

Crunch time for the Church

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Help me recruit new members!

says our new Director, Dr Colin Podmore

'HOW DO you spend your time?', one of my former colleagues asked me recently. The answer is that my days and weeks are very varied. Some of my work is concerned with the internal workings of Forward in Faith, but quite a bit of the role is about helping with the development of structures for the Catholic Movement more generally.

Planning for the future

One of my most important tasks is to work with the Bishops of the Society. That they are now meeting regularly and beginning to take proactive steps to build our future is very promising, and I feel privileged to have been invited to help them. I staff their meetings, write minutes and help with follow-up, as well as advising them collectively and individually. Inevitably quite a lot of that work is hidden from view, but it is no less important for that.

The Society of St Wilfrid and St Hilda

The Society will not be a membership organization (we have enough of those already) but it will be crucial in providing sacramental assurance and pastoral oversight when women are eventually consecrated to the episcopate. As that is now more than three years away, planning is not quite so urgent, but the bishops hope to be in contact in due



course with all those who have registered their support. Various task groups are working under their oversight – for example on Vocations, Communications and Resources, and I am involved in some of these.

Forward in Faith and the Catholic Group

My work for Forward in Faith and the Catholic Group has included analysis of the recent report from the House of Bishops and assisting the Chairman and Vice-Chairman with the drafting of their response. I also try to keep in touch with Synod members and former colleagues from beyond the Catholic constituency.

FiF Parishes

I also respond to requests for advice and help from Forward in Faith parishes and clergy concerning appointments, resolutions and other matters – and in collaboration with the Provincial Visitor or other Society bishop.

In addition to all this 'high-level' and 'outward-looking' work, there is quite a lot to do with regard to the structures and working of Forward in Faith itself. At last year's National As-



sembly, when my appointment was announced, I said that the future would be different whether or not the Women Bishops Measure passed in November. That has been even more true than I realized. Forward in Faith is twenty years old, and it has been a huge success. But – like any structure put in place twenty years ago – it now needs to be overhauled, renewed and fitted out for the next stage of the journey. That work is consuming a great deal of my time at the moment.

Renewing Forward in Faith

Forward in Faith relies on its members, and membership has declined (though it is still far, far bigger than that of comparable organizations). Some members

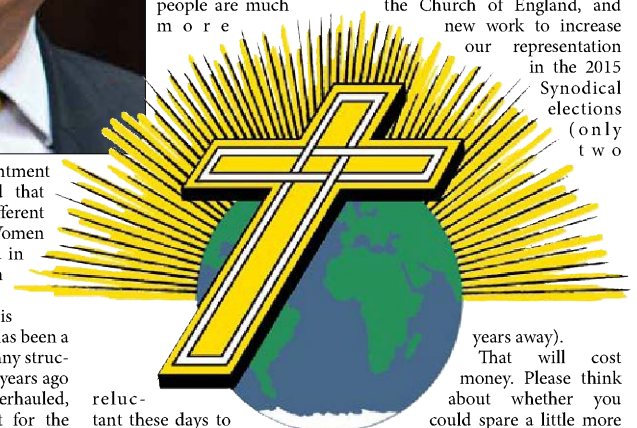
joined the Ordinate, but most of the decline is simply due to death. Many of those who joined twenty years ago are now reaching the end of their lives.

So – like any organization – we need to recruit new members even in order to 'stand still'. That is difficult not because the Catholic Movement is small or weak (it isn't) or because we haven't any younger people (we have), but just because people are much more

passed away. If every member recruited just one new member we'd have more members than we have ever had before, and money to pay for what we need to do. Even if just ten new members were recruited in each diocese we'd have 440 new members – a significant boost.

Securing proper provision

The campaign against the Women Bishops Measure was costly but successful. Now we need a new campaign for proper provision to enable us to flourish in the Church of England, and new work to increase our representation in the 2015 Synodical elections (only two



reluctant these days to join any organization (look at the political parties, for example) – or are so busy they don't get around to it.

Recruit new members

One of the most important things that members of Forward in Faith could do to help me at the moment is to recruit new members to replace those who have

years away). That will cost money. Please think about whether you could spare a little more for the work of Forward in Faith. Are there more members, for example, who could afford to contribute £10 a month to the work, as some already do?

In addition to all my work in Gordon Square, I look forward to working my way gradually around the country, and meeting many of you over the coming months.

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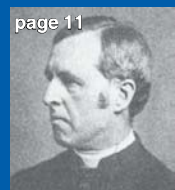
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Giants: Fr Macknochie

Vacancy in See, but Ebbsfleet flourishes

ALTHOUGH THE Ebbsfleet Episcopal area is bereft of its own Bishop the apostolic work still continues through the active support of other "Society" Bishops, notably Bishop Lindsay Urwin, Bishop John Ford and Bishop Roger Jupp.

Amongst all the Ebbsfleet Chrism Masses the best attended was in the spectacular setting of Lichfield Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Lindsay with the Bishop of the Diocese in attendance. Snow may have fallen, but that didn't deter the faithful pilgrims who flocked to the Cathedral and filled the nave to witness the Bishop present his charge to our clergy and have the ministries of Bishop, Priest and Deacon all publicly renewed.

Before his departure Bishop Jonathan Baker initiated a round of Ebbsfleet Festivals, the first of which was held at Saint Mark's, Washwood Heath, with the theme of Baptism, led by Bishop Jupp. Beginning with Mass at 12 noon, we then all delighted in a feast for a king through the generous hospitality of the parish. That certainly provided food for the



journey and prepared us for the afternoon teaching session on Baptism, concluding with Benediction. The next festival is to be at Saint Peter's, Crabb Cross, Redditch on the 14th September. Each one is going to be themed on a sacrament and will help to inform and nurture us all in this Year of Faith. So look on the Ebbsfleet website for details of an event near you. www.ebbsfleet.org.uk

Year of Faith and the See of Richborough

PEOPLE MAY already have forgotten that Pope Benedict held both a Year of St Paul (2008-09) and a Year of the Priest (2009-10). Hopefully though, everyone is aware that 2012-13 is THE YEAR OF FAITH. It started in October 2012 and lasts until the Feast of Christ the King - November 24th this year.

It was declared by Pope Benedict in the hope that in the Church all over the world, Christians would be called to renew their commitment to Faith in God, his Son Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit and in God's Holy Church. How often (like every Sunday!) do we say what we believe, without even considering that our Faith in these things is what everything else in our Christian lives springs from.

The Year of Faith has been taken up outside the Roman Catholic Church however - but sadly not by many other churches; what a wonderful ecumenical celebra-

tion we could have had over the Faith shared by all orthodox Christians! However it has certainly been taken up enthusiastically by Bishop Norman for the See of Richborough.

Last September, at a meeting of the Richborough Priests' Council at Walsingham, Bishop Norman raised the possibility of special services across the Richborough Area, at which all parishes and priests would be able to join together. One big service in the London area could have been a great and uplifting occasion but only for those who were able to get to it easily. And with the cost of travel - especially coach hire - long journeys are becoming more and more expensive!

The Council was firmly behind Bishop Norman's wish to reach out to as many as possible, fixing on six centres as being possible for just about every parish to get to. The emphasis on Faith has meant that his Conservative Evangelical

parishes have been able to be fully involved as well and it's good that they are. After the November 2012 General Synod Vote on women bishops we are very aware of how important their work and worship alongside Anglo-Catholics is just now and we all look to the same Bishop whatever our differences.

Six Special Services

Planning started at once and Bishop Norman was able to send out a Pastoral Letter for Advent Sunday last year inviting all his people to Special Services in 2013. Eventually the cathedrals of Norwich, St Albans, Winchester, Lincoln and Canterbury were all agreeable to the services taking place and have been very helpful and welcoming. In Chelmsford Diocese the service was fixed for St Peter's Church, Harold Wood.

At the five Cathedrals there will be a Concelebrated Mass with Bishop Norman as the Principal Celebrant and preacher; at St Pe-



ter's Harold Wood it will be a Service of The Word. On each day after lunch, as a new departure, the Bishop will lead a Bible Study to deepen our reflection on our faith in Jesus the Crucified and Risen Lord.

Since January posters have been on display and a prayer card made available for every worshipper. 10,000 in all - we're quite a crowd really! In all the planning and work for this it has been good to have the active assistance of the Secretary-General of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament - Fr Edward Martin and the General Secretary of the Additional Curates' Society - Fr Darren Smith.

The first of the Cathedral Services has already taken place at Norwich on May 18th as has the Service at St Peter's, Harold Wood but there are still four more to come. So - all of you folk in Richborough Parishes make sure you have the date booked for the Cathedral nearest you and organise your coaches, cars, trains, bicycles - whatever. If your parish priest has been too busy to organ-

ise transport then someone else in your church surely can! And Richborough Priests do your best to be there and concelebrate with him. Non-Richborough people and priests - if the distance isn't too great we'd love you to join us. The Year of Faith is after all for the Universal Church and all faithful Christians. "We will maintain, unflinching, One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

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Fr Edward Martin - 01472 239758
fatheredward@ntlworld.com

The Remaining Richborough Year of Faith Cathedral Services are:

Saturday August 10th at St Alban's, 12 noon

Saturday August 24th at Canterbury, 12.30pm

Saturday September 14th at Lincoln, 12.30pm

Saturday October 26th at Winchester, 12 noon



The Harry and Katie Pollard Trust

Support for clergy widows and daughters

IN THE last edition of Forward Plus we were able to tell you about the work of this trust, administered by the Church Union and supported by the wider church. We are really pleased that

our readers contacted us about some deserving individuals who could do with the help of the trust, and at the last meeting grants were given to: A disabled 57 year old unmarried daughter request-

ing assistance with buying furniture suitable for her disability. A 79 year old widow experiencing electrical problems needing a re-wire of her home. An 81 year old widow who relies on her car for mobility requesting assistance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham.

A widow who has experienced a stroke and a bad fall and was looking for respite care. And finally a number of applicants from the Diocese of Koforidua.

The next meeting of the trustees is on the 23rd September and we already have a number of applica-

tions to look at but if you know of or if you are in need yourself and fit into the category of the charity then make contact with me at the ACS Offices.

Telephone: 0121 382 5533, email: fr.smith@additionalcurates.co.uk for an application form.

Called to be a priest?

Fr Darren Smith reports on the next vocations weekend

THIS IS the simple but challenging title of our next vocations weekend on the 30th August to 1st September at Saint Stephens House Oxford. We are delighted to be able to welcome again Fr Stephen Ferns, the senior selector at Ministry Division, Westminster, who will be joining us and speaking from the horse's mouth as it were on what are the criteria that the Church of England uses in choosing suitable candidates for ordination, as well as giving us some pointers as to how best to prepare for the ordained ministry. The new Master of SSC, Fr Nicholas Spicer from Worktop Priory, will be talking about the spirituality of a priest.

Fr Damien Feeney will be entertaining, sorry I meant to say teaching us, around the theme of Priest as Evangelist. Canon John Salter, parish priest of Wantage and a well respected trainer of curates (who I served under!) will be

talking about the work of a priest.

Bishop Norman Banks will be with us for the entire duration as will other members of the God Calling team, including Fr John Brownsell who brings with him a depth of experience as a DDO/Selector and Parish Priest. Full details can be found on the Additional Curates Society website. Let me challenge you all to not only think for yourself what ministry God is calling you to, but to see if you can encourage someone from your congregation to come along to this conference.

Without any doubt we need more priests, more young priests and more priests from our constituency and of our faith. Never grow tired of praying for priests and join me in both rejoicing and praying for some of our recently selected ordinands who have been to the God Calling programme namely Giles Orton from Derby, Matthew Robinson from Welling-

borough, Edward Le Brun Powell from Landaff and Martin Puttick from Boston to name a few who have recently been accepted for ordination.

With all the negativity that often surrounds our constituency it is so good to be able to share with you some positive news. And a few dates for your diary. 20th July BAP Preparation Day – an opportunity for those who have got a date for a selection conference to experience some of the tasks that are part of the selection process – and our Vocations Day 30th November at Christ the King Gordon Square with further details to be announced.

Called to be a priest?

Join us on the 30th August or e-mail or call me for further information:

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fr.smith@additionalcurates.co.uk
tel: 0121 382 5533.

Called to be a Priest?



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Book now with the Additional Curates Society on
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Celebrating Saint Cuthbert

Tom Crowley, a student who worships at the FiF parish of St Helen Auckland in county Durham, invites you to a wonderful festival celebrating the life of Saint Cuthbert

SOLDIER AND Missionary, Prior and Bishop, Hermit and Saint: Cuthbert (634-687) was a man who led a remarkable life. A great man of humble origin, many centuries after his death St. Cuthbert remains a shining example to us here and to Christians everywhere.

His humility before God, his great evangelising efforts and his steadfast leadership are all qualities we should seek to emulate. Though he lived a relatively short life, he accomplished much and there is a great deal for which we must be grateful. It was through his efforts, along with St. Oswald and his contemporary St. Wilfrid, that the hitherto

heathen north was converted.

In Cuthbert's time, this was a place that we can scarcely imagine today – desolate, wild and pagan. Yet it was here he spent his life travelling far and wide, often to the meanest settlements, in order to spread the Word. He was also a great example of unity, presiding over Lindisfarne after the Synod of Whitby agreed on the use of the Roman tradition over the Celtic. Despite having been a follower of the Celtic tradition, Cuthbert oversaw the transition with great tact and diplomacy.

Durham's Shrine

In death, as in life, Cuthbert travelled far: his followers carried his remains across the region after being uprooted from Lindisfarne by Viking invasions. They spent many years wandering via Melrose, Ripon and Chester-le-Street until finally stopping, after a sign from the Saint himself, at modern-day Durham where a shrine soon grew up and the town around it.

The White Church of his first shrine was replaced by Durham Cathedral and for hundreds of years pilgrims came from across the country to seek his intercession and the miracles for which his shrine quickly became renowned. Though the dark days of the dissolution of the monasteries saw his shrine stripped and destroyed on the orders of the King, his relics themselves defied all attempts to destroy them and the site remains a place of pilgrimage to this day.

Annual festival

The Feast of the Translation of the Relics of St. Cuthbert commemorates this final journey of Cuthbert and continues a tradition that predates the Reformation, as we pray at his shrine in the same way countless others have done before us. The annual festival offers the Faithful of the Northern Province – and from further afield – the chance to come together and to honour this Saint to whom we all owe so much.

A beautiful and moving end to many parish pilgrimages, it has grown significantly in recent years and 2012 was the biggest gathering yet. Pilgrims came in their hundreds and parish banners from across the Diocese – and beyond – were on display.

Once the Mass was ended the Bishop, priests and people – carrying the image of this great saint – processed to the shrine itself, evoking Cuthbert's final journey. The festival ended with all gathered about his shrine, with a chance to light candles and pray for his intercession. But this is not only a great devotional occasion; it also gives Anglo-Catholics from all across the north a chance to meet each other socially and to develop links with those from other parishes.

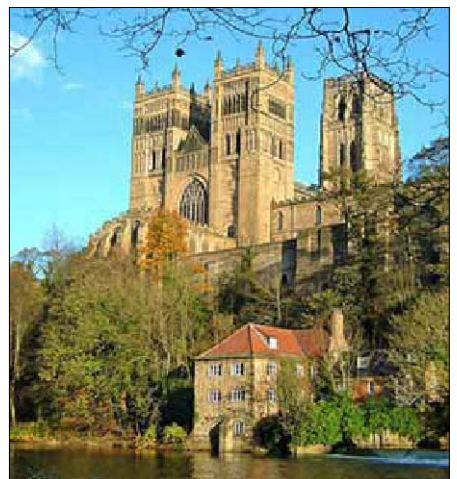
Friday 6th September

The Shrine of St. Cuthbert has been a place of pilgrimage and prayer for over a thousand years. In that same tradition, this year we come together to honour him and to celebrate the translation of his relics on Friday 6th September. The festival will begin at 7.30pm and is followed by drinks and the opportunity to mingle with fellow pilgrims in the medieval cloisters of the Cathedral.

Why not come and join us and the Bishop of Beverley in honouring the Northern Saints? Or maybe bring a parish pilgrimage for a joyful celebration? For more information:

www.cuthbertfestival.co.uk


St Cuthbert, pray for us!



FEAST OF THE
TRANSLATION OF
THE RELICS OF
ST CUTHBERT

Durham Cathedral

Friday 6th
September 2013
7.30 pm



Celebrant & Preacher
Glyn Webster, Bishop of Beverley
www.cuthbertfestival.co.uk

Pray for all FiF members and parishes

St John the Baptist Leamington Spa

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3.30pm The Rosary & Benediction
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10.45 Solemn Mass
6.30pm Evensong &
Benediction

Weekday Masses

Parish Priest
Canon Ralph Crowe SSC
Tel: 01274 543957

St Gabriel's Fullbrook, Walsall ABC Walstead Road, Walsall off Junc 7 or 9 of M6

Sunday

8am Low Mass
10am Solemn Mass
4pm Evening Prayer
5pm Evening Mass

Daily Mass

Fr Mark McIntyre
01922 622583

The Good Shepherd Furnham, Chard

Sundays

9.45am Sung Mass
6pm Solemn Evensong &
Benediction (3rd Sunday only)

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 10am

Contact: Fr Jeff Williams
01 460 419527
churchofthegoodshepherd-chard.weebly.com

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

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

Sunday

Low Mass at 8am
Solemn Mass at 10.30am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7pm
Thursday 12 noon

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contact:*
01303 254472

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10am Sung Mass Traditional
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Evensong last Sunday in month

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stambrosechurch@btinternet.com

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10am Confraternity of the Blessed
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Tel: 01934 204217

e-mail: allsaintsoffice@tiscali.co.uk

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Sunday

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and DLR)*

Sunday

Mass 8.00

Parish Mass 10.00

Weekdays:

M 10.00, T 18.30, W 12.15,
F 18.30, S 10.00

Parish Priest Administrator:
Fr Peter Hudson
07908640369

Holy Family

Lord Lane, Failsworth
Manchester

Sunday

9.15am Parish Mass

*Daily Masses as advertised
or tel: Fr Tony Mills
on 0161 681 3644*

All Saints, South Shields

Sundays:

9.45am Sung Eucharist
(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

Fr Mervyn Thompson
0191 456 1851

St Agnes with St Pancras

Texteth Park, Liverpool L17 3BA

Sunday 10am Parish Mass
6.30pm Solemn Evensong
& Benediction

Weekday Mass: Tue, Wed, Fri & Sat

Canon Christopher Cook SSC
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www.stagness.org.uk

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

Saint Silas Penton St N1 9UL (nr Angel tube)

Sunday

11am Parish Mass

Father Wakeling

020 7837 4228

www.saint-silas.org.uk

St Peter's Bath Road, Devizes

Sunday

8am Low Mass (BCP/EM)
- Fourth Sundays only
10am Sung Mass

Thursday

7pm Low Mass

*Mass on major Saints Days and
other Festivals (times vary)*

Contact during the
Interregnum: Mrs. Jean Hosie
Churchwarden: 01380 813500

All Saints Torre Torquay

Sunday

8am Service
10am Parish Mass

*For information and
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contact:*

01803 325342

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Monday: 6.30pm Rosary, 7pm Mass

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Thursday: 10am Mass

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www.stcyprian.org.uk

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Sunday

8am Low Mass
10am Sung Mass
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www.stpeterscrabbscross.co.uk

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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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website www.st-gabriels.com

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Sunday Services

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Weekday Masses

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Wednesday 7pm

Thursday 11am

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Sunday

Parish Mass 9am (Hickleton)
10.30am (Goldthorpe)

Tuesday and Wednesday

Mass 7pm (Goldthorpe)

Thursday

10am (Hickleton)

Friday

10.30am (Goldthorpe)

Saturday

10.30am (Goldthorpe)

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(A, B & C / FiF)

Sundays:

10am Sung Mass

*Services are
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English Missal / BCP*

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Grand Drive, Raynes Park

Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist
4pm Evening Prayer

Contact Fr Michael Blackman
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St Andrew West Kirby

Sunday

8am Low Mass

10.30am Sung Mass

Evensong 6.00 pm first Sunday

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Fr Walsh 0151 632 4728

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Walsingham welcomes its new Vicar



Fr Andrew Mitcham SSC, former Shrine Priest at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham 1994-96, returned to the village to be instituted as Parish Priest by the Rt Rev'd Graham James, Bishop of Norwich, and the Ven. John Ashe, Archdeacon of Norwich on 17th May



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In his own write . . .

From the Editor's desk



Good intentions put into operation with insufficient consideration of the possible consequences can lead often to disaster. That was a lesson I learned very early in life when, as a four-year old living with my parents and little sister in my grandparents' house, I tried to be helpful. The street, a cul-de-sac of terraced mid-Victorian houses, ending at the bottom of a railway embankment, had suffered extensive bomb damage during the Second World War. An enormous tarpaulin sheet draped the front of the house while the workmen completed the long-awaited repairs. I used to crawl under it and talk to the men as they worked up on the roof, earning the nickname "Chatterbox."

From inside the front door, the passage to the kitchen (or "scullery" as Nan called it) as far as the back door, was covered with newspaper during the day to protect the lino from the workmen's dirty boots. When the men finished work, the paper was taken up and the floor swept. Being a helpful child, I decided one evening that it would be good if I began to clear it.

Dad and Grandad were not home from work, and Nan and Mum and baby Ann were in the kitchen. So my enthusiastic placing of crumpled newspapers on the open fire in the back room went unnoticed until the flames billowed out and set alight the row of small items of clothing that hung on a string beneath the mantelshelf! The resulting smoke brought the women rushing in from the kitchen. Disaster was averted, despite the singed socks and knickers, and the helpful culprit rewarded with a severe scolding and a sharp smack.

Coronation Day

A few months later, Lewisham Borough Council's Housing Office offered my parents the temporary tenancy of the upper floors of a large house which had been requisitioned to ease the housing shortage, and in the summer of 1951 we moved in.

On the ground floor lived a couple in their early sixties. He worked at Tilbury Docks and she at Greenwich Swimming Baths. They had no children, and immediately welcomed us and treated us as family. When it became clear that the Coronation would be televised they bought one of the

million sets that were produced, and invited us all to join them for the day to "look in" on the great events.

Last month, on the sixtieth anniversary of Coronation Day, the BBC repeated the original broadcast, introduced by Sylvia Peters, with the careful and informed commentary by Richard Dimbleby, and it was wonderful to see again the pomp and splendour of the processions, the solemnity and dignity of the service in Westminster Abbey, to hear the glorious music, and to witness the Queen's reverent offering of her life in the service of her people under God.



Sixtieth Anniversary

Equally moving was the simpler Thanksgiving service for the Sixtieth Anniversary, when the Archbishop of Canterbury preached a fitting and thoughtful sermon. "Liberty under authority" was his theme, beginning with our duty to God "whose service is perfect freedom." "Liberty is only real", he emphasised, "when it exists under authority."

He reminded us that at the very beginning of the Coronation service, the Queen had knelt in silent prayer in front of the Altar and that during the service the most solemn moment, hidden from the gaze of the viewing public by a great canopy, had been the anointing by the archbishop. That ceremony, with Handel's anthem recalling the anointing of Solomon by Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet, survived in the Coronation rite, when the use of Holy Oils apart from Extreme Unction was very rare in the Church of England.

In the sixty years since, most dioceses have begun to celebrate Christmastide in Holy Week, and the use of oil at baptism and confirmation and healing services has become more widespread, although its use

at Ordinations is still not common. In the Coronation it marked the Queen's being set aside by God for a life of service. "Once anointed," said Dr Welby, "Her Majesty received symbols, symbols so monumental that they are only bearable by the grace and strength of God. They were symbols of service as well as of leadership and authority."

After recounting the tasks with which the Queen was entrusted as she was given the sword, the Archbishop concluded, "the symbols and words point us to our deepest understanding of the nature of power, which is found ... in radical commitment,

single-minded devotion and servant leadership." "The very nature of being British follows this simple logic. It is founded on liberty under authority."

By what authority?

This admirable logic seems to have escaped the two Archbishops when they signed the latest report from the House of Bishops on the proposals for women in the episcopate. They claim that the Church of England "will continue to share the historic episcopate with other churches, including the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church and those provinces of the Anglican Communion which continue to ordain only men", admitting in another paragraph that such churches are in the majority; but sets its own "clear decision" within "a broader process of discernment within the Anglican Communion and the whole Church of God."

In other words, the Church of England, led by its bishops and the 'senior women' who attend its meetings, is using its liberty beyond the accepted bounds of authority acknowledged by the majority of Christians not only throughout the world, but

throughout the ages.

A similar defiance of logic appears in the assurance, on the one hand, that there must be a clear embodiment of the principle that those who dissent from the ordination of women as bishops are loyal Anglicans, and the recommendation, on the other hand, that the 1993 Measure (the right to pass Resolutions A&B) and the Act of Synod (the right to petition for extended episcopal care) should be repealed.

The bishops express the desire to remain "a broad church", but caution that the limits of diversity do not permit "an unbounded breadth." Yet there is no hint of hesitation about the limits of diversity in what they propose to do to the Holy Orders which they profess to share with the whole Church of God. They take their liberty seriously, but under what authority other than their own?

By the time you read this, the Synod will have met again "to resolve this unfinished business ... as a matter of great urgency." Good intentions, no doubt; but will they avoid disaster? When they consign to the flames all the assurances and safeguards of the past, what shall we be able to rescue?

The last post

Sadly, I shall not be at the editor's desk to answer the question in the Autumn, as the Executive has decided that this edition of *Forward! plus* must be the last.

I had hoped to see the task through to the completion of the current Synodical process; but the budget review dictates that we retire now, appropriately I suppose, on number 65 of the series! It has been a great privilege to help produce this paper over the seventeen years since the Council asked me to start it in the summer of 1996. I would like to thank our loyal readers and all those who have helped in the production and contributed news and views.

One of our most popular regular features has been the "Giants in the Land" series. Very many people over the years have told me how they have been fascinated, moved and inspired by the accounts of the dedication and commitment of those men and women who brought the love of God to the poor and outcast and transformed not just the worship of the Church of England but the heart and conscience of the nation. I hope and pray that we will continue to be faithful to their vision and fearless in our advancement of Catholic Faith and Order. As we finish the series with a reprint of one of the greatest of them all, Fr Mackonochie, I sign off with some words from his faithful curate, Fr Stanton:

**"Nothing so strengthens the soul
than the history
of God's goodness in the past.
That is a holy sanctuary,
the lamp of which burns
to the very end,
lighting up the unknown future
with undying hope."**

From the Chairman of Forward in Faith



Dear Friends

Forward Plus has long provided us with a comprehensive digest of news and events from around the parishes, and has provided an important means of communicating the work of Forward in Faith both to our members and to the wider public. We are hugely grateful to Fr Ian Brooks, the Editor, for all his hard work; and we are further indebted to all those who have written in these pages, whether as regular columnists or occasional contributors, over the years.

We believe that the time has now come for a pause, in which to consider how to refresh our publications in the light of ever changing circumstances both in the media and the life of the Church and our constit-

ency. This edition of *Forward Plus* will, therefore, be the last issue of this newspaper in its present form. We hope very much that, in due course, a new publication, in both a hard copy and an on-line format, will succeed *Forward Plus* and build on its foundations. It is further hoped that this new venture will allow all the catholic societies to come together to demonstrate the contribution each is making to our common life, and that the new publication will communicate even more richly catholic life and mission across the Church of England.

So: we bid farewell, with thanksgiving, to *Forward Plus*. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us in bringing a worthy successor to birth.

Yours in Christ

✠ Jonathan Fulham



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The River Jordan

kids

We have all heard of the River Jordan in the bible stories about John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus, so I thought we could explore a bit more about this iconic river.

The Jordan is 251k (156miles) long and today forms the eastern

because of the excess salt.

In Old Testament times the Jordan valley was a rich fertile plain important for the crops that could be grown there. There were a number of fords to enable people to cross the river. The bible

Christians consider it special as the place of Christ's Baptism. Royal babies from many Christian countries are still baptised with water from the River Jordan.

The Jordan Today

The river is still an important source of water in an otherwise dry country. It is also a subject of contention as many countries divert water for their use. 70% to 90% of the Jordan's water is used for human purposes in one country or another. Very little water now flows into the Dead Sea causing that to shrink.

Small sections of the river are kept in pristine condition for baptisms which still take place near to the Sea of Galilee. We tend to forget that there are many Christians among the people

of the Holy Land. We should keep them in our prayers.

The River Jordan has played an important part in both Judaism and Christianity and still sustains the people of the Holy Land.



border of the state of Israel. It rises in the hill country and drops steeply for 75k to the swampy Lake Hula through which it flows. This lake is slightly above sea level.

The gradient is not so steep as it flows further south for 25k to the Sea of Galilee, 422metres below sea level. From there the greater part of its journey takes a slow meandering course down to the Dead Sea. This sea has no outlet and is very very salty. People go there to bathe in the waters as floating is easy. They have to take showers as soon as they come out

mentions crossings made by Joshua, Elijah and Elisha, the two E's making miraculous dry crossings.

The New Testament tells us the story of John the Baptist preaching repentance and baptising in the river and also of the Baptism of Jesus. It also mentions Jesus crossing the Jordan several times during his ministry.

To the Jews, the River Jordan, as the last crossing on their way home from captivity in Egypt, symbolised their release from slavery and has become the subject of many songs and gospel hymns.



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PROVINCE

From the Chairman

My dear brothers and sisters,

IT is said that General William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, commented that he didn't see why the devil should have all the best tunes. And from that saying grew the Army's strong reliance on bands, on hymns and songs, in proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

It is quite a good principle to take the words and images and ideas used by people with whom we disagree and I think we already have a good track-record at doing this. It was Mary Tanner and the Eames commission came up with the phrases 'period of reception' and 'impaired communion' and we have taken these up as reflecting some of the issues that matter to us as we look at developments in the Apostolic Ministry. There is in-

deed a period of reception, not just till we all get used to it but until the whole Church agrees that this is the way forward and there is indeed, very sadly, an impairment in our communion one with another.

In one diocese within our province one of the ways of looking at the setting up of ministry areas as put forward in the Harris report is to set up what are called *Clusters*.

These *Clusters* are adjacent parishes coming together and making an agreement between the clergy and the PCCs to work very closely together. Part of the proposal involves cross-licensing of clergy, shared responsibility for taking services and preaching and obviously a wise use of the different resources and talents within the *Cluster*.

While I have reservations about the proposals of the Harris commission and in particular do not believe that we should be solely planning a strategy to manage decline but going forward in faith and confidence and trusting that God will give us growth, I do believe that this is an area in which we can use the language and ideas of others even if this may not be one of the best tunes and I don't want to imply that they belong to the devil!

I don't particularly like the word *Cluster* but so far have not come up with a decent alternative and anyway it does lend itself to alliteration and to abbreviation. So I want us to consider the launch of **CREDO CYMRU CLUSTERS** or CCC

This, I think, can and should work on two levels.

Firstly there is the local. Why don't we as parishes and communities join hands with those of a similar

outlook who are reasonably near to us. In some urban area this could be a real working out of the concept of *Clusters*. Ideas, equipment, skills and talents both of lay and clerical personnel could be shared. Celebrations could be planned together and may be some projects could be jointly funded across the group.

While two or three parishes in a city of town could easily work together in this way, similar things could be done in a different way across wider area. Why should we not twin with another traditionalist parish elsewhere in the diocese? Why should we not support each others patronal festivals and major events? Why not do some exploration in teaching together? We could produce booklets and other literature, prepare candidates for confirmation or run classes in preparation for baptism and marriage or even just work on a joint programme for doing these things. Again we could work on area where we could jointly fund work that needs to be done.

No one will pretend that this will be easy, for there will be barriers to be broken down. To be honest, I think that the biggest difficulty will be in the attitude of clergy. I am afraid that many of us are incurable individualists; we like to do our own thing; we fear others coming into our 'territory' and almost afraid of comparisons. And parishes often share in these same prejudices. But we have to remember what it is we are here for: not to show that this priest, or this parish, is one of the best but to use every means possible to tell others about what Jesus has done for them and to bring them into a loving relationship with Him in His holy Church.

But we can extend this local theme of *Clusters* even further. In the end it should be possible to the idea throughout the whole of Wales. Why can't all our parishes learn to live and work together in a big way? We have some of the most thriving parish communities in the country; we are growing and bringing people to Jesus; and we

have within our constituency talents and resources that are under-used and could be made available to a much wider audience.

If we could fund things jointly at a local level, why not on a wider scale? Individual parishes might not be able to take on a lay pastoral assistant or a youth worker but by pooling our finances we might be able to do these things and to make a real difference.

My vision is that we shall be to the Church in Wales a sign and an example of what is possible when we think in a positive way and hold fast to the fullness of faith. We are sometimes accused of wanting to be a Church within a Church and in one sense that is exactly what we do want to do. This is what the Wesley brothers did when they introduced their 'Methodism' into the Church to call it back from formalism and apathy; this is what Evangelical and Catholic revivals have done too.

Sometimes when these movements come along the Church embraces them, learns from them and benefits from them. At others, like with the Wesleys, it turns its back on them and drives them out.

By working on the concept of *Credo Cymru Clusters* we can proclaim and also put into practice what we believe the Church should be. Will you join me in promoting and developing this? If we make a start, God will bless our endeavours and the boundaries of His kingdom will be extended.

Let us remain firm but loving and fill ourselves and the Church that we love with the life of the Spirit

Yours in the love of Christ

Alan Rabjohns

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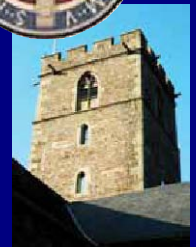
Will he come back?



Ty'r Pererin Centre



Young Benedictines



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
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trwy Iesu Grist
ein Harglwydd.
Amen

Will he come back?

The Vicar of St Arvans is about to go on a really long walk

IN the early Autumn (beginning of September) Father Michael Gollop of the parishes of St Arvans with Penterry, Devauden, Iton and Kilgwrwg will be walking the Pilgrim Route to Santiago de Compostella (800km) for St Arvans Parish Funds and the Macmillan Cancer Charity.

Extensive restoration work has been carried out at the beautiful church of St Arvans, including a new roof and repairs to the floor. The church is now faced with replacing the heating system and decorating the church so that it is returned to its original splendour.

Many fundraising events are planned for 2013 including a Jazz Concert (May 11th);

Chepstow Castle Singing Group (Sept 26th) and Synergy: 4-part men's harmony group (November 16th).

Details of how to support and donate will be available soon. If anyone wishes to join him for all or part of the way, please contact Father Michael or the Churchwardens.

We are investigating sponsorship deals and the 'Just Giving' schemebut if you can help in any way to raise funds to support Father Michael ... please do CONTACT US SOON!

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Unity, disunity and the courage to live with opposing claims

A community that is unable to cope with disagreement and imposes uniformity will be ill-prepared for the future, says Fr Timothy Radcliffe in his latest book - Take the Plunge. In our search for greater unity between Christian Churches and indeed within our own church, is the best way forward to cleanse it of those with whom we profoundly disagree? He also reminds us that St Paul tell us that we may speak in tongues and perform miracles but if we do not love and build the unity of Christ's Body, we are not doing the work of the Holy Spirit.

Faith is not primarily a matter of choosing

what to believe, as if one were a consumer in a spiritual supermarket, filling one's trolley with religious goods to match one's personal needs and preferences. Faith is our response to the astonishing discovery that we have been chosen. Paul did not weigh up the arguments for and against Christianity and make a mature option for Jesus; God burst roughly into his life and threw him to the ground.

Perhaps we have forgotten that God's choice of us always precedes and helps make possible our choice of God.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his son...! John

God constantly comes to cleanse us of our sins and through the continued outpouring of his Spirit to guide us and lead us into all truth. After St Francis

Lord, help me to be an instrument to play the song of your peace across all the strings of my life. So that where there is hatred: I may know how to reveal your healing love.

Where there is only despair: I may help to nurture your gift of hope, Where there is sadness: I may help to reveal your gift of joy.

Where there is division and hurt: help me to bring your reconciling power.

Where there is chiefly doubt: Show me how to gently sow the powerful seeds of faith.

Lord help me to serve you as an instrument of your peace, a channel of your grace;

within the gift of this day and every day that is yet to come from your ever open hand.

The Archbishop of Wales' Award in Church Music (A.W.A.C.M.)

THE Award was created by the late Archbishop Alwyn Rice Jones in consultation with leading musicians, among them the late David Blott and the late George Guest. The A.W.A.C.M. is a major award which is aimed very much at senior and professional level for those who are organists and choir-trainers. The Award aims to encourage and recognize the work of those achieving exceptional standards in church music, and who have devoted a significant amount of their time serving within Wales.

The A.W.A.C.M. was first conferred in 1997 and since then 31 individuals, organists of Welsh cathedrals together with the organists/musical directors of a number of parish churches in both North and South Wales have been recognised for their contribution.

In addition to this The Archbishop of Wales' Certificate of Merit in Church Music has been established as a way of affirming good and faithful work done in the field of church music throughout the churches and chapels of Wales. It is an interdenominational certificate, and one which is aimed at recognising the talents and devoted service of those who may be organists, choir-trainers, singers or leaders of instrumental groups within Wales. The Certificate aims to recognize those who are not professional musicians, and who have not necessarily had a professional training, but yet have done a



recognisably significant work in the church or chapel where they are.

This year Mr Richard Moorhouse of Llandaff Cathedral, Mr Simon Pearce of St Davids Cathedral and Mr Timothy Hill of St Martin's Roath received an AWACM in recognition of their exemplary service to the musical life of

the Church in Wales. These gentlemen together with six individuals who were awarded the Archbishop's Certificate, were presented with their awards at a special ceremony in St Mary's Priory Church in Abergavenny, at which the Archbishop of Wales was present and the Dean of Hereford Cathedral preached.

Anyone who wishes to obtain further information about the Award or the Certificate or who wishes to nominate an individual should contact the Secretary:

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

Ty'r Pererin

The Very Revd Jonathan Lean, Dean of St Davids, reports on a new Education & Pilgrimage Centre for St Davids Cathedral

TY'R Pererin, the cathedral's new Education & Pilgrimage Centre, occupies the former Victorian junior school which was closed in the 1960s and then used as a school canteen. The school has remained empty since 2000 and has now been restored by the Friends of the Cathedral as a multifunctional centre, returning

ed hospitality to visitors to the cathedral, with particular emphasis on educational and spiritual activities around the Shrine of St David and pilgrimage. The centre will offer a varied programme of educational outreach to children and young people. This will allow for groups to engage with the various facets of the cathedral's life in conjunction



the building into use as an educational facility for the cathedral and community. The original classrooms have been transformed into new teaching spaces with extensions to provide office space and toilet facilities. A new pentice links the old classrooms and provides stunning views of the cathedral and valley below.

The Victorian building fabric has been carefully repaired and new works designed to provide good access for people with disabilities. By reusing a redundant building and using traditional and green building materials, the centre has been designed to minimise its carbon footprint. Systems have been installed to provide rainwater gathering and renewable energy from a ground source heat pump. The new buildings have been designed using traditional materials which blend into their surroundings and complement the character of the Victorian building. Natural light floods through the original dressed stone windows and the oak framed pentice.

The purpose of the centre is to offer extend-

with other areas of the National Curriculum. Themed seasons and days will use the skills of inspirational artists, educational practitioners and the local community to help visitors engage with Christian, historical and Welsh heritage. Ty'r Pererin will offer space and opportunity for many to reflect on their pilgrimage through life. It is envisaged that the centre will support the cathedral in its mission to offer worship, prayer, hospitality and healing as a true reflection of the life of St David, for the people of St Davids and its many visitors from across the world.

Mrs Janet Ingram, the cathedral's new Education and Pilgrimage Officer, said: 'I am very excited about developing the diverse opportunities and sharing new ways of reflecting the Christian heritage with all our pilgrims in such a beautiful space. St Davids has such a long history associated with pilgrimage; it is a real privilege to be part of its renewal here.'

The Very Reverend Jonathan Lean, Dean of St Davids, said: 'The creation of Ty'r Pererin marks the beginning of a new development in the life of the cathedral which will extend our spiritual and educational ministry and, in conjunction with the recent restoration of the Shrine of St David, will further enhance our aspirations to turn visitors into pilgrims. The initial focus will be to attract school groups to the new centre; however, it is hoped that as the project develops we will be able to move into areas of adult education and include provision for pilgrimage and retreat days and weekends. Although local schools will be targeted initially as the project becomes more established it is envisaged that groups will visit from further afield and influence the wider church.'

This is a pioneering project in the Church in Wales and an exciting time for us here in St Davids in developing our ministry to visitors and pilgrims.

Please contact education@stdavids cathedral.org.uk or call Ty'r Pererin directly on 01437 729151 for more information or to book a visit.

Credo Cymru Events for the Diocese of Monmouth

Saturday 1st June
at St Julius and Aaron Newport
Quiet Day beginning with
Mass at 9.30am, all welcome

Saturday 20th July
at St Arvans Church
Summer BBQ beginning
with Mass at 6.30pm

Saturday 2nd November
at St Michaels Church
Michaelston Y Fedw
All Souls Day Mass at 2.30pm
This will be followed by a meeting



Editorial

TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE has written a book called 'What is the point of being a Christian?' This book challenges even the most committed Christian to reassess what they believe but more importantly why they believe and what impact that has upon how they live their lives. In these challenging times for the church where we are reassessing what we believe and why it is vital that during this process we ask ourselves a number of questions.

For us in Credo Cymru now is really the time to ask ourselves the question: what is the point of being an Anglo Catholic? And even, what is the point of being a member of Credo Cymru? We need to ask these questions firstly to remind ourselves of our faith and to reaffirm for ourselves why we have these deep-held beliefs. However, the real reason that this reassessment and questioning is so vital for our wing of the Church is because our focus at this time should be on what the impact that these beliefs have on how we live our lives, as Anglo Catholics, as Christians, and as members of the body of Christ.

What is the point of being an Anglo Catholic? What is the point of being a member of Credo Cymru? It is fantastic that within Wales we have the opportunity to unite as Anglo Catholics and to come together for worship and prayer. It is a wonderful thing to be able to maintain that identity and beliefs. It is a privilege to share our faith with other like-minded people and to grow the Church in Wales in this way and it is right to have events and worship expressly for this purpose. However, what is the point?

If we are truly to teach and preach and grow the catholic faith in Wales we must allow our beliefs to have even more of an impact on how we live our lives. We must campaign for our position to be respected within the wider Church. We must ask and ask again for a Provincial Assistant Bishop in the Church in Wales



to serve our parishes and people. We must act as a group to stand up in other ways to support our tradition.

We must work together to do the important work of ministry to children and young people. We must encourage vocations within Credo Cymru and we must work hard to make disciples in our communities.

We must not ask for provision and recognition because we are a minority group which needs provision because of its traditional beliefs. But instead we should ask as a group which needs provision and recognition because it is a group which is growing and succeeding, building up the body of Christ and is a vibrant and lively part of the Church in Wales.

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GO TO HEAVEN

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

Vocation & Selection

Edward Le Brun Powell, ordinand in the diocese of St Davids, reports

CHRIST desires nothing more or less than the very best of your humanity in your vocation as a Christian. That is, until you fulfil, in being, that which Almighty God has called you, you are not being the very best human being you can be.

These words have been paraphrased from the current Archbishop of Westminster Vincent Nichols in reference to the priesthood. Despite the fact that this can be applied to every vocation within Holy Mother Church, this strikes me as particularly encouraging for those of us who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

The challenge for all is letting go of what we want and desire for ourselves and trusting that God is leading us and calling us in the way He desires us to go. However, this is far easier said than done, and those of us who are going through the discernment process will testify that it is neither easy nor is it smooth. It is fraught with disappointments, irritations, uncertainties and worries of every kind. However, with a constant recall that if Christ is calling me to do this, then nothing will come in the way of it. This is somewhat calming I can say.

Never have I ever experienced anything so mentally draining as a Provincial Selection Board, it is something I wouldn't wish on anyone. However and having said that, the selectors put all the candidates very much at ease over lunch before the conference began, by being very warm and friendly. I can remember for forty eight hours being on guard over everything I thought and said and thinking twice as to how a particular comment might come across not only to the selectors but to the other candidates as well.

With the interviews, group tasks and written assignments, I really didn't struggle to sleep over the conference. One or two of the interviewers do try and shake you up throughout the interviews however, you can

take your time with preparing your answers and are not hassled in that manner. I can assure you it is an exhausting two days. I attended the conference at the end of February this year after five years of discernment with three vocations advisors and two DDOs in both England and Wales and even at this moment it still doesn't feel real to have been selected and about to start Theological College.

We are living in an increasingly hostile atmosphere within our society and holding to the apostolic faith of Jesus Christ is coming under immense pressure. The Church in Wales has a great many challenges in front of it, from a financial point of view and also spreading the good news of the Gospel to a society that has its fingers stuck in its ears. However, we cannot proceed to face these problems whilst forgetting where we have come from.

In our attempts to grow we cannot compromise on truth, unity or the faith: 'The day's pastoral ministry should begin at the altar, when all that happened the day before is laid before God in both penitence and thanksgiving, and all that is to happen during the ensuing day is offered to God in humility. Christ Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, and must be the beginning and the ending of all that we do in His name and in and through His church'.

So while we face an uncertain future and a challenging future, if we allow ourselves to shed the light of Christ on His church and realise that it is His church and in His control and trust in Him, we can look to this future without fear and trepidation for behold He is with us even to the end of the age.

I ask you all to please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new stage of discernment. I also ask you to pray for the Church in Wales; my diocese of St David's and our Bishop Wyn.

'Be joyful and keep the faith'.

Young Benedictines

AT St Mary's Priory, Abergavenny we have a long Benedictine tradition having been founded as a Benedictine Priory in 1087. For a number of years we have held monthly Monastic days when people can lead the life of a Benedictine monk for one day, but we have been keen to develop this. We now intend to create a modern interpretation of the Medieval monastery, by building a community to live and work here.

The Young Benedictines project will be led by the Associate Priest, and will invite young students and graduates to live in the community for a year on a rolling basis, doing outreach and Mission work, with schools, community groups and elsewhere, and encouraging a new generation of young people from the area to engage with our community. In addition the Young Benedictines will support themselves and the Churches by working for St Mary's Priory House Company, which provides facilities, staff support and income to the Church. All this will be rooted in the monastic cycle of prayer.

The Community will live together in Holy Trinity Vicarage within a quadrangle of almshouses and in the shadow of the Sugar

Loaf Mountain.

The basis of St Benedict's Rule of Life is work and service (72 chapters in all); this ethos has produced some of the greatest Abbeys and Cathedrals in the land. Also at its heart is a concept of simple self-sufficiency in terms of working to provide for oneself as well as having a consistent underpinning work ethic of helping others. The Catholic Encyclopaedia says of this Holy Rule, '...the first thing that must strike the reader is its wonderful discretion and moderation, its extreme reasonableness, and its keen insight into the capabilities as well as the weaknesses of human nature. Here are no excesses, no extraordinary asceticism, no narrow-mindedness, but rather a series of sober regulations based on sound common-sense'.



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This project will focus on a handful of the rules in this context in relation to the desired and achievable outcomes for the YB community and the wider communities of Abergavenny – and are as follows: -

Rule 4 Summarises the duties of good Christians to be 'instruments of good works'

Rules 9-19 Deal with the corporate prayer life of the community

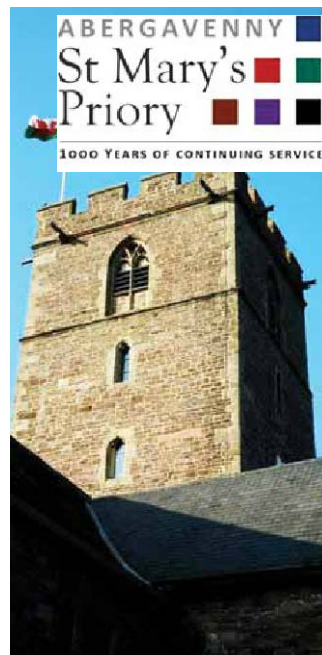
Rule 35 Gives guidance about living together in community and sharing the load

Rule 53 Deals with the hospitality of guests

In addition to the above, the project sets out to use the Benedictine model and rule of life to provide a robust platform for its members to reach out to, engage with and address the needs of its surrounding communities. The emphasis throughout will be on young people, but not to the exclusion of the needs of older members of the community and the potential for intergenerational work.

Any one interested in further information or applying for the Community as the Priest or a lay member is asked to email:
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Byddwch lawen; cadwch y Ffydd! – Be joyful; keep the faith!

Bishop Glyn visits Ladyewell

TO THE east of Preston, in a leafy glade known locally as Fernyhalgh, is the peaceful and secluded shrine of Ladyewell. There is no documentary evidence of its existence before the middle of the 14th century, but many historians believe that the origins of the

shrine are much older, possibly like Walsingham dating to Saxon times. Our Lady's Well was certainly a place of pilgrimage and prayer at the time of the Reformation when, in 1547, its chapel was destroyed and its furnishings and revenues confiscated.

The reign of Queen Elizabeth I was a dangerous time for Roman Catholics, especially priests, who were viewed as potential traitors following the papal bull excommunicating the Queen.

Surviving persecution

Anti-Catholic feeling was also increased by the attempted invasions by Spain. Between 1577 and 1603, 116 priests, 7 Jesuits, a Benedictine monk and a Franciscan friar, had been hanged, together with 75 laymen and two women. One woman was pressed to death for refusing to plead before the court.

Yet in this remote part of Lancashire, where Catholicism was still strong, pilgrims continued to meet or pray at the Well throughout the reigns of Elizabeth, the first Stuarts and the Commonwealth. In 1686 a new chapel and priest's house was built, and in 1687 Bishop Leyburn, the Vicar Apostolic, conducting a nationwide tour whilst persecutions were temporarily relaxed under James II, confirmed 1,099 people at Ladyewell.

The upper floor of the present house, beautifully restored after a fire two years ago, contains a chapel and a fascinating collection of relics and memorabilia

of the English Martyrs.

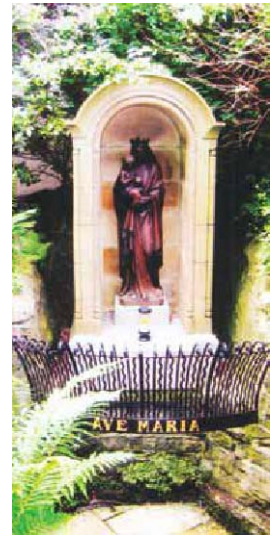
A beautiful church, which still serves the Roman Catholic parish, was built in 1774 and beautified with magnificent decoration and stained glass between 1823 and 1863. This church, St Mary's is about half a mile from the well and Shrine grounds.

Annual Pilgrimage

Here every year, on the first Saturday in June, members of the North West Chapter of the Society of Mary and Forward in Faith meet to begin a day pilgrimage with a Rosary Procession to the Shrine for the Mass.

This year the principal celebrant and preacher at the concelebrated Mass in the Shrine grounds was the Bishop of Beverley, Glyn Webster. It was a glorious warm summer's day with a gentle breeze, ideal weather for the pilgrims who had brought their packed lunches to enjoy a picnic in the grounds after the service.

The Bishop, together with Fr Nicholas Turner and Canon Ann Turner (whose parish of St Mary, Thornton-in-Craven in the Bradford diocese, also has an ancient



holy well) were welcomed as new members of the Society of Mary, then Sprinkling with water from Our Lady's Well followed.

Warm welcome

The afternoon concluded, as always with Benediction given by Fr Thomas Hoole, the parish priest and Shrine Director who, with his team of volunteer helpers, always extends a genuinely warm and loving welcome to us.

Next year's pilgrimage is on Saturday 7th June 2014, beginning with the Angelus and Rosary Procession from St Mary's Church at 12 noon, ending with Benediction at 3.30pm.

All members (and potential members) of Forward in Faith and the Society of Mary will be most welcome.

Photographs by Annette Carter



At your service?

Fred Cantor offers some variations on hymns and other texts that might be useful

A Eucharistic hymn

Tell me the old, old story,
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love.
Tell how the Father sent him
Our straying hearts to win:
God's wonderful redemption
And triumph over sin.
Tell me the old, old story (x3)
Of Jesus and his love.

Sad on a world of sorrow
God looked from heaven above,
For men had turned away from him
And scarcely knew his love.
Then, to reveal his nature
And lead us back again,
Our Saviour left his glory,
Took flesh, and dwelt with men.

In every deed of Jesus
Men knew the sinner's Friend;
And, loving those God gave him,
He loved them to the end.
Seated that night at Supper,
The new command he gave:
Do this, be said, until I come,
And know me, strong to save.

Daily upon the Altar
That promise is fulfilled;
The sacrifice is offered,
He meets us as he wills.
Here is our pledge of glory,
Of mercy and of grace,
That God will ne'er forsake us,
Nor turn away his face.

Fr Paul Williamson

A Short Metrical Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of all the world,
Have mercy on us now we pray,
Have mercy, take our sins away,
And grant us, Lord, your peace,
O Lamb of God – your peace.

*Fr Ian Brooks
Tune Repton (Dear Lord and Father)*

A Metrical Gloria

Glory be to God in highest heaven
Our songs of joy and peace we bring.
Almighty God, our Lord and Father,
With joyful praise your people sing!
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you, glorious heavenly king!

Lord Jesus Christ, O Lamb of God,
To bear our sins you came to die;
But now you reign with God the Father
At his right hand enthroned on high.
Lord, God the Father's only Son,
Have mercy on us, hear our cry.

For you alone are the Holy One
Our hearts acclaim with one accord;
Most High, with God the Holy Spirit,
You only, Jesus, are the Lord
In God the Father's glory
For ever worshipped and adored.

*Words adapted from the Gloria
by Fr Ian Brooks,
for the tune: Sawston
"Faith of our fathers" (traditional)*

Libby Le Bihan

AS FORWARD PLUS went to press we learned with great sadness of the sudden death of **Libby Le Bihan** who died on 14th June after a short illness.

Libby worshipped at the FiF Parish of All Saints, Benilton in the Southwark Diocese and was also a member of the FiF Southwark Committee for a number years. She assisted at many of the Sheepdip Youth Festivals over the years.

Members of Forward in Faith who attended the National Assembly in London will know her from her many years helping behind the reception desk.

Libby was full of enthusiasm for Forward in Faith and always ready to lend a helping hand where ever it was needed. She will be remembered for her hard work and for her great cheerfulness which infected all around here. She was the kind of person who could light up a dark corner with her cheerful countenance.

May she rest in peace.



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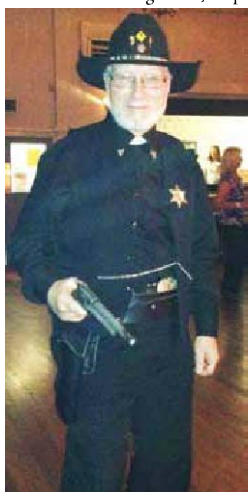
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Caption



Competition

THE SIGHT of Fr David Sutton, Chaplain to the Greater Manchester West NHS Mental Health Foundation Trust, in his line dancing outfit, inspired a few



readers to have a shot at a caption.

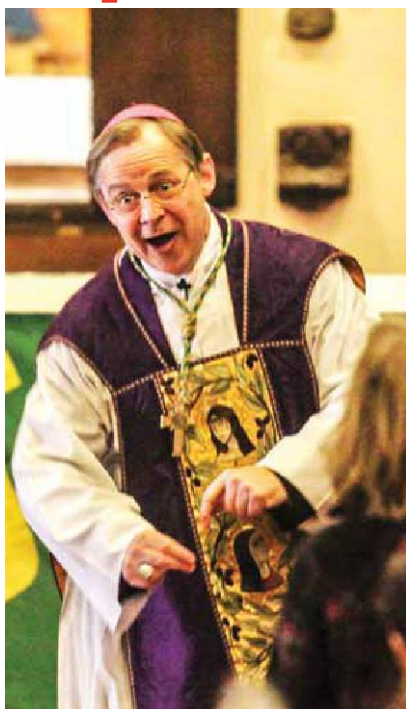
Patrick King wrote, "I know it's corny, but here goes: 'And now as an encore here is a Johnny Cash number'"

Fr Howard Crosthwaite, mindful of his insurance policies, offered: "The Ecclesiastical appoints priest to deter cowboy builders."

A couple of suggestions by the editorial team, therefore ineligible, thought "Manchester recruits a new Parish Share collection agent", or "Dr Podmore's drive for new members was taken seriously in Manchester."

But our final prize is awarded to Mrs Carmen Harlow of St Nicholas, Skirbeck, with a variation on Luke 14, 23: "You WILL stay for a bite to eat, won't you?" Although this is our last edition, the photograph of Bishop Lindsay was too good to leave unpublished.

No prizes... but have fun making up your own captions!



Summer Kitchen

Vegetarian Lentil Quiche

INGREDIENTS:

For the Shortcrust Pastry Base

6oz Self Raising Flour
3oz Block Margarine
3 Tablespoons Cold Water

For the Shortcrust Pastry Base

6oz Red Split Lentils
10fluid oz Vegetable Stock
Salt and Pepper
1tbsp Chopped Coriander
1tsp Curry Paste
1tbsp Mango Chutney
2 Eggs (beaten)
3oz Cheddar Cheese (grated)

METHOD:

Place the flour in a cool bowl and then cut the marg. through it with a tea knife until the pieces are small enough to lightly rub through the fingertips until combined with the flour. Place the bowl in the fridge for a while.

Preheat oven to Gas Mk 5, Electric 375, Fan 190. Return to the pastry. Make a well in the centre and add the water by cutting and turning it through with the knife until all is loosely combined.

If more water is needed carefully add a teaspoonful at a time as the mixture should not be sticky. Gather together with the fingertips to make a loose ball, leaving the bowl clean and place on a lightly floured surface. Dust with flour and roll out lightly to make a circle

If you have a favourite recipe to share, please send it to Sandra Fowles
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larger than the flan dish and of an even thickness, dusting with flour if the pastry becomes sticky.

Carefully lift the pastry and place in the flan dish and ease to fit up the sides. Trim off surplus pastry. Bake "blind" in the oven for 20 mins. by placing a circle of greaseproof paper weighted down by a single layer of dried peas or similar. This prevents the pastry from rising. Remove the peas and paper and allow to cool slightly before filling with the following lentil mixture.

Place the Lentils in a pan with the stock and cook gently for 15mins. Stir in the Coriander, Curry Paste, Chutney and Eggs. Adjust seasoning to taste. The consistency should be moist. Spoon the mixture into the baked pastry case and spread it evenly before sprinkling all over with the Cheese.

Return it to the oven and bake for 30mins. Allow a few mins. extra if required. Cool the Quiche in the dish before cutting into portions.

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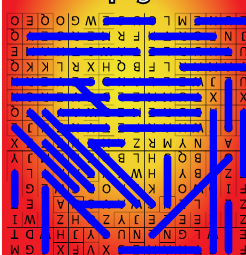


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THERE WERE GIANTS IN THE LAND

A series of portraits of great Anglo-Catholics

AS THE people of St Alban the Martyr, Holborn, celebrate this year the 150th anniversary of the consecration of their church, we reprint from our 2001 winter edition the account of the life and death of their first incumbent.

For the congregation of St Alban's, Holborn, Christmas 1887 was overshadowed by the death of the priest who had been their vicar for over twenty years: "our leader, our friend and the champion of our cause, endeared to us by years of unsparing self-sacrifice and cheerful humility", as the parish magazine recorded.

The news came first in a telegram from Scotland on the eve of the last Sunday in Advent. The message was brief, so the announcement on the Sunday was without explanation. Not until Monday were the tragic circumstances of his death, at the age of 62, revealed in a letter from his great friend Alexander Chinnery-Haldane, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles.

"A snow-wreath formed his last pillow"

Fr Mackonochie had been staying at the episcopal residence in Ballachulish on the West coast of Scotland near Loch Leven and Glencoe. He was a keen walker who, in earlier years, thought nothing of a thirty mile trek over rough ground, and had ventured out on the Wednesday to reach the head of the Loch. He had not quite completed his planned walk, and so set out again on the Thursday morning, 15th December, with a packed lunch, accompanied by the bishop's two dogs, a little terrier and a deerhound. By nightfall he had not returned and the anxious bishop sent two men with lanterns to search the road to Loch Leven.

As a terrible storm rose, the bishop himself set out with a carriage and pair and searched unsuccessfully until 4am. All Friday an enlarged search party scoured the glens and forests in snow and hail, but not until Saturday did they find him, guarded by the two dogs who would allow no-one near their friend until the bishop approached. "His body seemed almost frozen, and his head was half-buried in the snow-wreath

which had formed his last pillow", wrote the bishop. "In his face was a pleasant and holy look of peace and joy." Although his expression showed no sign of suffering it was evident that he had had a distressing struggle among the rocks in pitch darkness and raging storm.

The position of his body showed that he had died kneeling in prayer. His dear friend and fellow-priest Fr Stanton pictured the scene: "The mystery of his stern, hard, self-devoted life completed itself in the weird circumstances of his death. He seems to have walked round and round the hollow in which he had taken refuge from the mountain storm, trying to keep life in him as long as he could; then, as if he knew his hour had come, deliberately to have uncovered his head to say his last prayers, and then to have laid his head upon his hand and died, sheltered 'in the hollow of the hand' of God, Whom he had served so faithfully; and at His bidding the wild wind from off the moor wreathed his head with snow."

He had evidently lost his way and mistaken his direction within two or three hours of nightfall. Thinking he was returning towards Ballachulish he was, in reality, heading away into the trackless wastes of the deer forest of Mamore. He was finally overcome by a snowstorm, but he had been mortally wounded by storms of another sort.

Disciplined background and training

Alexander Heriot Mackonochie was born in Fareham, Hampshire. His parents, both Edinburgh Scots, had recently returned from India where his father had served as a Colonel in the Bombay Army for thirty years.

Colonel Mackonochie died when Alexander was two, leaving him and his brother to be raised in

Alexander Heriot Mackonochie SSC 1825 – 1887



a disciplined and cheerless household by his mother (the daughter of a Naval officer), her mother and two spinster sisters. From an early age he sensed a vocation to the Ministry of the Church. At Oxford he came under the influence of Dr Pusey and Charles Marriott.

After a rural first curacy, he moved to Wantage where he remained for six years and learned from the example and methods of his vicar, William John Butler, the pioneer Tractarian parish priest. The "Wantage system", devised when Butler became incumbent there in 1847, had a widespread influence.

Everything in the parish was planned in minute detail and assistants were trained in a way unknown elsewhere. Butler was an innovator. He established a clergy-house, and insisted that the clergy wore cassock (-and top hat!). There was a daily mass, Matins and Evensong were sung daily, and curates were given responsibility for districts within the parish. The influence of these years can be seen in Mackonochie's own parochial work.

Love for the poor

In 1862, Mackonochie was appointed first vicar of St Alban the Martyr, Holborn. After Wantage, he had worked with Fr Lowder at Wapping for four years and witnessed at first hand the violent riots against the mild ritualism at the old parish church of St George's-in-the-East. He had joined the Society of the Holy Cross and was ready to put his experience and his convictions into practice in the newly-created parish. His spirituality centred upon Jesus in the Sacrament and his pastoral work upon serving Jesus in the poor. Like his fellow-priests in SSC he regarded the physical welfare of his parishioners as one of his normal responsibilities. In the appalling overcrowded slums which surrounded the new

church his care for Christ's people was soon made known.

He divided the parish into districts each under the care of a curate and a team of visitors; he established guilds for men, women, boys, girls, a parish school and nursery, night schools, a choir school, a soup kitchen, a blanket loan club, clothing fund, coal charity, a private burial ground, and numerous other agencies of welfare and relief. Tait, Bishop of London and a fellow-Scot, heartily approved of all this. He just as strongly disapproved of Mackonochie's passion for "ritualism". And it was this desire to give due honour the Lord Jesus, present in the Sacrament, to clothe the worship of the Church of England in beauty and orderliness, to bring light and peace into the darkness of hard and troubled lives, that led to the persecution which in the end drained the strength of this great priest and hastened his death.

Broken by relentless persecution

There were initial disagreements with the patron and benefactor who had paid for the building of St Alban's; but these were relatively minor. The new church began to grow. In 1864, the year in which coloured vestments were introduced, there were 291 Easter communicants. In the next year there were 453. Incense was first used in 1866. By 1867 the annual communicant figure had risen from 3,000 to 18,000.

In February of that year the persecution began. The Church Association, formed in 1865 to fight Ritualism through the Courts, persuaded a solicitor who lived in Bloomsbury, but was secretary of a Holborn school, to initiate the complaint. Fr Mackonochie was accused, under the Church Discipline Act of 1840, of disobedience to the Prayer Book rubrics by elevating the paten and chalice, kneeling "excessively" during the prayer of Consecration, using lighted candles on the altar, using incense, mixing water with wine in the chalice.

The proceedings dragged on until January 1868 and judgement was given in March, ruling against everything except altar lights and kneeling. Not satisfied, the Church Association continued to hound him year after year. Dozens of priests were prosecuted, but Mackonochie became their main target and was elevated into a figure of national interest. A period of peace from 1871-4 ended with the passing of the Public Worship Regulation Act. Details of the litigation is beyond the scope of this

article, but over the fifteen years from 1867 he suffered suspension for a period of three months, had his stipend withheld by the Bishop of London for three years, and was eventually, in 1882, faced with being deprived of his position as vicar of St Alban's. Throughout this time he had continued diligently, tirelessly and faithfully to care for his parish and his people and had won their affection. Now he would be forced to leave.

Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury since 1868, now on his deathbed, persuaded him to resign and exchange with Fr Suckling at St Peter's, London Docks. This he did in December 1882, believing as Tait apparently did, that this would be the end of the matter. But they reckoned without the vindictive tenacity of the Church Association who again pursued him through the courts and secured his deprivation from St Peter's in 1883. He was also forbidden to officiate in any church in the Canterbury province without a written licence from the diocesan bishop.

This shameful treatment, which brought to an end one of the most dedicated parochial ministries of the century, was too much even for the hardy Scot and his iron will. He suffered a breakdown in physical and mental health and retired exhausted, at the kind invitation of Fr Suckling, to his old home at the St Alban's Clergy House. His lonely end four years later has rightly been called a martyr's death.

A devoted and long-suffering priest

The bishop helped to carry the body back to his chapel, then washed his hands, feet and face and clothed him in his mass vestments. Fr Russell travelled from London to escort the body home by boat and train, and on Thursday morning he lay in the chapel at St Alban's as Fr Stanton offered the mass. The church was full that evening for Solemn Vespers of the Dead, and the following morning for the Funeral Mass, with hundreds more outside.

Thousands witnessed the procession to Waterloo Station, with the servers, choir, fifty robed clergy, and hundreds of mourners walking four abreast followed by thirty carriages. At Brookwood, in the cemetery which he had secured for them, he was laid to rest among his beloved people.

The struggle in which he had engaged had finally broken him, but the battle was won. His holy and dedicated life still inspires today. The Scots granite of the cross that marks his grave is a fitting symbol of the determination and the endurance of this remarkable priest.

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