and preached without notes. Volumes of notebooks of careful outlines (some published by his colleague Fr Russell) were found in his study after his death. A book of sermons noted verbatim by a shorthand expert also exists and provides an insight into his style. But those who heard him say that what made it a memorable experience was partly the reverence and love and faith of the man himself, and partly the vividness with which he presented his theme. It

was a wonderful combination of Evangelical fervour and Catholic teaching.

### Loving and beloved

In 1907 there was a great meeting at Holborn Town Hall to mark his forty-five years of ministry at St Alban's. He was presented with a chalice and paten, pictures of St Paul's Cathedral where he had been ordained, of St Alban's itself, and among other tributes, an address of love and loyalty signed by 3,600 men. His own speech was entirely in keeping with the occasion and the man himself: humorous and serious by turns, 'the revelation', wrote one observer 'of utter goodness, humanity and unselfish humility'. Surrounded by the love of so many people, he continued his ministry at St Alban's for another five years. On the last Sunday in November 1912, despite feeling ill, he said the early Mass and preached at the High Mass, as it proved, for the last time. He was nursed in the clergy house until January, then taken to his old home in Stroud to be cared for by his sister. His old friend and colleague of forty-six years, Fr Russell took him his communion on the Thursday after Easter, and he died the next morning, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1913. "If he wills it, I am willing", were his last recorded words, just before the end.

### A great man

His body was brought back to St Alban's for the funeral. After the requiem it was taken for burial in the parish burial ground at Brookwood. The streets from Holborn to Waterloo Station were lined with many thousands of ordinary people whose lives he had touched. His four colleagues, Frs Suckling, Russell, Hogg and Pearkes, walked on either side of the bier and a hundred other priests followed in procession. "A great man, a great Catholic Christian, a great preacher, a great friend: but above all, a great lover of our Lord Jesus Christ", said one tribute.

### Memorial

He had been a friend and admirer of the architect Ninian Comper, and it was to him that Fr Russell turned to design a chantry chapel at the east end of the south aisle of St Alban's in Stanton's memory. Details of the design and photographs of the completed work, which included a stone tomb-chest with a bronze effigy and a marble altar, can be seen in *Sir Ninian Comper* by Symondson and Bucknall (Spire Books 2006). Fr Russell described the completed work as "one of the superb monuments of modern times, erected to perpetuate one of the worthiest of the men who have been God's gift to us." Tragically, it was destroyed in the bombing; but the memory of Stanton lives on to encourage and inspire.

I.G.B.