

Crunch time for the Church

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A Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus prayed: 'May they be completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me.'

As Bishops standing in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England, we write to encourage and support all those who stand in that tradition. The celebrations of the Queen's diamond jubilee have reminded us of the important bonds that exist within our nation between the monarch, the Church, and the people of this land. The celebrations have also underlined the value of tradition as something that is always alive and dynamic, while remaining true to its character and inheritance.

A sense of the dynamism of Christian tradition is familiar to us from other celebrations and texts. We speak of our inheritance of faith as one which "the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation." These words are declared before every bishop, priest and deacon and congregation at ordinations and when new ministry is authorised by the bishop's licence.

Remaining faithful and obedient to this commission is a challenging task. The ordination of women has opened up divisions over what is and what is not a legitimate development of our inheritance. We shall see those divisions played out again at the General Synod in July. We believe that the Church of England must keep its pledge to recognise that many in the Catholic tradition cannot in conscience receive the sacramental ministry of women priests and bishops.

How are we to face the tensions of that debate? What positive message do we as Anglo-Catholics have to give to the Church and to our nation about our distinctive contribution to the dynamics of our Church, and particularly the call to holiness, a growing into the likeness of Christ, which has been so much part of the tradition of catholic spirituality?

Firstly, we must say something about diversity. At the heart of our theological tradition is an acceptance that the Church of England is enriched by the range of viewpoints within its spectrum. We are committed to the recognition of this diversity and to the liberty that protects it. Of course, the defence of liberty is one of the functions of justice and law, of which the monarch is guardian and symbol.

Secondly, we assert that respect for this diversity needs to find expression in unity as the foundation for our mission, not only as Anglicans, but also with other Christians. We have the task of patient reiteration that truth, not personal preference, commits us to referencing the inherited wisdom of Catholicism in the great traditions of East and West. Arising from this, our search for unity will commit us to continuing engagement with the ARCIC process and dialogue with the Orthodox Churches.

Thirdly, we must commit ourselves to the recovery of a vision for mission that interacts confidently with present and future realities. Recovery of confidence begins with realistic and humble engagement in the experiences and spiritual hunger of today's increasingly diverse and un-Churched society. In this, we may also have to acquire the humility to learn from the wisdom of others about how to interpret and use our distinctive inheritance of faith and practice.

We have a future; the seeds of renewal are sown within us.

The tensions of the next few weeks must not distract us from the task that lies beyond the General Synod vote on women bishops. Here is a call to action, to build afresh. The issue is simply one of vocation – new Christians entering our congregations, the confident nurturing of young people to train for priesthood and lay ministry.

As bishops we commit ourselves to work with you and for you in the months and years ahead to meet these challenges. Let us form a future in the Church of England that is better together in its defence of freedom, respect, diversity and unity, in order to be effective in our worship of almighty God, service of others, and converting articulation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

✠ Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Ebbsfleet
✠ Norman Banks, Bishop of Richborough
✠ John Ford, Bishop of Plymouth
✠ John Goddard, Bishop of Burnley
✠ Martyn Jarrett, Bishop of Beverley
✠ Nicholas Reade, Bishop of Blackburn

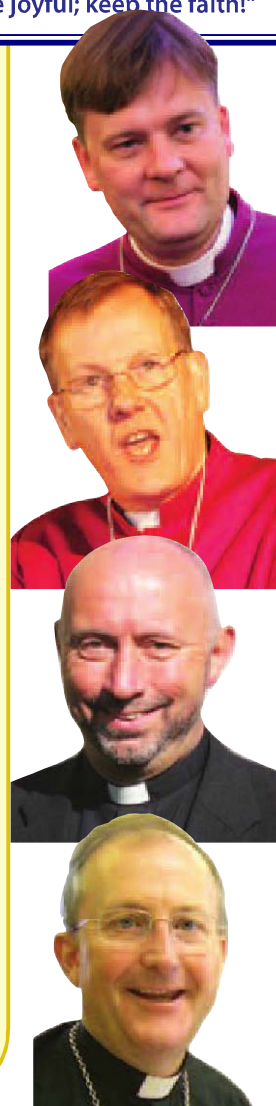
✠ Tony Robinson, Bishop of Pontefract
✠ Geoffrey Rowell, Bishop in Europe
✠ Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham
✠ Martin Warner, Bishop of Whitby (Chichester designate)
✠ Peter Wheatley, Bishop of Edmonton
✠ Lindsay Urwin

PROVINCE

Also in this issue:

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!"



in
this
issue



Fr Sam Philpot
MBE



Giants:
Charles Jenkinson



Forward Teaching:
Introducing the new team



The 'new'
Vicar

Funding Fallowfield's Future

Fr Patrick Davies explains how St Crispins is laying firm foundations for the future

ST CRISPIN'S former rectory in Fallowfield has seen better days – particularly its windows! Built in the 1920s, the single glazed window frames are rotten and panes are broken in many places.

This Forward in Faith parish is looking to transform the former rectory into an Anglo-catholic church but finance doesn't quite



stretch to doing more than a basic fix to the windows.

Fr Patrick Davies, priest at St Crispin's, Fallowfield has been a place of worship for more than 80

years. The great events of national life over those years have been celebrated here, as have events in the lives of its parishioners – the births, marriages and deaths of people who have lived and worshipped in this parish.

Although our former church building has now been demolished and is being transformed into much needed homes, St Crispin's is still very much alive: led by myself, we are celebrating the Mass each Sunday at 9.45 am at Fallowfield Methodist Community Church.

We want to continue to be the parish church for Fallowfield – to spread the gospel, to celebrate the sacraments.

Our aim is to transform the former six bedroom rectory on Hart Road into a wonderful church and community facility. In the first phase we are planning to do a basic reordering of the lower floor to accommodate a worship space

to seat 50, a lady chapel, a meeting room and a simple kitchen.

All of this costs money and that is something we are all short of these days. We have £200,000 to do a reordering of the former rectory but this does not cover the cost of much needed double glazed windows.



We need £35,000 to cover the cost of these windows which will make the place far more secure,

economic, comfortable, and eco-friendly.

Our target in this appeal is to raise £35,000 to safeguard the future of St Crispin's.

The parish will be glad to receive any donations, large or small, towards this project and you can

find out more information at:

www.stcrispin.org.uk

Please send all donations to: The Treasurer St Crispin's PCC, 296 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton, Manchester, M21 0UU - cheques should be made payable to St Crispin's PCC.



Fr Sam Bishop Norman comes North MBE

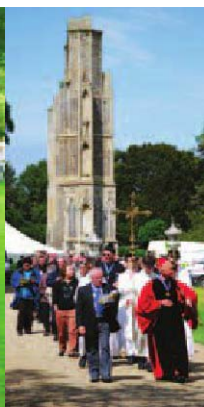
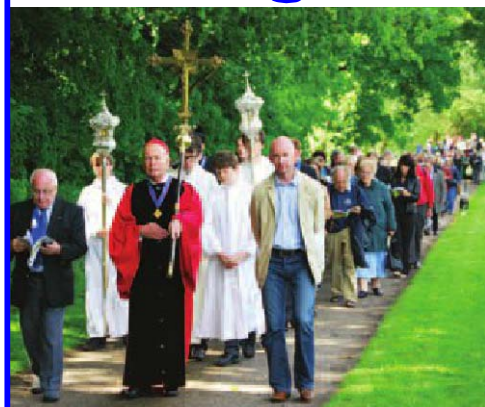


FIF COUNCIL member Fr Sam Philpott, Parish Priest of S. Peter's, Plymouth since 1978, pictured after his investiture as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

ALTHOUGH THE Saturday of the Diamond Jubilee weekend had other attractions, over two hundred members of FiF and the Society of Mary assembled at Ladywell for the annual joint pilgrimage to this ancient shrine. It was a joy to welcome Bp Norman Banks, Bishop of Richborough as principal celebrant at the Mass. The concelebrants wore the set of chasubles bought with donations given in memory of friends and family of NW SoM Ward members.



Walsingham 2012



Forward! plus is the quarterly newspaper of Forward in Faith

Pray for all FiF members and parishes

St Ambrose Westbourne Bournemouth

*A Forward in Faith Parish
with Resolutions ABC in place*

Sunday

8am Low Mass BCP
10am Sung Mass
Traditional Ceremonial,
modern Rite
6pm Evensong

Parish office
01202 766772

All Saints' Church Durham Road East Finchley N2 9PD

Sunday

8.00am Low Mass
10.00am PARISH MASS
6.00pm Vespers
6.30pm Benediction
Normal Weekday Services
Tuesday to Friday – 10.00am
Saturday – 11.30 am (Latin 1962)

Parish Priest:
Fr Christopher Hardy
020 8883 9315

*For current mass schedule, see
the mass rota and calendar at:
www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk*

St Saviour & St Peter Eastbourne

*(Town centre. 5 mins from bus,
railway stn. and sea)*

Sunday Mass

8am Said Mass
10.30am Solemn Mass
Daily Mass
*Magnificent Victorian Church
by G.E. Street*
Further details from
Fr Jeffery Gunn 01323 722317

St Paul the Apostle

Middle Way, Croxteth, Liverpool 11
*A Forward in Faith Parish in the pastoral
care of the Bishop of Beverley*

Sunday

9.30 am Mass (BCP)
11am SUNG MASS with Sunday School
followed by refreshments.

Weekdays

*Daily Mass. Sung Mass on Solemnities.
For times please contact Fr Brooks*
**Confession: Saturday 12.15pm
and by appointment**

Vicar: Fr Ian Brooks SSC Tel/fax: 0151 548
9009 e-mail: FrIGB@blueyonder.co.uk

SUNDERLAND ST MARY MAGDALENE

Wilson Street, Millfield
*A Forward in Faith Parish under the Extended
Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Beverley*
Fast Train from Kings Cross, Metro link to
Millfield (remember to turn LEFT on leaving
Millfield Station)

Website: www.st-marymagdalene.co.uk
E-mail: FrSkelsm@aol.com

Sunday:

Parish Mass 10.30, Benediction 18.30, L
ow Mass 19.00

Weekdays:

Mass 10.30 Mon & Wed, 19.30 Thurs, 7.30 Fri,
10.00 Sat. Rosary Thurs 19.15 & Sat 18.15.
Confessions 18.30 Sat or by appointment

15th Day of the Month

Dedicated to the work of Forward in Faith
Parish Priest: Beresford Skelton CMP SSC
0191 565 6318

St John the Baptist Leamington Spa

*Parish under the Episcopal care of the Bishop of
Ebbfleet - All Resolutions passed*

Daily Mass

Sunday: 8am Low Mass
9.30am Solemn High Mass
3.30pm The Rosary & Benediction
(1st Sunday)

*Traditional catholic worship
in a friendly atmosphere*

Parish Priest:

Fr David Lawson SSC
Tel: 01926 422208
www.fifparish.com/stjohnleamington

All Saints, Eastchurch Isle of Sheppey

Sunday - 10am Parish Mass.
Monday - 9.30am Said Mass.
Thursday - 7.30pm Said Mass

Contact Fr Barry Birch
01795 880205

The Parish of Swinton & Pendlebury Manchester

Sunday

8am & 5.30pm Mass, St Peter's
9.30am Sung Mass, All Saints'
10am Sung Mass, St Peter's
11am Sung Mass, St Augustine's

Fr Jeremy Sheehy, Rector
0161 794 1578
Fr Paul Hutchins, Team Vicar
0161 794 4298

Holy Trinity Ilkeston

Sunday - 11am Sung Mass,
6pm Sung Evensong
Tuesday - 9.30am Low Mass

Thursday - 7.30pm Holy
Communion

Parish Office 0115 932 0833

All Saints-with-St Saviours All Saints Road Weston-super-Mare B23 2NL

An ABC Parish

All are welcome

Sundays

8am Said Mass
10am Parish Mass (Choral)

Weekdays

10am Mass (Wed, Thu)
10am Walsingham Mass (2nd Sat)
10am Confraternity of the Blessed
Sacrament Mass (4th Sat)

Contact Fr Andrew Hughes SSC

Tel: 01934 204217

e-mail: allsaintsoffice@tiscali.co.uk

Visit our website

www.allsaintswsm.org

St Mary the Virgin St Marychurch Torquay

Sundays

8am Mass 10am Parish Mass
6.30pm Evensong &
Benediction

For information contact:
Curate on 01803 326203
or Churchwarden on
01803 690950

St Agnes with St Pancras

Toxteth Park, Liverpool L17 3BA

Sunday 10am Parish Mass
6.30pm Solemn Evensong
& Benediction

Weekday Mass: Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat

Canon Christopher Cook SSC
0151 733 1742
www.stagness.org.uk

Holy Trinity Upper Brook Street Winchester

*A Forward in Faith Church under
the Episcopal care of the Bishop of
Richborough - A B & C Resolutions*

Sunday: Sung Mass 10.30am

Weekday Masses:

Tues 10am, Thurs 12 noon

Contact Fr Malcolm Jones SSC
on 01962 810223 (Parish Office)
or Churchwarden:

John Kimber 01962 862524

email: enquiries@holyltrinitywinchester.co.uk

www.holytrinitywinchester.co.uk

St Clement's Bridge Street Cambridge

(A, B & C / FiF)

Sundays:

10am Sung Mass

*Services are
Traditional Rite
English Missal / BCP*

Contact:

01638 780261

Email:

cat@ast.cam.ac.uk

The Parishes of St Columba and St John the Evangelist Middlesbrough

St Columba

Sunday - Mass 9.30am

Daily Mass

St John

Sunday - 11am Sung Mass

For further information
contact Fr Stephen Cooper
on 01642 824779

ST MARY MAGDALENE

The Parish of Winton

Westbourne Road, Eccles, Manchester

A Forward in Faith Parish

Mass Times:

SUNDAY

10am SUNG MASS
10am Family Service and Mass
(1st Sunday)

Tuesday 10.00am Mass

Wednesday 11.00am Mass

Thursday 7.00pm Mass

Friday 10.00am Mass

Saturday 9.30am Mass

*For full details of all services please see the
church notice boards or contact the parish priest*

Parish Priest: Fr Ian Hall SSC

0161 788 8991

St Gabriel's Fullbrook, Walsall ABC Walstead Road, Walsall

off Junc 7 or 9 of M6

Sunday

8am Low Mass
10am Solemn Mass
5.30pm Mass
6.30pm Evening Prayer

Daily Mass

Fr Mark McIntyre
01922 622583

Stafford's Hidden Gem

St Chad Greengate Street Grade II* Norman Church

Sunday

11am High Mass (Traditional Rite)

Contact Fr Michael Fisher

01785 245069

or visit website:

www.stchadsstafford.co.uk

All Saints with St Michael Shrewsbury

Sunday Mass 10.30am

For Festivals, Daily Mass times
or further information contact
Fr Michael Fish SSC on 01743 244879

SS James and John Wednesbury

ABC, FiF, SCR

Sundays: LM 9.00am

Sung Mass 9.45 am

*5 mins from J9 M6 (car) or
B'ham/Wolv'n tram (foot)*

For further information and
Daily Mass times phone
the Rector: Fr Kevin Palmer
on 0121 505 1568

St Peter on the East Cliff The Durlocks Folkestone CT19 6AL

Sunday

Low Mass at 8am
Solemn Mass at 10.30am

Evensong at 6pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7pm

Thursday 12 noon

During Interregnum

contact:

01303 254472

www.stpeterschurchfolkestone.org.uk

The Parish Church of All Saints' Benhlilton

*All Saints Road, Sutton
Surrey, SM1 3DA*

Sunday

8am Low Mass
9.30am Solemn Mass
Occasional Evening Services

For any further information,

please contact:

Fr Peter Harnden SSC

020 8644 9070 or

Mrs Carolyn Melius

020 8642 4276

St Chad, Toller Lane Bradford

Sunday

8.30am Low Mass
10.45 Solemn Mass
6.30pm Evensong &
Benediction

Weekday Masses

Parish Priest
Canon Ralph Crowe SSC
Tel. 01274 543957

All Saints, South Shields

Sundays:

8am Mass
10am Sung Eucharist
6pm Evensong & Benediction
(11am Mass at St Mary's,
Whiteleas)

Daily Mass: Mon, Weds & Sat
9.30am, Tues & Fri 12.30pm
(Thurs 10am at St Mary's)

Contact

Mervyn Thompson
0191 456 1851

Isle of Man St Matthew's Douglas

ABC Parish

Sundays

9am Low Mass, 10.30am Solemn Mass

Daily Masses

Canon Duncan Whitworth SSC
01 624 676310

Church website: www.stmatthewsiom.org

St John the Evangelist Brandon Durham

Sunday

10am Parish Mass

Contact:

Fr Brian or Fr Peter
0191 378 0845

St Barnabas Jericho, Oxford

*Traditional liturgy, music
and ceremonial*

Sundays:

Low Mass 8am

High Mass 10.30am

Evening Prayer 6.30pm

Weekday mass times:

see website:

www.sbarabas.org.uk

*Lively Sunday Schools, good
coffee and a friendly welcome!*

Fr Jonathan Beswick SSC
01865 557530

St Barnabas Parish Church West Street, Crewe, ABC

Sundays

10am Solemn Mass

5.30pm Low Mass

6pm Evening Prayer (with Benediction
alternate weeks)

Daily Mass & Confession

please ring Fr Ralph Powell SSC
01270 212418

St Mary the Virgin Littlehampton

Sunday 8am Mass

10am Parish Mass

Contact:

Fr Roger Caswell

on 01903 724410

Celebrating the

DESPITE THE unpromising weather, people all over the country turned out in their hundreds of thousands to celebrate the dedication and faithful service of Her Majesty the Queen through sixty eventful years. Solemn parades and services, flower festivals and concerts, fun-packed activities and parties, lunches, teas and suppers, were prepared and enjoyed everywhere. Here is a selection of images sent in by FIF parishes illustrating some aspects of the celebrations.



St Francis of Assisi Church, Bournemouth

Sunday 3 June we held a parish BBQ. The Explorers joined in the cooking but it was decided that the tables should be laid in the Hall as the rain clouds looked threatening! The cake was made by two teenage girls. *(above left)* The second photograph shows one of our Junior Church girls blissfully unaware of anyone as she enjoyed her cake! *(above right)*



Celebrations at S Paul, Croxteth, Liverpool
with Father Ian Brooks and many others ... above & right



Celebrations at Holy Family, Failsworth (above left and above)



Celebrations at St Thomas, Liscard
with Fr Robert Nelson - the 'new' Vicar ... see back page (above one and two)



Jubilee celebrations at St Michael's, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth *(above and right)*



Celebrations at St Mary Magdalene, Winton, Manchester *(above and right)*



Diamond Jubilee



The Loftus Jubilee Parade

On Saturday 2nd June 170 Sea, Army, Air and Police Cadets took part in a Parade through Loftus to mark the Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen.

The Parade started with an inspection by



Mr A Wharton Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, the Mayors of Loftus, Redcar & Cleveland, Guisborough and Whitby, and local MP Mr Tom Blenkinsop, MP for Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland, before parading through Loftus Market Place to St Leonard's Parish Church for a Service of Thanksgiving with the Bishop of Whitby (Bishop elect of Chichester), The Right Revd Martin Warner SSC. A civic reception followed in Loftus Town Hall for dignitaries and cadets, while others enjoyed a barbeque in the Churchyard. (photographs by Simon Gaunt)



Jubilee Celebration Mass

was held at St Barnabas, Old Heath, Colchester, at which Sir Bob Russell MP was amongst those holding their special Jubilee Mugs given to everyone by Fr Richard Tillbrook - Mass was followed by celebrations in the Vicarage Garden. Every child in Old



Heath School who celebrated with members of the Royal family, life size cut out pictures painted by the children, were also in attendance. (above left - showing the Jubilee Mugs; centre - the cake; above top right - the children and their 'Royal guests'; above, right, bottom - celebrations in the garden; left - Fr Richard with Sir Bob)



Jubilee Celebration at St Agnes, Toxteth



Jubilee Celebrations at St Mary's, Stony Stratford

(above, left one and two and far left above)

Paul Griffin

2nd March 1922 – 29th January 2012

recalled by fellow member of the College of Readers, Michael Lovatt

THOSE WHO never had the pleasure of meeting Paul may have read his regular articles in New Directions.

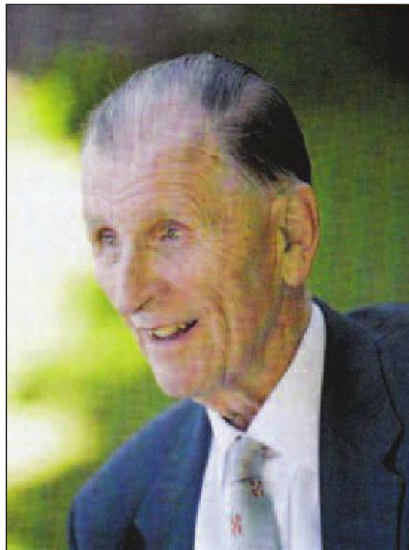
Scholarship

Born as an only child at Chingford, Essex in 1922, Paul's top Scholarship to Framlingham College was a relief to his family as money was scarce.

When the Second World War broke out, Paul volunteered in a scheme for public schoolboys to go to India and join the army there, and was still 18 when he embarked for Bombay.

Khyber Pass

Paul joined the 3/6th Gurkhas and was based in the Khyber Pass. He became a captain at the age of 20 and learnt Pushtu. His battalion was selected for Wingate's Chindits in the jungles of Burma, a highly dangerous posting where



After the war years, by 1949 Paul was finishing at St Catharine's, Cambridge. He had gone there to read Maths but decided to swap in order to read English; an early sign of the breadth of his abilities.

Teaching career

Paul started his teaching career at Uppingham, and went on to be a headmaster: first in Nicotia, then at Aldenham. Neither place fulfilled his understanding of a 'quiet life'.

Bombs were going off in the streets of Nicotia, and at Aldenham in the sixties British youth were rebelling, wanting a much faster pace of change than Paul was prepared to give them.

It must have been difficult for a man who had seen his friends lay down their lives to preserve one form of society, only to see young people rebelling against seem-

ingly trivial aspects of it. He left to run the Anglo World Language Centre in Cambridge, his final post before retirement.

addresses were renowned for their inspiration and humour.

Parodies

He contributed regularly to competitions especially those in the Spectator and the Literary Review; and wrote collections of parodies. As a poet he was a true master of his craft. Winning the Seatonian Prize gave him great satisfaction.

It conferred academic recognition and reassured him that he was not just a jobbing parodist. His most famous poem 'Love in an English Garden' won him the Literary Review's Poet of the Year prize.

The church at Huntingfield was full for Paul's funeral, with many people from so many parts of his life. It was a privilege to be there representing the College of Readers.

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All Saints Small Heath Birmingham B10

Sunday

10.30am Parish Mass

8th September

12 noon Mass

"Our Lady's Birthday Party" to mark the launch of the Society of St Wilfrid & St Hilda
Principal Celebrant the Bishop of Ebbsfleet
Preacher Fr Philip North

4th November

6.30pm Patronal Festival, Principal Celebrant the Bishop of Ebbsfleet
Preacher Fr Philip Corbett

Parish Priest

Fr Oliver Cross 0121 772 0621

www.allsaintsonline.co.uk

Sacred Heart Mission Community Plymouth

St John Sutton-on-Plym

Mass Sun 11.15am (Sung)
Thu 10.30am (Said)
Sat 9.30am (Said)

St Gabriel, Peverell

Mass Sun 10am (Sung)
Fri 9.30am (Said)

St Simon, Mount Gould

Mass Sun 6pm (Said)
Tues 10am (Said)

St Mary the Virgin Laira

Mass Sun. 9.15 am (Said)
Wed. 10am (Sung)

For Feast days as appropriate
During August check for details of Sunday Location and time

Fr Keith 01752 220644

Holy Spirit

Fawcett Road, Southsea

Sunday

8am Mass
10am Parish Mass
6.30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Daily Mass

times shown on notice board
or contact Fr Philip Amey
023 9311 7159

www.holyspiritsouthsea.org.uk

Parish of Tividale, Oldbury, West Midlands St Michael the Archangel, Tividale Road and Holy Cross, Ashleigh Road

Sunday Worship:

Parish Mass 11am (SM)
Evening Mass 6pm (HC)
Fr. Martin Ennis - 01384 257888

www.vicaroftividale.co.uk

St Martin

Lewes Road, Brighton

Sunday

Parish Mass 10am
Evening Prayer and Benediction 6pm
Daily Mass - see website

www.stmartinsbrighton.co.uk

Contact Fr Trevor Buxton

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St Matthew the Apostle Willesden

St Mary's Road, NW10 4AU

Sunday

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Details and times of daily Mass:

Fr Humphreys - 020 8965 3748

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St Gabriel

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Sunday 8am

10:30am Sung Parish Mass

Tuesday 7pm

Wednesday 7pm

Thursday 7:30am

Friday 9:30am

Saturday 9:30am

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Sung Mass 7pm

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Derby

Sunday

10am Parish Mass
6pm Evening Worship as announced

Confessions Saturday 10am

or by appointment

Contact

Fr Sillis 01332 345720

Staveley and Barrow Hill Team Ministry

St John the Baptist, Church
Street, Staveley, Chesterfield

9.30am Sung Mass

6.30pm Choral Evensong (5.30pm winter)

(Wed 7pm, Thurs 9.15am, Sat 9.15am)

St Andrew, Station Road,

Barrow Hill, Chesterfield

11.00am Sung Mass (Fri 11am)

St Columba, Middlecroft

Road, Inkersall, Chesterfield

9.30am Sung Mass (Wed 9.15am)

Fr David Teasdel 01246 475631

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SO, AT last, to York, for a General Synod offering three possible outcomes, each of which members of Forward in Faith would find unsatisfactory.

An adjourned debate, designed to give the House of Bishops an opportunity to 'repent' of its eleventh hour attempt to make the provision just a tad more acceptable. A defeat for the Measure, presaging five – or ten! – more years of the same distraction from the Church's primary task to evangelise. Or approval of the Measure and so on to the unscriptural and uncatholic innovation of women bishops.

director's diary



IT'S A Saturday morning and I can hear the march of the Grenadier Guards coming out of the television as the annual visual feast that is Trooping the Colour takes place on Horse Guards Parade in front of our Jubilee Queen.

Of no less importance – at least to the members of Forward in Faith – is another anniversary that we celebrate today. Not as many years as Her Majesty, to be sure, but one year down for Bishop Norman and Bishop Jonathan is surely something to celebrate!

Bishop Norman's anniversary treat is to preach at the 50th anniversary celebration of a dear priest friend of his, which may make his first anniversary seem somewhat feeble. But it shouldn't, for the effect that he has had on the Richborough area these past twelve months has been immense.

Bishop Jonathan's treat is to be preaching at the annual Glastonbury Pilgrimage, no doubt in front of a vast congregation, all of whom will wish to salute his first marvellous year of episcopal ministry and, of course, as Chairman of Forward in Faith! *Ad multos annos* to the pair of them!

You will have grasped that I am writing this on a Saturday morning. I could try and claim that is a mark of my devotion to Forward in Faith that I give up my leisure time to regale the readers of *Forward Plus!* with tales of my exploits but I fear the truth is more mundane. Everyone who writes regularly for *Forward Plus!* is given a list of deadlines for the year as to when precisely to put finger to keyboard. (We frown on pen and paper these days as they don't get on with email.) So I have no excuse for not having written this diary, other than I couldn't be bothered to look at the schedule of deadlines. And so inevitably the dreaded email from type-setting maestro Fr Black in Inverness arrived late on Thursday evening: *copy for the next issue by Saturday night please*. Friday was already spoken for, what with meetings and the need to escape London as early as possible. Hence the desperate search for something – anything! – to say to you when I would much rather be watching Her Majesty and the Brigade of Guards.

Four years ago my wife and I moved from our house in Chiches-

ter to a highly secret location in the depths of the English countryside, some 180 miles from that corner of West Sussex. So naturally my dentist is in Chichester! It was after a session in his chair recently that I found myself killing time before catching a train back to London by going into the Cathedral to admire once again the Shrine of S. Richard recently restored in memory of Bishop Eric Kemp. As I stood there, I felt strangely moved to light a candle for the Bishop of Whitby. Imagine my surprise, then, when an announcement emerged the very next morning from 10 Downing Street to the effect that Bishop Martin Warner was to succeed Bishop Eric's successor, Bishop John Hind, as Bishop of Chichester. You could (not) have knocked me down with a feather! For Bishop Martin's translation was the worst kept secret in the Church of England since his appointment to Whitby. What that means I have no idea, of course.

Of course, Martin Warner commenced his ministry by serving a title under a most distinguished parish priest. So it was, when I heard that Fr Sam Philpott had been awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours List that I determined – on behalf of you all – that Forward in Faith would take him out to lunch on the day of his investiture. And when it came to creating an invitation list Bishop Martin was naturally the very first name that came to mind. Little did I think that there would be something of a double celebration, with Fr Sam's investiture coming so soon after the news of the Bishop's impending move. Elsewhere in this edition of *Forward Plus!* you will see a photo of Fr Sam taken at the end of that lunch when a number of us were so proud to salute this pinnacle of his 34 years of ministry at S. Peter's Plymouth. So an *ad multos annos* to Fr Sam as well!

Now, I can't be sure of this, but I've just been shocked to calculate that this might be the 64th Director's Diary I've written for our distinguished Editor, Fr Ian Brooks. And that in turn seems to prove that this is the 64th edition of *Forward Plus!* which he has edited! Which I reckon means a Sapphire Luncheon Party for Fr Ian is on the horizon – but don't tell him! I want it to be a surprise!

And it need not have been like this. A draft Measure based on real, Christian generosity rather than mean-minded bigotry could have commanded assent throughout the Church, had it not been for that tiny gang of elderly feminists with their lies about 'taint' and misogyny. As they survey our broken Church, perhaps they will feel some degree of shame. But don't hold your breath...

Meanwhile, we will go Forward in Faith, secure in the knowledge that the Lord will never desert us, whatever future trials we may have to face.

In his own write...



AWAKENED FROM deep sleep by a knocking on the door and Marc the Shrine Sacristan's voice calling me, I thought I had overslept and missed our Mass time. But, no; it was not yet six o'clock. He brought the news that one of our group had died during the night. We went to her room and I offered prayers, then sat for a while with her stunned and tearful friends, one who shared the room with her, another who had been her constant help and companion for many years.

The news gradually reached the other members of our group and by 8.15am, our scheduled Mass time, we gathered at the Holy House to offer the Holy Sacrifice and light our candles asking for Our Lady's intercession for our friend 'whose journey is ended, whose perils are past'.

Cecilia had been a member of our congregation for twenty years. Born and bred in Liverpool, one of five sisters, she had moved to Prestatyn with her husband, returning to Liverpool after his death in 1988. Although brought up as a Roman Catholic she settled happily into our congregation and was soon playing a full and active role in the daily life of the parish. A communicant from an early age, she had prepared for confirmation but it had never happened because of wartime disruption. She decided that she would like to be confirmed rather than just admitted to Communion, and so it was that Bishop David Sheppard administered that sacrament to her in the glorious church of St John Tuebrook in the final year of the saintly Fr Sampson's long and faithful incumbency, when communion with our diocesan was still unimpaired.

Fulfilment in service

In her younger days she had worked in all kinds of settings: behind a post office counter, in a fruit shop, in the Meccano and Kraft factories, as a barmaid, and as a clippie on the trams and the buses. She had us in fits of laughter only the day before her death telling us how, when training on the trams, she had reached the terminus and was preparing the tram for the return journey. The backs of the seats had to be reversed, then the great arm on the roof of the tram had to be pulled down and swung to the opposite end of the vehicle to connect with the power lines.

From the Editor's desk

She was too light to keep the arm down as she pulled it across, and she ended up suspended several feet above the ground clinging to it like a trapeze artiste. Small of stature, she was full of fun, which endeared her to her many nephews and nieces and to the children of the church.



Among her many gifts and talents was a love of sewing and knitting and crafts of every sort. She employed these talents fully in the service of the church, making cards and bookmarks and the like for special occasions and for fundraising, and helping week by week with the Sunday School. Her love for the children and her generosity in providing them with treats throughout the year were remarkable.

She was so happy when she was with them, and was never one of those who look for praise or acknowledgement and get upset if they are not mentioned in the notices or constantly thanked for what they do. She knew that whatever we do in the service of the Church is for love of Jesus, not for the attention of others. In quiet and unobtrusive service she found happiness and contentment; but we celebrated her 80th birthday last December in great style. She knew how much she was loved and appreciated.

A good day out

Pilgrimage to Walsingham was one of the greatest joys of Cecilia's life. As soon as each year's pilgrimage was ended her name was on the list for the next. Of course she had grumbles sometimes about the size or location of the allocated room, or the weather, - who doesn't? - but they were soon forgotten in the Shrine's rhythm of prayer and fellowship, the beauty of worship and the companionship of others. This pilgrimage had been no exception.

She had joined fully in all our services from arrival on Friday

afternoon until Monday night and thoroughly enjoyed our day out on Monday afternoon. Readers will no doubt be familiar with most of the places we have visited over the last twenty five years: the little railway to Wells-next-Sea,

Heacham lavender farm, Hunstanton, Cromer, Sheringham via the steam railway from Holt, Sandringham, South Creake, Norwich Cathedral, Thursford and Binham, Burnham Market, Felbrigg Hall, Holkham Hall, and a bit further afield, Gressenhall Workhouse, and Oxburgh Hall.

This year, although it was overcast with light rain, we thought we would chance it and head for Bressingham to see the railway museum and gardens, and the Garden Centre next door. As we arrived the rain stopped and we had a wonderful afternoon. It was not busy, so we had the place almost to ourselves. A trip on the narrow gauge railway through the surrounding fields was followed by a turn on the magnificent Gallopers steam ride. The "bobby horses", as Cecilia called it, was built in 1900 and has been beautifully restored together with the organ that accompanies the ride with great old music hall favourites

like 'Don't dilly dally' and WWI's 'Tipperary' and 'Pack up your troubles'. The railway shed houses some splendid steam locomotives as well as two royal carriages, one built for the Queen and Prince Philip in 1957, the other dating from Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

The Museum features the vehicles used in Dad's Army as well as a number of restored traction engines. There is also a Travelling Post Office train carriage which you can walk through, and next to it a screen showing the famous 1936 GPO film 'Night Mail' with W.H.Auden's poem and Benjamin Britten's music. On the upper floor there is a superbly crafted model railway layout flanked by cabinets of railway memorabilia from past decades. So, with a well-stocked cafeteria and the Garden Centre next door, there was something for everyone to enjoy – and they all did.

A perfect end

After supper back at the Shrine we gathered for Night Prayer in the Guild of All Souls, then joined a jolly group of pilgrims from Preston for a glass or two and a sing-song before retiring for the night: the last night of a blessed and happy pilgrimage in Walsingham. It was, as we learned in the morning, the last night of Cecilia's blessed and happy pilgrimage through life.

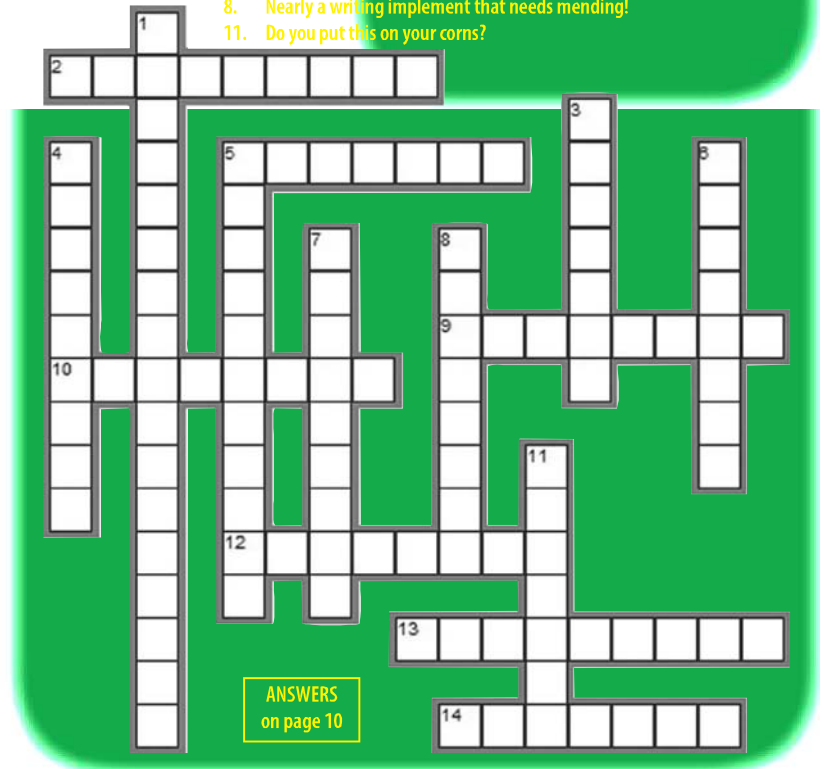
At Compline, "The Lord grant us a quiet night and a perfect end" was our final prayer. For Cecilia, in the hallowed setting of England's Nazareth, that prayer was granted.

Seaside towns Crossword

Across

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

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



His service.

The Ordinary

This is the name given to the person in authority i.e. the Bishop. He is given this title in certain posh orders of service! I am sure you will agree that there is nothing ordinary about the bishops of our tradition.

We need to keep them in our prayers both in Church and in our private prayers at home.

Have a good holiday time and if you go away bring back a picture of your holiday church. You can make a display of them in your church at home.



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PROVINCE

From the Chairman

My dear brothers and sisters,

HAVING recently had the joy of celebrating a marriage in our family and thinking of the theme of the early church which the recently married editor has given for this issue my thoughts turn to this Sacrament and how it fits into the life of the early Christian community.

In the very earliest times of the Church, when people expected the second coming at any moment, some felt it was best to remain as they were but as it became clear that God's time and our time are not the same and that the age of the Church might be much longer, marriage became one of the vocations open to those who wanted to follow the Lord Jesus in the New Israel.

I suggest that if we want to be like the early Church we first need to re-discover the vision of marriage as a vocation. Because statistically there is a tendency to think that vocations are only to something that is a departure from the norm. So we may have vocations to priesthood, to celibacy, to the religious life, to a hermit life. The rest get married.

This default setting approach to marriage is not the Christian vision. God calls men and women to the married state. God calls: he calls this man to marry this woman; to create the Church in their home, to be those who continue his work of creation.

For the Christian, marriage is neither an accident nor an automatic assumption but a positive calling and

vocation: men and women are called into marriage in order that they might take part in God's great work, may participate in bringing about the form and purpose of the archetypal community, the heavenly Jerusalem which is the mother of us all.

For the purpose of marriage is to create a family, an icon of the community that is in God. We may say that God created the natural family as the prototypical community to be a sacrament, manifestation or image of the form of the heavenly Jerusalem, the perfected Church. I would want to argue that there are two basic communities or families in the Church, this 'natural' one and the 'artificial' one of the monastic community. This is not to ignore the parish or wider Eucharistic community but to recognize that it is through these prototypes that Eucharistic communities are able to be formed and move into that union with the archetypal community, the goal of all creation, the union between Christ and his bride, the Church.

This leads us on to the second approach we need to take to marriage and that is to remember that it is a sacrament, one of the guaranteed actions of the Holy Spirit in the Church. In his letter to the Ephesians, St Paul speaks of the love of man and woman in marriage and relates it to the love of Christ to his Bride, the Church.

'Wives submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. For the husband

is the head of the Church, his body, and is himself its Saviour. Now as the Church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives,

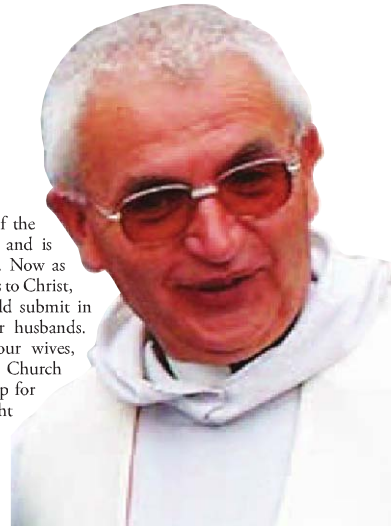
as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the Church to himself in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the Church because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound and I am saying it refers to Christ and the Church.' (Ephesians 5.22-32)

A vision of splendour

It is clear from this crucial passage of St Paul's writing that the mystery of Christian marriage and the family is intimately related to the whole mystery of the life of God himself. It is rooted in the interpersonal life of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity and the unity of the Son of God with his people which effects their unity with the same Trinity. As John Meyendorff writes, "The husband becomes one single being, one 'flesh' with his wife, just as the Son of God ceased to be only himself, i.e. God, and became also man so that the community of his people might also become his body." [*Marriage: An Orthodox Perspective*, John Meyendorff, St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1975, page 21.]

So we begin to glimpse something of the splendid vision of marriage. It isn't just a convenient bond that helps create a stable society and a safe place for children to grow up. Cohabitation can do that just as well; a ceremony and a certificate are not needed if that is all we are looking for.

The destiny of all of us is to be united with that perfect love which is the



life of the Blessed and Holy Trinity. For this we need to have both the vision of where we are going and the means of getting there and marriage, as a vocation and as a sacrament, provides just those things.

The martyrdom of love

A man is called by God to love a woman. Their coming together might have all the ingredients of romantic love but underpinning that is the call from God, the clear knowledge that they are truly meant for one another. They marry; they start on the great work of becoming one. This cannot just be a continuation of their previous lives though in a different setting, but has to be a new beginning in the Lord and therefore needs that total application of repentance and faith which characterizes the whole of the Christian life.

Why marry? To enter into a martyrdom for Christ. There has always been the red martyrdom in blood of the saints in every age. There has also been at the beating heart of the Church the white martyrdom of the monk or nun. To that we must add the green martyrdom of marriage. For martyrdom means a death to self and a witness to God and any true Christian marriage must be both of those. And the martyrs are the seedbed of the kingdom. So, if God calls us to the married state, it is not just for us but for all our brothers and sisters and to bring in the kingdom of God.

Whatever vocation God has given you my prayer is that you will live it to the full to show those around you God's love and draw them into the glorious life that is in the heart of the Blessed Trinity.

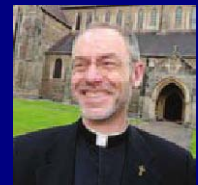
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Yours in Christ

Alan Rabjohns

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New SSC Master



Tributes to Pat Davies



Credo Cymru Retreat Conference



The Credo Cymru Prayer

Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church: and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Arglwydd,
erfytiwnfod I'th dosturi gwastadol lanhau
ac amddiffyn dy Eglwys;
a chan na all hi barhau meivn diogelivch
heb dy noddod di, cadw hi byth tnyv dy
gymorth a 'th ddaioni
trwy lesu Grist ein Harglwydd. Amen.

New Master for the Society of the Holy Cross in Wales

Fr Tudor pays tribute to Fr Colin Amos SSC

FOLLOWING the move of Fr Colin Amos to St Augustine's Kilburn an election was necessary to decide who would head up SSC in the Province of Wales. Canon Tudor Hughes, Vicar of Gresford in the diocese of St Asaph was elected and installed by the Society's Episcopal Visitor, Bishop Lindsay Urwin OGS, at the Founders' Day Synod in February. In his address to the synod Fr Tudor paid tribute to Fr Amos and went on to talk of how he saw the future for the Society.

Vulnerable and fearful

For most of us the present situation makes us feel vulnerable and fearful for the future. Beset by so many problems it is a natural instinct to want to pull up the drawbridge and retreat into our shells. Sitting down and doing nothing is probably the wrong response to the place where we now are.

It is very easy to moan about the way the church treats us. People talk about persecution and I think there is some pretty nasty pressure brought on people from time to time. Disregarding the great theological issues and decisions which face us it is clear that we are not held in any great regard by many in the church.

Honourable catholic lives

In spite of this many of the brethren will stay. We have to accept that it is going to be very difficult to live honourable catholic lives within the Church in Wales as the years go by.

What is a little worrying is that as a Society in Wales we have done very little clear thinking about how we are actually going to survive, not in a political sense but in terms of our effectiveness as Catholics within the wider church. If we give the impression that we are uninterested and detached then we will become increasingly sidelined and con-

sidered an irrelevant nuisance.... and I have no problem with occasionally being a nuisance to the powers that be, but I am convinced that what we stand for can not ever be an irrelevance!!

Anglicanorum Coetibus

If we are determined to stick around then we have to engage in some really profound consideration about what it is we have to offer the church and why we think we continue to be an important part of the whole, despite what others may think. *Anglicanorum Coetibus* challenges, both those who are prepared to take advantage of its generous offers, and those of us who at the present time can not for whatever reason, to think about our Anglican Patrimony. What do we want to maintain of our tradition? In the present climate how are we going to do that? In what ways can the Society help us to do that?

Survival

We know how very important the matters discussed at Governing Body are... well some of them anyway, but they have been going on for a long time, increasingly they seem to go against us and we tend to forget important though they are that they are not really what God has called us to. They ensnare us into a way of thinking that concentrates on survival, as one crisis after another batters us and the church we love and serve. We are not about survival. Mission was in the hearts of our founding fathers.

Difficult and challenging

Most of us work very hard in difficult and challenging situations but the general picture seems to be that very few of us have worked out a strategy for church growth, never mind started to implement it in the parishes, and if we are to survive in the Church in Wales growth must be at the very centre of our thinking.

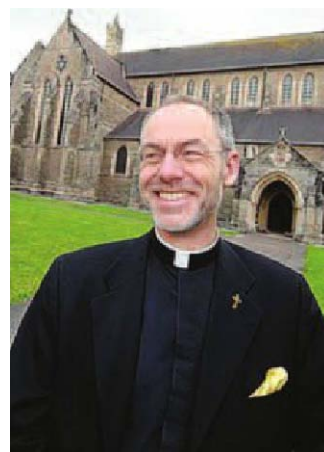
Think back to the early days of Tractarianism and the catholic revival, the so called hey day of our movement, the missions in the slums, the religious tramping the streets their habits billowing in the breeze. We all know that the same methods can not be employed in our own day, the world and the church has changed unbelievably.

We are busy people and the demands made on us are heavy, but are we doing the job we were called to do? Are we building up the body of Christ and nurturing catholic Christians. It was the desire to do just that which our constituency offered to the wider church in the past. It spoke to them. It is a desire at the core of the society to which we belong.

Mission and growth

The Society of the Holy Cross is committed to the mission and growth of the church.

Over the next few years we are going to need to work out together how we fulfill that aim and continue to live out the principles of our founders in a church that seems increasingly alien to us as traditionalists. But wasn't the church of their day alien to them too? They discovered new ways of being catholic Christians in a hostile place... now we need to do that too. How are we going to support each other, both those who plan to stay and those who decide to move on?



Process of discernment

Each of us needs to contribute to that process of discernment and I hope that you will not be slow to let the Masters Council know your insights on the current situation and on the way forward.

We know only too well from our work that it is very often the negative feedback that we receive, but by far the majority of the time we have no reaction at all and when that happens we can never know if we are getting it right.

Fellowship and support

Each of us on the Masters Council wants to get it right. We want the Society to continue to be what it has been at its best in the past, a place where we are fed spiritually and intellectually, a place where we have fellowship and support, a place from which we are able to contribute to the mission and growth of the church. But above all a place where we are allowed to be what we believe God called us to be. Priests. Priests within the catholic tradition, priests within the Church in Wales, Priests of the Holy Cross.

By his wounds we are being healed

No sooner has the Risen Christ brought his greeting of peace to the fearful and confused disciples than he shows them his wounds.

Why do the resurrection appearances focus so much on his wounds?

Because the Risen Christ is the Crucified Christ.

The victory of the cross

is forever proclaimed in the Easter Gospel.

The Risen Jesus bears up our wounds and works to transform them.

Jesus sends his disciples out

and most of them will know a martyr's death.

They can embrace any rejection in proclaiming the truth Because they have seen the wounds of Christ.

We can hide in our upper rooms

But all over the world many thousands of followers take the risk of being hurt or rejected.

Will we venture out?

Courage is not the absence of fear but refusing to be enslaved by fear.

We can be sent out to forgive

rather than be embittered or nurse our wounds.

We can continue to show compassion

even when even gratitude is never offered.

We can faithfully live by the teaching of Christ

when society around us lives by very different standards-and it is so much easier to go with the flow.

The risen Christ comes to us and says Peace

and shows us his wounds-the source of our healing.

The grace of the Resurrection is not a magic wand that banishes all evil-but a wonderful mysterious force

that is capable of transforming everything- even death.

For the wounds of Christ remain in his body so that we

might be healed and share in that healing work of Christ;

so that we might be sent out as witnesses of these things,

to help bring about a changed world that knows the peace of Christ and the vitality of new creative life.

Based on the teaching of a Carthusian & Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

FIDELIUM – in the spirit of the Oxford Movement

A group which seeks to empower young Anglo Catholics

FIDELIUM emerged as a group last March. It has since been a group which has been in the process of working out exactly what it would like to offer to its members and to the wider Church.

We hope over the next couple of years to become a real driving force as we forge futures for ourselves in the Anglican Church. We envisage this group as having three strands:-

First and foremost we are a group of young people who share certain views and it is really important that we meet together to socialise and to share in different kinds of worship, so one strand would be for events both nationally and regionally for Worship and Fellowship.

Secondly, we believe passionately in the re-invigoration of the catholic wing of the

Church of England and the Church in Wales and therefore hope to hold events focussed on Mission and Evangelism and how catholic, sacramental worship, on which we base our faith, can be evangelical and indispensable to the Church.

Lastly, as a group, we believe in the ministry of all the baptised and seek to foster and encourage the vocations of all members so that each can serve fully within the Church in the ministry to which God calls them. We hope to hold vocations conferences and other events to promote this full and inclusive view of vocations.

If you would like any more information please find us on Facebook and on Twitter or please contact the editor of Province – ctrabjohns@gmail.com

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

Pat Davies

THE DEATH of Pat Davies ... for the Church in Wales, it will take a long time to sink in and manifest itself. In tribute we have asked some who knew her well to write of their memories.

Fr Haydn England Simon SSC Area Dean of the Rhondda

THE sudden death of Pat Davies came as a tremendous shock to us all. Looking back, we can see that Pat was struggling; she was very tired. Her death has affected many, many people – but so too has her life and faith – a faith that has touched the lives of so very many people, a faith that was profound, deep and sincere.

Pat was a faithful worshipper at St German's, Cardiff where she played a full and active part in the life and witness of that parish. If Pat was unable to travel from the Rhondda to St German's she would worship at St John's, Ton Pentre and St Peter's, Pentre where she was held equally in high regard and where a requiem Mass was offered for her.

I can remember Pat spending quite some time looking at the Easter Garden in St John's last year. A few days later we were travelling together and she discussed the Easter Garden with me. In that conversation she shared most eloquently what the Easter faith meant to her. She had an unshakeable faith in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and she knew herself to be living in the power of that Resurrection. How true those words are that we are an Easter people and that alleluia is our song! Pat understood that the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ was our victory too.

Pat was regular at the altar, the importance of receiving the Blessed Sacrament was vital to her. She believed in the words that are recorded in St John's Gospel that 'he who eats this bread lives for ever'.

There is so much I could say but let me conclude by saying this: I give thanks to God for every remembrance of you, for the way your life has touched mine and even shaped my ministry. The preface for Christian death must sum up all that Pat was, and it re-echoes her faith, her faith in the risen Lord.

In him who rose from the dead our hope of resurrection has dawned. The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality. Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended, and when the body of our earthly dwelling place lies in the dust we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven.

Or as an Easter preface puts it:

In him a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world has been renewed and we, once again, made whole.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Grant, O Lord, that we may know you and the power of your resurrection. 'This is the Faith of the Church, this was Pat's faith, in which she lived and died.'

Neal Wood writes:

IREMEMBER a warm late August afternoon, during a pilgrimage to Walsingham, when Pat and I sat alone on a seat in the garden there. We were reflecting on life generally (Walsingham has that effect) and, at one point, discussed what we might otherwise have done as an occupation.

Eventually, I suggested to Pat that she might have been a 'travel writer': immediately her face lit up - 'Now you are talking!'

Then, her head tilted back slightly, responded further with a long: 'Ohhh, yes!'

Then in a flood of words: 'Italy ... Florence, Venice, Assisi ... yes, places of pilgrimage, Walsingham ... and the art ... galleries ... churches.' A short silence followed. 'Well, when do I start?'

We laughed heartily!



Dennis Compton writes:

MY friendship with Pat goes back 45 years, since we were in the Rhondda Deanery Choir together: the choir children's holiday, then run by Fr. Roger Howells as curate, at St German's Church in Cardiff. The holidays, usually spent in Devon, were a delight for the children who would not otherwise have had a holiday away from home.

Pat loved children and, as she took a more active part in parish life at St German's, looked after the then vibrant Sunday School there. In 1984 she organized a successful Parish Pilgrimage to Auxerre in France – where St German had been bishop. Also in that year, she took a main role in producing a music pageant in celebration of St German's Centenary.

A faithful pilgrim to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham for many years, Pat attended with the Llandaff Diocesan Pilgrimage and, since 1993, joined as a founder member of the Cardiff & District Late Summer Pilgrimage. Those who went with her on those pilgrimages could not fail to appreciate the joy and devotion she had for that holy place.

Our last day together was on 4 February of this year, when we attended Father Colin Amos' Induction at St Augustine's, Kilburn. Although it was a great effort for her physically, Pat was resolutely determined to be there. It was a joy to sit with her during a relaxed lunch that day – at an excellent Notting Hill restaurant – and listen to her talking about the things she loved: music, art, people, worship, pilgrimage and travel.

She greatly enjoyed herself that day yet, true to form, apologized for being 'such a burden' – of course, she was no such thing. I shall miss her greatly. May she rest in peace.

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The case of Apollos

Acts 18:24-28

EPHESUS was to be a significant city in the history of early Christianity. Among the less noted events to have occurred there is that recorded in Acts 18, where we read of a Christian preacher named Apollos who exercised a ministry of teaching which two prominent Christians found to be lacking in certain respects.

In what way were Apollos' ministry and Gospel defective? How we would like to know! St. Luke, the author of Acts, states that 'he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John.' Clearly he had not been baptised in the name of Jesus (or with the Trinitarian formula of Matthew 28:19), but then, neither, it would seem, had the disciples on whom the Holy Spirit had fallen on the day of Pentecost.

Charismatic Christians of our own time have hazarded the guess that his whole approach was too cerebral - all head and no heart, and that what he needed was an inner spiritual vitality through a fuller receiving of the Holy Spirit. But there is little in the text to support this view, particularly given that he is described as 'fervent in spirit' (which it may even be right to translate as 'fervent in the Spirit').

Apollos came from Alexandria in Egypt, the city of the Jewish scholar Philo who applied allegorical techniques to the understanding of the Old Testament, by which further levels of meaning were believed to lie hidden under the obvious surface meaning of the words of Scripture. In years to come Clement of Alexandria, Origen, and their disciples were to use the same tools for the Christian understanding of Scripture, especially of the Old Testament. It was, such scholars held, the task of the godly theo-

logian to unearth these layers of meaning which had been implanted from the first moment of the inspiration of the scriptural text by the Holy Spirit. But it would be quite wrong of us to assume that if Apollos' approach to the Old Testament was of this kind, it would incur criticism from his fellow Christians. Far from it. Allegorical exegesis was to have a great future in the Church, even in the area under the later influence of the Antiochene school of exegesis which treated it with more caution than that of Alexandria. No, whatever was deemed defective about Apollos' ministry is unlikely to have had any particular connection with the Alexandrian predilection for the allegorical reading of scriptural texts. It is true that the allegorical approach to scriptural interpretation tends to be esoteric and cerebral, but later Christian exegetes who have espoused this method have demonstrated that this need not necessarily be so.

We must reluctantly conclude that the problem perceived in Apollos' message lies beyond our ability to identify. Despite the reference to a possibly inadequate baptism, it would seem that the main issue lay in his intellectual apprehension of the Faith. We are not told that he was baptised or re-baptised, as were others at Ephesus who had a background in the teaching of John the Baptist (Acts 19:1-7), only that he had 'the way of God' explained to him 'more accurately.' But even if we cannot be sure wherein his deficiencies lay, the verses before us are nevertheless still of real use and significance.

Firstly, it is important to state the obvious: that presentation of the Christian Gospel can be sincere yet still defective. It can lack wholeness and so either be less effective in winning the hearts and minds of those ad-



dressed, or even mislead them. A defective gospel in this sense is not quite a false gospel – the apostolic generation had altogether more robust ways of dealing with that! But it still requires correcting. Those of us who preach and teach the Faith are bound to do all in our power to ensure that the gospel we proclaim is as full and complete as God in his mercy enables us to comprehend it.

Priscilla and Aquila move to correct Apollos. But they do so gently and in private, in a way that does not embarrass him by humiliating him before others. We read that they 'took him and explained to him the way of God more accurately' (verse 26), which presumably means that they took him on one side. How we seek to correct what we take to be the errors of others will have a great bearing upon how readily our criticism is accepted.

Apollos, for his part, has the humility to

receive their counsel. There appears to be in him no hint of resentment, no assertion of his scholarly credentials such as would imply a claim to be beyond such advice. His receptivity to the ministry of Priscilla and Aquila would seem to be implied in the Ephesian Christians' ready commendation of him as he moved on to exercise a further ministry at Corinth, the effectiveness of which was to receive a rather back-handed compliment in the emergence of an 'Apollos party' in that church (1 Corinthians 1:12). But St. Paul does not appear to blame him personally for the ugly partisanship that had arisen in Corinth, and is happy to regard him as continuing the work he had inaugurated in that city: 'I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.' (1 Corinthians 3:6). Perhaps that statement can be viewed as an apostolic endorsement of the personal ministry of Priscilla and Aquila to Apollos.



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What can you see?
The boat of the Kingdom
steered by Peter
empowered by Christ's call,
as symbolized in the keys.**

**Christ, the captain
has already travelled the vital journey
from life to death to risen life.
Always up-ahead
pointing the way for all of us.
All around the ship
the fish are still in the swim
of life in the world;
but they don't travel alone
if only they will follow
they will be guided by the inspiring
lives of countless saints.
They need to keep close to the boat,
for there will be swells as well as calm waters.
And in the centre the cross sail:
the power for the journey
the means to move us on.**

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

Called to be a Priest

Fr Darren Smith shares with us some cause for celebration

AT THE point of writing this article Tom Wintle (Coven-try), Daniel Howard (Liverpool), Sean Gilbert (Chichester) and Philip Godsell (Monmouth) are more names to add to those who have been part of the God Calling initiative and have recently been accepted for ordination training. For these and for so many more their pilgrimage to priesthood

five more individuals who within the next few weeks will similarly be attending their BAP (Bishop's Advisory Panel) and our new monthly newsletter, facebook group and twitter account are all designed to ensure that everyone of our prospective ordinands is feeling encouraged and supported as they dare to step forward and say "Here am I Lord, send me."

Why not take that first and very brave move by coming to join us at the next conference at Saint Stephen's House on the 31st August. By attending, the first thing you will discover is God chooses the unlikely candidates for ordination. If he can use me then, my dear friend, he certainly can use you. None of us is worthy of the honour. The priesthood speaks more of His generosity than our worthiness.

Secondly you will discover at our conferences that the exploration of vocation can be fun, and that it is certainly something not to pursue on your own. There is always strength in numbers. What you may be feeling, someone else has experienced. Your doubts can give other people strength, your strength can give others encouragement.

Friday 31st August – Sunday 2nd September

This next conference at St Stephen's House will be hosted by the usual home team, Fr Brownsell our Chairman, Fathers Mark North, Barry Smart, Ben Archibald, Philip Corbett, Richard Norman, Ian McCormack, Grant Holmes, Brother Steven and yours truly.

Added to this some specially invited guests, Fr Ferns from the Board of Ministry in Church House Westminster, Fr Beswick from Saint Barnabas Oxford, Fr Kit Dunkley Master of SSC, Fr Damien Feeney from St Stephen's House, Fr Simon an army chaplain and Bishop Norman Banks,

will all be leading some of our sessions with keynote addresses.

The cost, which has been subsidised by various Catholic societies, is £60 for the entire weekend, full board (bursaries are available on request).

So don't delay, visit our website www.additionalcurates.co.uk under Vocations Section and click on Advice where you can download an application form, or telephone us on 0121 382 5533 and speak to Ann Babington to reserve your place. Believe me friends the time is never right and yet it is always

the right time to make the first move and never hesitate to make contact with me if I or any of the God Calling team can offer you practical advice, spiritual direction or support.

And finally to every one of our readers please pray for those contemplating priesthood. Pray for those whose names have been mentioned who are about to start their training, those attending selection conferences and those recently ordained. Let our prayer be:

"Almighty God, send us priests."



started such a long time ago as they contemplated that scary and awesome question "Am I being called to priesthood?"

Without any doubt attending our vocations conference, as well as the ongoing support and formation that all the vocations advisors are able to give, has helped to support, encourage and enable this call to be validated by the Church.

We could easily add to this list

So what about you? Is this something you have tried to put out of your mind? Is this something that you have tried to ignore? Pretend didn't exist? Do you feel unworthy of such a call? Do you have a nagging feeling that simply will just not go away?

I am firmly of the opinion that those whom God is calling he always equips. We might be slow to respond but He is patient, persistent and always right.

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Launch of The Society in Lincoln Diocese

WITH THE official launch of The Mission Society of St Wilfred and St Hilda taking place in various Dioceses, traditionalists in Lincoln Diocese decided to hold the launch at a historic site of pilgrimage that would be accessible not only for folk from Lincolnshire but for supporters from elsewhere in the East Midlands as well.

Croyland (sic) Abbey which is in Crowland, north of Peterborough was one of the ancient Saxon Abbeys of Lincoln Diocese, founded by the her-

mit St Guthlac (673-714). When the pagan Danes overran Eastern England in 870 the monks were slain including their Abbot St Theodore, whose skull is treasured by the Abbey as a major relic.

Rebuilt in 950, much was destroyed after the Dissolution but the great west front with powerful carved figures remains, as does the vaulted North Aisle which continued in use as the Parish Church. It is definitely a holy place and not visited as much as it deserves.

The Parish Priest of Croyland Abbey, Fr Charles Brown was very happy to welcome Bishop Norman and priests and people from Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk and Nottinghamshire.

There was also a large contingent from the Diocese of Leicester who for the last ten years have held joint Forward in Faith events with Lincoln Diocese. The Society event in Croyland was arranged by Fr Paul Noble SSC and Fr Edward Martin SSC of the Lincoln Branch of the Church Union.

Set for March 24th, the Eve of the Annunciation, the day itself started so misty that those travelling through the fens could have imagined themselves back in the dark ages, but cleared to a

wonderfully bright sunny day which was just right for the occasion. The Mass was concelebrated by over twenty priests.

Bishop Norman as Principal Celebrant preached on the promise of the Annunciation and then invited those present to affirm their commitment to "the Faith, the Church, and the Society".

It was an uplifting occasion with the Abbey Church packed full for the day, which concluded with Benediction, after a picnic lunch in the sunshine. A special guest was Fr Darren Smith of the ACS who was brought up in Lincolnshire and returned specially for the launch, though he seemed a bit concerned by S. Theodore's skull!

For a further selection of photos of the day, see: <http://www.saintaidansnewparks.com/crowland-abbey.html>



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Caption Competition

A couple of very nice captions to go with Reverend Mother and the dressing-up box, and then a story, for which we hope you are all sitting comfortably. Full marks to Fr Crosthwaite in Doncaster for the too scary **The production of Vanpoules' 2014 Catalogue is well advanced** and to Martin Taylor for the charming, if fantastic, **When Sister woke up from her dream, she found she was actually the first**. It was between these two, until an email arrived from deepest Sussex, with the following tale:

'Back in the 1970s Sister Mary Teresa, who was then Novice Mistress at St Saviour's Priory, was appointed to the University of London Chaplaincy Team at the then University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square! Teresa loved working with the students together with Fr Aidan Mayoss CR, but had to resign when she was elected Mother at the Priory. The students gave her a grand send-off party and I understand that they made a chair into a throne, and dressed her up in a mitre and gown, and fashioned a crozier ... **'Teresa rules. OK'** was either on the mitre or a banner, or both. I was



still in Aberdeen at the time and heard the tale at a later date and I think I've remembered it correctly! Teresa will probably crown me if you publish this ... but then my family name is King.

With best wishes,

Mary Angela CSWG (Formerly Angela SSM)

In the light of which we really have no choice but to get the usual £25 book token off to The Monastery of the Holy Trinity, Crawley Down!

Moving on, here's a strangely reassuring photograph of Frs Naylor, Caster and Stather, all obviously having a whale of a time at some cracking social event. Send your captions to: ForwardPlus@forwardinfaith.com

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Gacamole

INGREDIENTS

2 Large Avocados
½ Lemon
2oz Spring Onions
2oz Cucumber
2oz Green Pepper
1teasp Tomato Puree
Salt and Black Pepper
Pinch Cayenne Pepper
Garlic Granules to taste

METHOD:

Cut the avocados lengthwise, twist and remove the stone. Scoop out the flesh into a bowl and mash until slightly lumpy. Very finely chop the vegetables and juice the lemon. Now add the seasonings, juice and puree to taste and mix well. Stir in the vegetables.

Blue Cheese

INGREDIENTS

4oz Danish Blue Cheese
3oz Cream Cheese
1tblsp Lemon Juice
½ teaspt Salt (level)

METHOD

Combine all the ingredients together with a fork and mix until well blended and smooth.

Cream Curry Dip

INGREDIENTS

12oz Cream Cheese
2tblsp Milk
3teasp Curry Powder (level)
2teasp Sugar (level)
2oz Sultanas

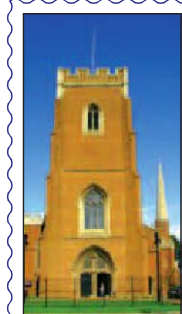
METHOD

Keeping the sultanas

aside, combine all the other ingredients together with a fork until smooth. Stir in the sultanas.

This should be made the day before to allow the sultanas to absorb the flavour.

If you have a favourite recipe to share, please send it to Sandra Fowles
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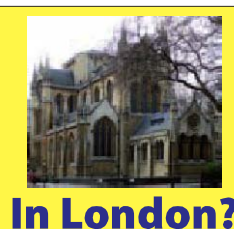
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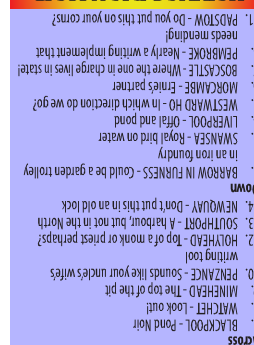
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Crossword Solution



THERE WERE GIANTS IN THE LAND

A series of portraits of great Anglo-Catholics

CHARLES JENKINSON was born in 1887 in Poplar, East London, into a large, poor, family, which his father, a docker, struggled to support. Because of overcrowding Charles was brought up by his grandmother and uncle. He received an elementary education to the age of 14, being a studious boy with an amazing memory for facts. His first job was in book-keeping to augment the family budget.

As a chorister and music librarian he attended St Stephen's, Poplar, and helped as a Sunday school teacher at a mission hall in the parish of St James-the-Less, Bethnal Green. He led a successful campaign for the suppression of pew rents, and championed the cause of the Church Socialist League, helping to organise a week's mission to promote its aims, at which Ramsay MacDonald and Conrad Noel were speakers. The curate of St James' observed that Charles displayed a fixed purpose to serve God, "and springing from that an unswerving determination to serve his fellow men, especially those in need of special help". He joined the Independent Labour Party in 1908.

He became increasingly disillusioned by contemporary business ethics and the prospect of a career in commerce. When Conrad Noel became vicar of Thaxted in 1909 Jenkinson joined him as his lay secretary and was impressed by the style of worship. He championed farm workers in their campaign to improve living conditions, becoming secretary of the local agricultural workers union, and served as election agent for the Rev. Edward Maxted, Labour party candidate for Essex County Council.

In July 1914 Jenkinson married a Thaxted girl. Their son, Charles junior, was born in 1915. During the war Jenkinson, a Pacifist, joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, was a first class medical orderly and master of first aid. His sincerity as a Christian won him the respect of all ranks, to whom he was affectionately known as Jenks. However, he was arrested with other conscientious objectors for resisting transfer to the infantry by over-zealous army officials, but was released after a public campaign and support from the Archbishop of Canterbury and MPs had highlighted

the injustice of their treatment.

Preparing for priesthood

He studied throughout the war to gain a working knowledge of Latin and Greek. In April 1919 he began studying for a law degree at Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge, "in order that my wits might be sharpened", he observed, "to help me wage a more successful battle against the devil in man", and as preparation for ministerial training. He graduated in 1921 and entered Ripon Hall, Oxford.

His personal religious views derived from early contact with earnest evangelism, which emphasised the importance of religious experience, and an attraction to Christian Socialism and Catholic modernism, which recognised the primacy of social justice and the richness and beauty of the Catholic heritage of worship. He sought to minimize distinctions between the clergy and the laity, even shunning use of the clerical collar. But he did wear a cassock with Canterbury cap, and would occasionally rush away from Sunday evening worship without removing his cassock to address political meetings.

After ordination in 1923 and a busy curacy at St Paul's, Barking, Jenkinson requested appointment to "the hardest parish in the country", and was appointed vicar of St. John and St Barnabas, Holbeck, Leeds. Jenkinson with his wife and son arrived in July 1927 to find a parish of back-to-back slums, numerous public houses and Commission Agents (betting shops). To reach people beyond the church membership he instituted a weekly "Parliament" in an old Sunday School. After a rousing debate the meeting finished with a hymn and a prayer - many MPs came as visiting speakers. As well as church services he ran a forum on Sunday afternoons and Sunday evening open-air services with a band.

His greatest passion and challenge was the grossly inadequate and insanitary housing. Despite warnings from the Leeds Medical Officer of Health - who became his great ally - Leeds had been dilatory in its housing reform;

Charles Jenkinson

1887 – 1949

Pioneer of slum clearance



the Council had been reluctant to take advantage of the subsidies available for council house building in the 1920s, and slow to react to the Greenwood Housing Act of 1930. Jenkinson, encouraged by a growing concern within the Church for the plight of slum-dwellers, was elected as a Labour member to Leeds City Council in November 1930.

New homes for the poor

He campaigned vigorously for housing reform in his pamphlet *Sentimentality or Common-Sense?* This was supported the Leeds Ruridecanal Chapter in June 1931. A resolution tabled by Jenkinson to appoint a sub-committee to enquire into housing policy was adopted by the Conservative-controlled Leeds City Council. Jenkinson and two other Labour councillors, however, considered the resulting report inadequate, and in 1933 issued their minority report *Housing Policy in the City of Leeds*, a closely argued 90 page document with impressive statistics, proposing that slum dwellings be cleared at an annual rate of 3,000 until 1948, that a Housing Committee be established, and a Housing Director be appointed. Its proposals gained wide circulation as a Labour Party two-penny booklet *Decent Houses For All*, and provided the blue print for the brilliant housing programme of the Labour-controlled Council from 1933 to 1936. Under the energetic leadership of Jenkinson, as first Chairman of the new Housing Committee, the Council succeeded in meeting the initial ambitious target of re-housing some 6,000 slum-dwellers in two years.

The plans of 1934 included annual targets for slum demolition, and for 30,000 new homes to be built at a total cost of £12 million. New estates were planned with wide main roads for trams, and an eye for beauty as well as safety. Jerusalem was to be built in England's green and pleasant land. Shaftesbury House, a 500-roomed

municipal lodging house was built for single men and a block of flats for single women, which still exists. The most contentious and innovative aspect of the programme was a differential rent scheme which proved enormously beneficial to poorer tenants and helped to ensure that ultimately 85% of slum-dwelling families were re-housed on new greenfield estates or in the new Quarry Hill Flats - the most renowned city-owned working-class housing development in the country, comprising 938 flats of varying sizes occupying 26 acres close to the city centre. Jenkinson was hailed by his supporters as "Good old Jenky, t'best booger i' Leeds", and Leeds was a shining example for housing reformers. Unfortunately his rent policy and his plan to build council houses in middle class areas encountered bitter opposition from some quarters and the Conservatives accused Labour of the "Red Ruin of the City" and regained control of the Council in 1935. Significantly the Conservative controlled council made few changes to Jenkinson's plans.

Parochial ministry

Jenkinson lost his seat in 1936 and he welcomed the respite from politics to supervise the historic move of his own congregation from Holbeck to a new estate at Belle Isle - the *Beautiful Island* - a couple of miles to the south, away from the dark satanic flax mills. His parish, including its churches, was demolished out of existence and he moved with the people, becoming first vicar of the new church, with its community facilities, and appropriately named St John and St Barnabas, light and space being its notable features. Furnishings were brought from the old churches to equip the new. He was responsible for much of the design and did much practical work. His most cherished possessions were his books and his bicycle, and he was long remembered hurtling around the streets of Leeds with his coat-tails flapping in the wind. Neither Cambridge nor Oxford, nor indeed Yorkshire, made the slightest impression on his cockney accent, and his speech was characterised by its rapid high-pitched delivery. A doughty debater, he displayed immense physical and mental energy, his natural modesty giving way in later years to a greater assertiveness, an intolerance of opposition, and occasional brusqueness. His wife had already undergone the hardship of supporting him through university, theological college and an East London curacy, and her devoted companionship was crucial in sustaining him in his remarkable ministry.

During his seven years absence from Leeds City Council, Jen-

kinson served from 1941 on a Labour Party sub-committee set up to consider post-war housing and town planning. In 1943 he returned to the council, and in 1947 became Leader of the Labour Group, chairman of the Finance and Parliamentary Committee, and an alderman, assuming responsibility for implementing the city's post-war housing policy. He received national recognition for his outstanding contribution to housing development in his appointment as a member of an advisory committee to produce specifications for utility furniture in 1947, and as a member of the Central Housing Advisory Committee.

Early death

On 31st December 1947 Charles Jenkinson left his parish in order to concentrate wholly on council work, although he still served in an honorary capacity, first of St. George's, Leeds and then of St Silas', Hunslet. In October 1948 he was appointed chairman of the Stevenage New Town Development Corporation, making plans for the building of a satellite town in the teeth of considerable opposition. He approached the work with characteristic vigour, but within nine months he was dead at the age of 62, a victim of inoperable cancer, perhaps aggravated by long years of overwork. He was a man with a vision who wore himself out in his mission to change Leeds.

Tributes appeared in the press - he was acknowledged as "one of the most forceful advocates of slum clearance" of his day. At the memorial service in Leeds Parish Church the Vicar of Leeds recognised the ideal of compassionate Christian Service which lay at the heart of Jenkinson's achievement. His slum clearance and re-housing initiatives, which transformed Leeds between 1933 and 1939 from a notorious centre of slum housing into a city with an internationally acclaimed innovative housing authority, constituted a remarkable achievement for an Anglican priest who continued to engage fully in parish ministry, demonstrating the effective public role a priest can play within a local community.

If you seek his memorial look around you is very appropriate. In addition The Leeds Civic Trust has now erected a Blue Plaque to the memory of Charles Jenkinson at St John and St Barnabas' Church. This was unveiled by the Lord Mayor, Canon Alan Taylor, Vicar of St Aidan's, Leeds, at a joyful event on Sunday 12th February. Canon Taylor was baptised by Charles Jenkinson! The plaque was suitably blessed, censed and sprinkled with Holy Water.

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