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General Synod re-visits women bishops.

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A new newspaper for a new era Welcome to Together!

Catholic Anglicans are working as hard as ever to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people in our parishes. Priests and people together are doing what they do best: showing the love of the Lord to all who come to us for worship and for fellowship, for help and counsel, and getting 'out there' in our communities, making Jesus visible in the world. Anglo-Catholics continue to be 'model Anglicans', living the parish system for the benefit of all people, and bringing the needs of those people to the altar day after day.

But we have needs too, and we need to secure bishops of our tradition to be chief pastors to the flock, Fathers in God, and to ordain deacons and priests for our parishes. The General Synod of the Church of England has rushed back to the debate over women in the episcopate, and has some new proposals on the table. You can read about that on page 10. At

last, it is becoming clear what the provision will be to replace the existing resolutions and the system for asking for the 'flying bishops'.

We are in many ways entering a new era. Once again we will need to make the provision work. But we will also continue doing what we have always done, welcoming people of all shades of opinion on the issues that divide Anglicans, whilst living out our Catholic principles with integrity. It's a bit like walking a tightrope, but we have walked it with remarkable success so far!

Those Catholic principles are most obviously at work in the parishes, as we work with our schools, visit our old folks homes, run food banks and night shelters, and everything else that we do inside and outside the walls of our churches. But there are other ministries too in which Catholic

Anglicans play an important part, with chaplaincies in schools and universities, with the forces, in prisons, and so on. We mustn't retreat from those areas, and so we need to continue our successful and important work with vocations to the priesthood and to lay ministries in God's vineyard. The Catholic Societies too want to play their part, and to do what they were founded to do: to resource the Catholic Movement in both prayerful and practical ways. This newspaper is one such offering.

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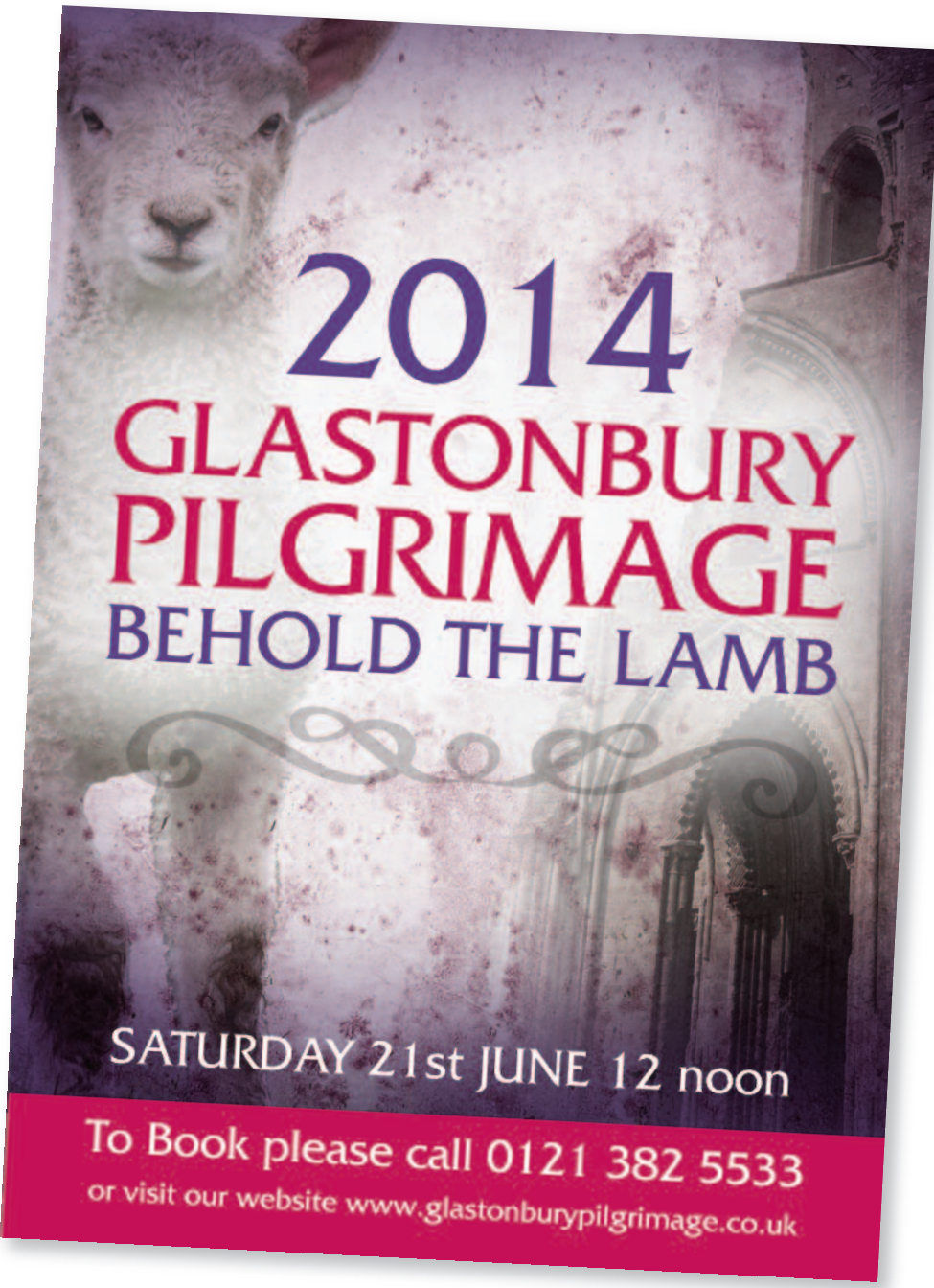
Glastonbury Pilgrimage

Dating back all the way to the 7th Century, Glastonbury Abbey has been the scene and the centre for Christian worship, mission and evangelism. A town more readily associated with perhaps less Christian activities nowadays still forms the focal point for the Anglican Catholic Annual Pilgrimage, with the beautiful Abbey ruins as a wonderful backdrop for a most amazing pilgrimage experience.

Bishop Roger Jupp has succeeded the Bishop of Plymouth as the Chairman of the Association, and he writes about the forthcoming pilgrimage on Saturday 21st June at 12 noon: 'I personally want to invite and encourage all the readers of Together to join with me, Bishop Jonathan Goodall and other concelebrating bishops and priests in celebrating the Glastonbury Pilgrimage 2014 entitled "Behold the Lamb"'.

Building on the successes of the last few years, the Pilgrim Mass begins at 12 noon, with the Bishop of Ebbsfleet preaching a short homily. All pilgrims are then invited to remain in the Abbey grounds for a picnic lunch and fellowship, before we embark upon the afternoon Walk of Faith, with Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament at the centre of our witness. We will return having processed down the High Street back into the grounds, where a short devotional address will be given by the Association's Vice-Chair, Canon Steven Kirk, from the Diocese of Llandaff, and our worship will conclude with Benediction.

Further details can be found on the Pilgrimage Website www.glastonburypilgrimage.co.uk with posters and other materials available from the Additional Curates Society, Gordon Browning House, Unit 7 Spitfire Road, Birmingham B24 9PB. 0121 382 5533



The Guild of All Souls

A day conference with the theme 'Reclaiming the Christian Funeral' is planned for Thursday 5th June at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from 10.45 to 15.00. It is open to Clergy, Readers who take funerals and Ordinands. Attendance at the conference, arranged and sponsored by The Guild of All Souls, is free of charge, including coffee/tea on arrival.

Perhaps you are one of those priests who has discovered by chance that the funeral of a member of your congregation has been arranged at the local crematorium by his or her family and you are not involved; the funeral director doubling up as secular 'funeral celebrant' having persuaded them that it was cheaper or easier than in a church and that, since they aren't churchgoers, it is what the deceased 'would have wanted'. How do you approach the family... and the funeral director? Maybe you are struggling to balance the twin concerns of a Christ-centred liturgy and care for the bereaved without beatifying the departed. You may simply want further resources to enable you to deal positively with the family who request several eulogies in



place of Bible readings or a sermon or a final voluntary such as Frank Sinatra's "I did it my way" instead of a hymn. Possibly your ministry has begun in the city and you are contemplating a move to a more rural area or vice versa. In either of these situations the sudden requirement to manage grave spaces and oversee churchyard regulations or to conduct several funerals every week without breathing space for pastoral follow-up may seem a challenge too far.

Or you may be an Ordinand whose

Ordination Course can only provide a basic outline of the subject, so view the taking of funerals with trepidation. If that is the case, you will be able to listen to and question priests who have had many years' experience of conducting funeral rites.

If any of this applies, this conference is for you. Last year's conference arranged by The Guild - Supporting Bereaved Children and Young People - was attended by around 50 people and was widely appreciated. (Photo courtesy of Graham Howard)

If you would like to attend this year's event, contact:

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Further details will be provided when your booking is confirmed. Incidentally, Fr Paul, who will be one of the speakers, worked in the family funeral directing business before his ordination. Anyone who has heard him speak will know that, despite the seriousness of the subject matter, they are guaranteed the benefit not only of his great depth of knowledge, but also of a good dose of humour.

Further information about The Guild can be found at: www.guildofallsouls.org.uk

Year of Faith

Inspired by the year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict for last year, the See of Richborough organised a series of events across the area. It was Bishop Norman's hope that "through prayer, through the scriptures and through the sacraments, our faith will be stirred up and strengthened, that we may be more perfectly converted to God." In these uncertain times it is especially important that Catholic Anglicans stick together to keep up morale and to reduce the sense of isolation that many experience.

Rather than have one central event, Bishop Norman was keen to get out around the see. As there is a limit to the number of people he can speak to at any one event, with six events he hoped to be able to chat with six times as many people. The same pattern of a concelebrated Mass at noon with a session of Bible Study after lunch was followed at the cathedrals of Norwich, St Albans, Canterbury, Lincoln and Winchester. There was also a Praise Service, address and Bible Study at St Peter's Harold Wood in

Essex, a Reform parish under the care of the Bishop of Richborough, which attracted both Evangelicals and Catholics from Chelmsford Diocese. In all over 1300 people attended the series of events.

At Norwich Cathedral the whole event was held in the nave of the cathedral. The lierne vault resounded with rousing renditions of Catholic anthems such as 'Christ Triumphant, ever reigning', 'Lift high the Cross' and 'In our day of thanksgiving.' At St Albans Abbey, the Mass had to be moved from the Lady Chapel to the nave because so many people attended. Bishop Norman opened up his garden for picnics, and the Bible Study followed there in glorious sunshine. At Canterbury, the Mass took place in the Crypt, and the King's School made their hall available for the Bible study with people also coming from London and from Rochester Diocese to take part. At Winchester, worshippers filled the Choir, and Bible study took place in the Education Centre which was filled to overflowing, with people sitting on the stairs.

At Lincoln, the Mass was held in the Angel Choir, with Bible study at St Peter in Eastgate, close to the cathedral. The Vicar of this distinctly Evangelical church gave a warm welcome and was surprised and delighted by what took place. His church is used to Bible studies but not with a bishop to lead them, and an Anglo-Catholic one at that! The church was filled with Catholic Anglicans following Bishop Norman's comments and teaching intently, which must have delighted some of our evangelical friends. Regarding the event at Lincoln, Fr Paul Noble SSC said, "Those present said they were so uplifted by the Mass with its message, by the liturgy and by Bishop Norman's sermon about the confidence and joy we should have in the faith which the year was celebrating. The informal style at the Bible Study coupled with a bishop's authority was inspiring and moving."

Bishop Norman said he was very pleased to be able to meet with so many people from across the see, and was delighted that so many stayed on for the Bible Study. The

events served to strengthen the sense of the Richborough Family coming together. The Year of Faith celebrations were a joyful and enriching encounter with Christ in Word and Sacrament. May the Holy Spirit arouse in us all a deep desire for the gifts which Christ bestows upon all who come to him in faith.

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The Church Observer

Fr Christopher Smith reflects on a renewed sense of purpose among the Catholic Societies.

We Anglo-Catholics are for ever trying to balance our desire to keep our history alive with our need to live in the present and our intention to play a part in God's plan for the future of his Church. In some ways, the Catholic Societies each give us that balancing act in microcosm. The Church Union, of which I became Chairman about a year ago, and the others which make up our alphabet soup, including CBS and ACS, all have venerable histories, and are working to fulfil their original aims in our modern context. Some are mainly devotional, and others more practical, but we are all conscious of the need for both prayer and action in our part of God's Church today.

The Church Union, tellingly, took as its first name 'The Church of England Preservation Society', and it started out as a union of a number of local Church Unions that had sprung up during the 1840s. Its founding national meeting took place in 1859, and the following year it changed its name to the English Church Union.

From the beginning, it was a society in which clergy and laity held equal status, and among its original aims was 'to afford counsel and protection to all persons, lay or clerical, suffering under unjust aggression or hindrance in spiritual matters', alongside the advancement of 'the doctrine and discipline of the Church'.

One of the means by which it sought to promote those aims was through publications, and that is why the Church Union is delighted to be heading up this new publication: Together. Not only does it seem right that we should still be involved in publishing, but also that we

should play a part in drawing the Catholic Societies together. In all sorts of ways, Anglo-Catholics have pulled together more in the last twenty years than in the previous half-century, but now we need more than ever to nurture a cohesive identity: an ecclesial identity. We can only do that with bishops, and to that end, 'our' bishops, whom we will now increasingly think of as the 'Society bishops', have been putting in a great deal of work. Their Chairman is Bishop Tony Robinson, the Bishop of Pontefract, and he writes about the Society on page 6, exhorting us to look forward to a future in which we can flourish.

It falls, then, to the Catholic Societies to resource the Movement in ways both practical and spiritual: and in that, we are all re-finding our roots. The Church Union fought for my famous predecessor, Fr Mackonochie, but it also spoke out against errant clerics like Charles Voyesy, who, among other things, had denied the Divinity of Christ. We need to keep before us the importance of speaking up for orthodoxy in the Faith, and so offer both clergy and laity the resources they need.

And we need to bear in mind just how great the need is to get the most basic elements of the Christian Faith out into the public arena. We are right to worry about clerics who deny aspects of the Creed, but how do we begin to address the lack of basic scriptural knowledge highlighted by a recent survey by the Bible Society? Two-thirds of children aged 8-15 failed to identify 'The Good Samaritan' as a story from the Bible. Put the other way round, only 39% of children said that they had read or heard that parable. There may be some questions to be asked about the Bible Society's methodology (did they explain to the 8 year-olds that the 'Nativity story' is the story of the birth of Jesus?), and I'd love to know which bright spark decided to put 'the story of Job' in the list of options for 'What's your favourite Bible story?', but it is heartbreaking that 26% said 'I don't have a favourite Bible story'. Children have a favourite everything!

Perhaps the most gimmicky aspect of the survey was put to parents. The question asked parents to look at eight 'plotlines', and say which were biblical, and which not. Why not play along? Which of these are in the Bible, and which are Hollywood blockbusters? And what percentage of adults thought each story 'was or could be' in the Bible?

1. In a world threatened by environmental disaster, one family embarks on a radical plan to survive and start a new life.

2. An unexplained death triggers a quest to identify the truth about Jesus' family.

3. By winning a game in which players must fight to the death, a teenager inspires a nation to fight back against the cruel tyrants who are trying to control its people.

4. A couple's lives are ruined when a talking snake persuades them to eat something they were warned to leave alone.

5. In an ongoing struggle between good and evil, a young man and his friends use magical powers to defeat an enemy who wants to live for ever.

6. A hero from another planet with super powers on earth saves lives and the world from disaster.

7. A man is mugged, left half-dead on a roadside, and ignored by all who pass him. Eventually, his rescue comes from an unlikely source.

8. When an entire army is too afraid to fight the giant who challenges them, it falls to a young boy, with expert aim and a slingshot, to step up and take him on.

No prizes, but here are the answers, and the percentage in each case of adults (from a sample of 5,783, all of whom were parents) who thought each plotline was or might be from the Bible:

- 1. Noah's Ark (54%)
- 2. The Da Vinci Code (46%)
- 3. The Hunger Games (54%)
- 4. Adam and Eve (70%)
- 5. Harry Potter (34%)
- 6. Superman (27%)
- 7. Good Samaritan (73%)
- 8. David and Goliath (69%)



Additional Curates Society



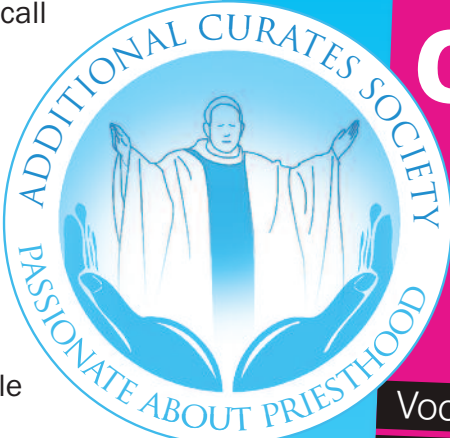
Fr Darren Smith writes:

As General Secretary of the Additional Curates Society, I want to thank both individuals and parishes who are supporting our work during this Lent. The ACS is thoroughly committed to the task of resourcing the Church's ministry, both through our vital vocations work, and through the offering of grants towards salaries and expenses of Assistant Clergy in the poor and populous parishes of England and Wales.

An awful lot is being said about the future of Catholics in the Church of England. I believe we have so much to look forward to. Over the last few years, we have seen some outstanding individuals

responding to the call of the priesthood. Candidates from our constituency are coming forward, and with the new initiative, 'Here I Am', I am convinced that we are going to be able to continue to encourage Catholic priesthood within the Church of England. With a number of partners, the ACS is helping to support priests doing outstanding work in the service of Christ. Can I encourage you all to do everything you can to further this work? Pray for us, pray for priests, and perhaps support us financially as well as prayerfully. Do please visit our website www.additionalcurates.co.uk or give us a ring on 0121 382 5533, because there are many ways in which the ACS can be supported, including through the purchasing of sacristy supplies and printed material.

The ACS committed to praying and paying for priests.



called to be a Priest?

Vocations Conference
Friday 29 to Sunday 31 August
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The Church of England needs priests across the country to serve in a variety of ministries

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The huge challenge which the Bishop of Richborough has set before us is summed up in the words 'No priests, No future!' Without wanting to be alarmist, this is the crux of our message, and this was the compelling force that has led the Catholic Societies Vocations Initiative to re-launch under the new banner 'here-i-am.org.uk'. This initiative is not simply the revamping of old material: this is a new package of ways in which we hope to resource every church member to work with us in encouraging vocations. It will include useful resource material to help potential candidates to measure themselves against the Ministry Division's selection criteria, and offer practical tips that will help them to discern whether they are being called to be a priest in the Church of England.

So what are you going to see in this new initiative? As well as the perhaps expected new website, posters, leaflets, badges, wristbands and stickers, you will also see a number of new and exciting resources. There will be our own YouTube channel which will contain the personal testimonies of individuals who struggled with the call to priesthood. How many have dismissed the possibility of ordination because they don't think they fit the mould? We hope people will realise from personal testimonies that there

isn't any mould or type: God calls all shapes and sizes to be priests within his church. You will be able to follow a regular blog-spot from a seminarian working through his vocation at Theological College, and you can be kept up to date with all the news via Twitter and Facebook.

So what can you do? Well first and most importantly, every member of the Catholic constituency needs to put the importance of vocations at the top of the list of priorities: pray for more priests, look for potential priests, encourage those who may be thinking about priestly ministry.

Secondly, take a look as things emerge over the next few months. Follow us on the social media, whether it be for yourself or somebody else. The 'Here I Am' initiative needs to be on everybody's lips as well as in their hearts and prayers. Has anyone in your church put up the new posters? Do you include vocations in your intercessions?

And lastly, what have you got to offer to the Church in this initiative? It can only be successful if people claim ownership and are spurred on to action. A date for all our diaries: 29th August to 31st August, the 2014 'Here I Am' Vocations Conference at Saint Stephen's House, Oxford.



Bishop Tony from the Society writes...

Last year was the 180th anniversary of John Keble's Assize Sermon, preached in Oxford on 14 July 1833, which has been called the catalyst which sparked the Oxford Movement. Nowadays, we might well be surprised that so great an influence was ascribed to it. It denounced as 'national apostasy' some proposed legislation of the British Parliament to reduce the number of bishoprics in the Church of Ireland by a process of amalgamation. It is very similar to what is being proposed here in West Yorkshire 180 years later! But for John Keble a great principle was at stake.

Keble raised the question of the nature of the Church and its authority; and that led to a renewal of the sense of the

catholic and apostolic nature of the Church of England. The effect of the Oxford Movement on the Church of England, and ultimately on the emerging Anglican Communion, was profound. A historian of the Church of England in the twentieth century, put it this way:

"I believe in the holy catholic and apostolic church. In 1800 hardly any Anglicans perceived the significance or rejoiced in the glory of this claim in the creeds. In 1900 the catholicity of the Church of England was eagerly asserted by all instructed church people".

He may be right in his comparison of 1800 and 1900. But what of 2014? Is there still such clarity on the catholic nature of our Church?

General Synod has sent the latest proposal for the ordination of women as bishops to the Dioceses for approval before a final vote in July. The crumbs that have finally fallen from the rich man's table are what we must use to try to flourish. The question for us now is: are we willing to have a go and maintain a vibrant traditional catholic wing which continues to add something to the life of our Church?

The Society will be our way of coming together, uniting to work in new ways for our future. It will require us not to look back at the 'good old days' but to look to days yet to come where we as catholic Anglicans have created an ecclesial body which allows us to flourish.



What John Keble reminded his hearers, and what the Oxford Movement took up, was the integral place of the Anglican Church in the great continuous stream of catholic Christianity. Because the Church is composed of fallible human members, it is constantly in need of reformation and renewal; but because it is the divine society indwelt by the Holy Spirit, the gates of hell will not prevail against it. That was Jesus' promise. His invitation to us is to be agents in the fulfilment of that promise. I believe in the future of Anglo-Catholicism, but it needs us to reform and renew ourselves. May we all commit ourselves to that future.

Bishop Tony Robinson
Chairman of the Council of Bishops of The Society

Supporting the Society The future of Forward in Faith

When there are women bishops in the Church of England, why will Forward in Faith still exist? What will it be for? Dr Colin Podmore asks some fundamental questions as Director of Forward in Faith.

In part, Forward in Faith's role will be 'more of the same': proclaiming the catholic faith, recalling the Church of England to its catholic identity and vocation, upholding catholic order and the catholic doctrine of the sacraments. We shall continue explain – to the rest of the Church of England, to new generations of Anglican laypeople and ordinands, and to our own congregations – the theological reasons why we cannot receive the ministry of women as priests and bishops. We'll continue to advise and support parishes and people, clergy and ordinands (not least on questions about the new-style resolutions and clergy appointments), to defend them and represent them as necessary.

But increasingly our role will be as the support structure for the Society, under the patronage

of S. Wilfrid and S. Hilda. The Society is an ecclesial body, led by a Council of Bishops, which exists to promote and maintain catholic teaching and practice within the Church of England, to provide episcopal oversight, and to guarantee a ministry in the historic apostolic succession which our parishes, institutions and people can receive with confidence.

The Council of Bishops is already meeting regularly to plan for our future. As Director of Forward in Faith, I am its Secretary. In 2013 Forward in Faith paid for a mailing from the bishops to all who had registered an interest in the Society, informing them about developments and asking for their prayers. We also paid for a new visual identity for the Society and a re-designed website (www.sswsh.com). Providing administrative and policy support for the bishops – helping them in their work of care and support for the parishes – will be an increasing part of my work in the future.

The Society is not a charity and doesn't have a bank account. It is not a membership organization (but watch out for news about how parishes and institutions can affiliate to it!). Forward in Faith is the charity and membership organization, one of whose purposes is now to support the work of the Society. Our bishops have asked all who look to them to join Forward in Faith in order to help us – not least financially – to fulfil this new role. A membership form can be downloaded from the website (www.sswsh.com) or obtained from 2A The Cloisters, Gordon Square, London WC1H 0AG – 020 7388 3588.

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The work of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament today

Bishop Roger Jupp, Superior-General

Looking back, I first joined the CBS when I was in my second curacy at St John's Cowley, in Oxford. This must have been about 1983. I joined because it was the right thing to do. I was in an established Anglo-Catholic parish (its first vicar and founder had been Fr Benson SSJE), and the Mass was the beating heart of its worship and mission and the inspiration of its pastoral life. Its hard-working Vicar, Fr Martin Flatman (to whom I owe an immense debt in terms of priestly formation), encouraged me to join the CBS as well as the Society of the Holy Cross, of both

Benediction and adore the Lord Jesus on the altar, he said that he felt it was the right thing to do now, given the uncertain times in which we live as Catholic Anglicans. He also said that both priests wanted this sacramental and devotional tradition to be fully embedded in the life of the parish so that it remained part of its life beyond the time they were serving there as priests.

Founded in 1862, the CBS is the oldest devotional society for both priests and laity in the Church of England. Its work is the advancement of the Catholic

where they gather to love Jesus in his Holy Sacrament. And his mission of sending out from the altar to teach and proclaim the Good News and to make disciples is the mission of the CBS. That is what its members try to do. This is what embeds the faith of Jesus in the hearts of his people. And this is why we need the CBS even more in the life of the Church of England today.

Embedding the Catholic Faith of Jesus in the hearts of our people is what we are about. And this is why the Trustees of the CBS today feel that it is right for its financial resources to be used as an investment in catholic events, the purpose of which is to build up the faith of our people, to support unequivocally the continuance of the catholic priesthood as our Church has received it from the Apostles, and to share with the other catholic societies in demonstrating that we have a Gospel to proclaim and that we must have the space and the structures in which to be allowed as traditional Anglicans to flourish and to make new disciples. So, today, the CBS, alongside other catholic societies like the ACS, is supporting stipends

in a number of parishes; it is supporting the Glastonbury Pilgrimage as an annual eucharistic event; it is assisting in vocational work and encouraging potential priests; it is assisting the annual Ebbsfleet Eucharistic Festival at Brea for children and young people; and, of course, it is giving its assistance to the work of Forward in Faith and the Bishops of The Society. CBS is playing its part in these different ways, as well as through its traditional role, in striving to promote and set forth reverence and love for our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist by the witness of its members' lives, words, prayer and teaching. Why not join us in this endeavour?

Almighty God, look, we pray, on the face of your beloved Son, and for the sake of his merits, mercifully hear the prayers which throughout our Confraternity we continually offer to you; and grant us unity, a true faith, and a life agreeable to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



of which he was a member. If I wanted to take my priestly life seriously, he suggested, I needed to reveal my commitment to my belief in Jesus present in his Blessed Sacrament and present in the apostolic priesthood. There is a sense, then, that these two historic catholic societies go hand-in-hand.

I have been reminded of this in recent days through a conversation with a young priest who is anxious to set up a new ward of the CBS in the parish where he is serving. With the full support of his parish priest, and with an active group of lay people who regularly attend

Faith in the Anglican tradition and, in order to fulfil this mission, it promotes the honour due to the Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, careful preparation for and reception of Holy Communion, reverent celebration of the Eucharist and its reservation and veneration, regular use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the continuance of the catholic priesthood, as well as catholic teaching, learning and development. As part of its mission it gives grants of altar vessels, tabernacles and vestments in certain circumstances to fulfil these objects. But its main work is under-girded by prayer amongst priests and people in parishes



The things we bless!



Blessing of a priest



Blessing of a new ministry



Blessing of throats



Blessing the rivers



Blessing an altar



Blessing new jobs



Blessing of people

Fan the Flame to be relaunched

Over the weekend of 7-8 February, a group of clergy met in Walsingham to plan the relaunch of the Fan the Flame initiative. Well over a hundred parishes have benefited in the past from this week-long teaching mission, led by local lay co-ordinators and resourced by visiting missionaries. The group of fourteen missionaries who

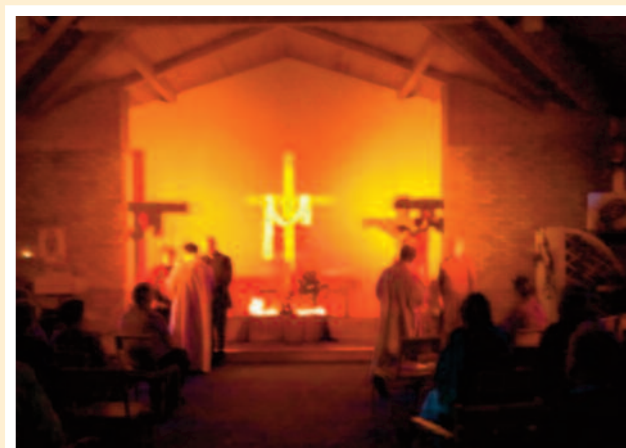
gathered at Walsingham included both those who had led such missions before, and those who were new to the task but were keen to incorporate the work of teaching missions into their priestly ministry. Bishop Lindsay Urwin, the originator and founder of Fan the Flame, framed our time together with a bible study on 1 Timothy to start us off, and with a concluding Mass in the Barn Chapel. In between, the sessions were led by Fr Mark Gilbert SSC (Vicar of St Wilfrid, Chichester) and Fr Damian Feeney SSC (Vice-Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford), both of whom will be overseeing the running of the initiative.

We have our first mission in the pipeline, for June, and we are hopeful that this wonderful gift to the church can be restored to its former vigour. Accordingly, we ask three

things. First of all, please do remember us in your prayers. Prayerful support is at the heart of the Fan the Flame process, and your prayers will be vital as we move forward. Secondly, please consider having a Fan the Flame mission in your parish. It is a wonderful opportunity for the renewal and energising of God's faithful. Thirdly, we are looking to incorporate new missionaries into the Mission Task Force so that we will be able to resource the missions effectively. Please do contact us if you would like to know more.

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Blessing the fisheries

A NEW VENTURE

Welcome to Together!

You have in your hands a new newspaper for the Catholic Movement of the Church of England. It has come about as the result of collaboration between the Catholic Societies, and we hope to bring you news and views, a look at what's going on in our parishes, and some devotional and informational content. As St Paul wrote to the Ephesians, who were at risk of being 'tossed to and fro, and carried about by every wind of doctrine', we grow together as the Body, with Christ as our Head.

There is plenty to celebrate in our Catholic parishes, and we have much to gain by working in collaboration. As you can see from the ACS report on page 5, we still have potential ordinands coming forward to offer themselves for the priesthood, and we remain committed to working hard in our parishes to build up the local community, and to working for the good of all God's people. We also continue to work to deepen our spirituality, to be better Christians in our worship and in our learning. With all that is going on around us, it can be easy to lose sight of the heart of our Christian life. But let us persevere, both in continuing to do what we do so well, and in looking out, engaging, and converting others by the way we live.

BEING INVOLVED

There are many good news stories to share, and if you would like an article to be considered for inclusion in Together, please contact the editor, Fr Christopher Smith, at St Alban's Holborn. Not everything will fit, but we are keen to give the positive aspects of our life together a wider hearing. In future editions, it may be appropriate to include a calendar, if enough different parishes send us details of their special events.

STOP PRESS...

The Bishop of Beverly will preside at Chrism Masses at St Oswald's Hartlepool on 9th April, St Paul's Thornaby on the 14th, Manchester Cathedral on the 15th, and Goldthorpe on the 16th, the Bishop of Burnley at St Stephen's Blackpool on the 14th, and the Bishop of Pontefract at St Peter's Barnsley.

The Bishop of Ebbsfleet's Chrism Masses are at Bristol Cathedral on the 12th, Birmingham Cathedral on the 15th, and St Peter's Plymouth on the 16th. The Bishop of Fulham's Mass will be at the Ascension Lavender Hill on the 15th. The Bishop of Richborough will preside at St Hugh's Ayres Monsell on the 9th, Winchester Cathedral on the 12th, Chelmsford Cathedral on the 14th, Canterbury Cathedral on the 15th, and the Shrine at Walsingham on the 16th.

General Synod and Women Bishops: What’s going on now??

The February General Synod spent a day considering a new version of proposals for the consecration of women as bishops – and how to make space for those who, because of their theological convictions, are unable to receive the ministries of women priests and bishops. Here, members of the Catholic Group on General Synod tell us about the provisions that are going to replace resolutions A, B and C.

Resolutions under the Declaration

PCCs will be able to pass a Resolution that they want priestly and episcopal ministry in their parish to be carried out in accordance with a Declaration that is going to be made by the House of Bishops.

That Declaration acknowledges that those who cannot receive the ministry of women bishops or priests are loyal Anglicans, and that the Church of England remains committed to enabling them to flourish within its life and structures.

Everyone involved in the appointment of a priest to a parish must do everything possible to achieve an outcome that does not conflict with the theological convictions of the parish. So, for example, a woman priest should not be appointed to a parish which could not receive her ministry.

If a patron insists on presenting a priest who would conflict with the parish’s convictions, then the bishop must veto the appointment. If a patron’s right to present a vicar has lapsed to the Archbishop, he or she would have to act in accordance with the Declaration.

A diocesan bishop must choose a bishop from among serving (not retired) bishops to carry out appropriate sacramental duties and care for the parish. The bishops of Beverley, Ebbsfleet and Richborough will continue to help provide those episcopal duties – they are not being abolished!

In the event of a dispute between the parish and the diocesan bishop over the appointment of a priest, or over which bishop is to look after the parish, then parishes can appeal to a so-called ‘ombudsman’, an Independent Reviewer. That will be a procedure enshrined in canon law, and it can be used in disputes with the diocese, or anyone else involved in the appointment process. It could also be used by a parish whose incumbent had invited a female cleric against the Resolution they had made under the Declaration.

Both the House of Bishops Declaration and the Disputes Resolution Procedure will be made as secure as possible for the future because they cannot be altered without the agreement of a two thirds majority in all three houses of General Synod.

The only matter which remains unresolved at the present time is the arrangements for the consecration of ‘traditionalist’ bishops, but work is being undertaken on this and the arrangements will be known before the General Synod is asked to give final approval to the proposals.

What should we make of all this?

Members of the Catholic Group believe that these proposals provide a workable way forward for the Church of England, even though they fall short of what we had wanted, which was bishops with their own jurisdiction. But they are far better than the proposals which were defeated in November 2012 because:

The new rules require diocesan bishops to make sure that a PCC Resolution under the Declaration is obeyed, so lay reps won’t be put in the position of having to veto a proposed new vicar who is a woman priest, and the theology behind the PCC Resolution will be respected.

The previous proposals would have allowed the diocese, patrons and so on to decide for themselves whether they had convincing reasons for ignoring the Code of Practice. Parishes would only have been able to challenge them in the High Court, which would have been far too costly. The new proposals create clear responsibilities; crucially, they make provision for the resolution of disputes through the Independent Reviewer.

The old proposals left the terms of the Code of Practice, and of the separate schemes that would have been drafted in each diocese, to be finalised after the Measure had received Royal Assent. Under the new proposals, the relevant documents will have been finalised before the legislation receives final approval, so everybody can see clearly what is being proposed.

Under the previous proposals, the Code of Practice could have been amended by simple majorities in each House of the Synod. Amendment of the new proposals would require two-thirds majorities in each House.

The proposals have now been sent out to the dioceses where they must be approved by the majority of Diocesan Synods. Catholic Group members are assuming that traditionalist members of Diocesan Synods will vote ‘no’ to the main proposal for women bishops, because it is a matter of conscience. But it is clear that almost all Diocesan Synods will vote it through, and it will go back to General Synod for final approval. Our task then will be to make the new provision work, and to make our parishes flourish. We owe our thanks to those members of the Catholic Group on General Synod who have given so much time and effort to securing this provision for us, and we trust that, under God, we will use it wisely, and continue to work for his glory and the good of his people.



Lent devotional

Fr Christopher reflects on our modest Lenten quarantine

Last year, a fellow-priest in the parish recounted the story of a certain regular who was so moved by a Lenten sermon of his that he felt compelled to give up for Lent not only the lemon in his gin and tonic, but also the tonic. Now, of course, that was a good line, and many of us have probably cracked a similar joke at some point. I might claim to be giving up spirits, even though I hardly ever drink spirits. You might claim to be giving up chocolate, even though you hardly ever eat it. But, I’m afraid, none of those would really pass muster as a Lenten penance.

Sometimes nowadays, people proudly tell me that they haven’t given anything up for Lent, but have instead taken something up. And I certainly agree that we should indeed take something up for Lent. No doubt your clergy have been exhorting you to take up the Lent course, and maybe an extra weekday mass, or Stations of the Cross. But don’t give up giving up.

A few years ago, the Church of England ran a Lent campaign which generated headlines like, ‘Lent should be more light-hearted, says C of E’. Well, I think I might unfashionably suggest that, to do Lent properly, we ought to be making it more difficult.

Why? Well, in some small way, but in a way which we do feel, we are trying to join our suffering, our mortification, to that of the Lord himself, whose suffering on the cross leads to our redemption. And, of course, the Lord’s suffering starts right at the beginning of his ministry, in the desert. He is led by the Spirit into the wilderness (‘driven’ by the Spirit, says St Mark), and, in what always seems to me a masterful understatement by both St Matthew and St Luke, after fasting for forty days and nights, he was hungry. But what hunger that must have been! And worse besides.

I was quite moved some years ago now by a novel by Jim Crace called Quarantine. Crace’s writing is tight and evocative, and I don’t see why an atheist shouldn’t make a contribution to the way in

which I view an aspect of the faith. In the book, a character named Jesus withdraws to the desert for a period of quarantine, literally a period of forty days. There are a handful of other characters around, one of whom seems so evil that it is reasonable to call him ‘Satan’. And the portrayal of the young Jesus, little more than a boy anxious to prove himself before the God whom he seeks to encounter in the wilderness, is moving, if less than theologically orthodox.



Crace’s premise, set out at the beginning of the book, is that a man could not survive for longer than thirty days in the desert without food or water, and that he could not remain conscious for longer than twenty-five. And he describes vividly the trial through which the young man puts himself, in the scorching heat of the wilderness, with no food, with no water, as his skin begins to dry out and bruise, and his whole system begins to shut down as his body begins to decay from within: ‘how cruelly his body would begin to eat itself as his muscles and his liver and his kidneys fought for fuel like squalid desert boys battling for a piece of wood’. And, at the point where he can barely retain consciousness, into his consciousness comes the tempter, the evil one.

As so often in Scripture, it is the devil who recognises Jesus for who he really is. Yet this Son of God is weak to the point of death, not spared the weakness of the body any more than he is spared the temptations of the evil one. How near it all is to the time when

the same vulnerable man will hang on the cross, weak to the point of death, and be tempted by the passers by, the chief priests, the scribes and the elders: ‘let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.’

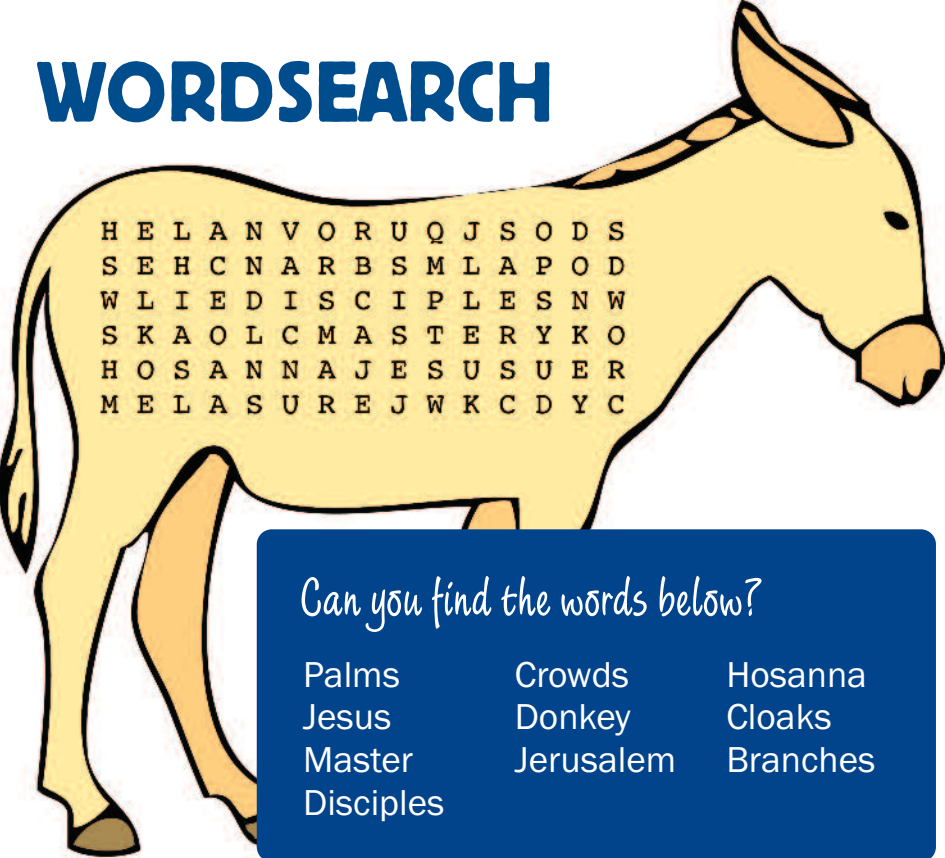
But for the time being: if you throw yourself from the pinnacle of the Temple, the people will see the angels saving you, and they will worship you now. Why put yourself through the teaching and the persuading and the showing through signs, and the suffering

negating the very point of that self-emptying, that taking the form of a servant and living among his creation.

And so the devil departs, and Jesus survives his quarantine. But the devil only departs ‘until an opportune time’, and, in that phrase, St Luke recognises the temptations that continued to beset Jesus, and which continue to beset us. And perhaps, in all this, being mildly put out during Lent does not seem so difficult. If we can, in some small way, join our penance to the sufferings of the Lord, we will grow in holiness. For we are in our little wilderness, our yearly struggle to make ourselves better Christians, better people, better neighbours.

And what does Jesus do as soon as he has come out of the desert? He goes to preach. Our little wilderness will strengthen us in our mission too. If we let Lent have an effect in our lives, it will make a difference to our actions in the world, and Lent will have served its purpose: we will have deepened our relationship with God, and so become better equipped to do his will in the world around us. For the temptations were not merely a scene-setting, isolated incident at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, but part of his greater work, his saving work, which calls us all to confront what is wrong in our lives, and live, by God’s grace, the life he would have us lead.

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St.John & St.Mary Magdelene Goldthorpe & St.Wilfred, Hickleton

Palm Sunday
Procession of Palms and Parish Mass 9am at Hickleton,
10.30am at Goldthorpe.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
7pm Mass and Address at Goldthorpe

Wednesday
12 noon Chrism Mass at Goldthorpe.

Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Goldthorpe.

Good Friday
10.30am Children's Stations of the Cross at Goldthorpe. 12noon Stations of the Cross at Hickleton. 2.30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at Goldthorpe.

Holy Saturday
8pm Easter Vigil at Goldthorpe.

Easter Day
9am Parish Mass at Hickleton, 10.30am at Goldthorpe.

Fr.Carl Schaefer 01 709 898426.

St. Luke the Evangelist, Virginia Road
Gillingham ME7 1PB
Medway's Hidden Gem!

Holy Week and Easter 2014 13 April
Palm Sunday 10.30am
Liturgy of Palms, Procession + Parish Mass

Tuesday in Holy Week
8pm Taize Prayer for Gillingham Deanery Churches

Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Solemn Mass + Watch of Prayer (until 11pm)

Good Friday
11am Liturgy of the Day

Holy Saturday
9.30am Matins (BCP) followed by Preparation of the Church
20 April - Easter Day
10.30am Easter Ceremonies + Parish Mass
5pm Solemn Evensong (BCP) + Benediction

Parish Priest - Father Paul Matthias SSC
07976 594207

ST LAURENCE, LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE
Market Place NG10 1LT

Palm Sunday: 9.30am Procession & Parish Mass

Holy Monday: 7pm Mass

Holy Wednesday: 10am Mass

Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch until Midnight

Good Friday: 12noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Eve: 8.00pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter (at Holy Trinity, Ilkeston)

Easter Sunday: 9.30am Parish Mass

Vicar: Bishop Roger Jupp SSC
Parish Office 0791596404
www.stlaurencechurch.net

HOLY TRINITY, ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE
Granby Street DE7 8HP

Palm Sunday: 11.00 am Procession & Sung Mass

Holy Tuesday: 9.30 am Mass

Maundy Thursday: 7.30 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch until Midnight

Good Friday: 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Eve: 8.00 pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter (with St Laurence's, Long Eaton)

Easter Sunday: 11.00 am Sung Mass & 6.00 pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction

Priest-in-Charge: Bishop Roger Jupp SSC
Parish Office 0757059783

www.holytrinity.org.uk

Parish Church of St.Cuthbert w St.Matthias

Philbeach Gdns., Earls Court SW5

Palm Sunday - 11am High Mass.

Maundy Thursday - 7pm High Mass.

Good Friday - 12 noon Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord.

Holy Saturday - 7pm Easter Vigil, Baptisms and First Mass of Easter.

Easter Day - 11am High Mass.

Parish Priest Fr.Paul Bagott
0207 370 3263

St.Matthew's, North Quay Douglas, Isle of Man

Palm Sunday - 10.30am
Blessing of Palms, Procession and High Mass.

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm
High Mass with Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Altars and Watch until Midnight.

Good Friday - 11am
The Liturgy.

Holy Saturday - 9pm
High Mass with Blessing of the Paschal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Easter Sunday - 9am
Low Mass, 10.30am High Mass.

Parish Priest: Fr.Bob Boyle
01 624 676310

Website: www.stmatthewsionm.org

Holy Trinity, Hempton

Palm Sunday - 10am
Procession and Solemn Mass.

Maundy Thursday - 4.30pm
Mass of the Last Supper and Vigil.

Good Friday - 2pm
Liturgy of the Day.

Easter Eve - 8pm
Easter Vigil and First Mass.

Easter Day - 10am
Parish Mass.

Fr.Lockett 01 328 820030

Saint Matthew's Willesden NW10 4AU

Palm Sunday 11am
Procession and Solemn Mass

Tuesday in Holy Week 10am
Mass followed by Bible Study.

Spy Wednesday 5-7pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7pm Evensong. 7.30pm
Mass with anointing and laying on of hands.

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, procession and watch until Compline at Midnight.

Good Friday, 11am
Stations of the Cross. 1pm The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion.

Holy Saturday, 8pm
The Easter Vigil and Ceremonies.

Easter Sunday, 11am
Solemn Mass of the Resurrection.

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www.stmatthews-willesden.org.uk

Fr Andrew Teather SSC 020 8965 3748

ST. WILFRID'S CANTLEY Church Lane, Cantley, DONCASTER, DN4 6QR

Parish Priest: Fr. Andrew Howard

Telephone: 01302 285316

E-mail: fatherahoward@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 10.00am
Procession of Palms & Parish Mass

Monday in Holy Week 7.30pm
Mass with Address

Tuesday in Holy Week 9.30am
Mass with Address

Wednesday in Holy Week 7.30am
Mass with Address

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet & Watch of Prayer

Good Friday 3.00pm
Stations of the Cross & Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday 8.00pm
Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Easter Day 10.00am
Mass of Easter Day

6.00pm Benediction

Website: www.stwilfridscantley.co.uk

St.James, Ansty & St.Andrew, Shilton.

Palm Sunday
Shilton 11.15am Mass

Easter Sunday
Ansty 11.15am Mass

Shilton 6.30pm Evensong

Contact Fr.Andrew Coleman
0147 636 6635

The Parish of Swinton & Pendlebury

Palm Sunday
8 a.m. & 5.30 p.m. Mass at St Peter, Swinton M27 0WA

9.30am Blessing of Palms, etc., & Sung Mass at All Saints, Wardley M27 9UG at Saint Peter's at 10.30 a.m., and at Saint Augustine, Pendlebury M27 8UX at 11 a.m.

4 p.m. Stations of the Cross at All Saints

Maundy Thursday
7.30 p.m. Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper in all three churches, followed by the watch at the altar of repose, at All Saints & Saint Augustine until 9.30pm and at St Peter until 12 midnight

Good Friday
10 a.m. Stations of the Cross at St Peter
12 noon Liturgy of the Day at Saint Augustine

3 p.m. Liturgy of the Day at St Peter
7.30 p.m. Liturgy of the Day at All Saints

Holy Saturday
8 p.m. The Easter Vigil at St Peter, followed by an Easter Party

Easter Sunday
8 a.m. & 5.30 p.m. Mass at St Peter
9.30 a.m. Festival Mass at All Saints
10.30 a.m. Festival Mass at St Peter

11 a.m. Festival Mass at Saint Augustine
12.15pm Baptisms & Mass at St Peter

Easter Monday
11 a.m. Solemn Mass at St Peter
7.30 p.m. Mass at All Saints'

For full details of all services, times at which the office is said, and for the sacrament of repentance, please see the notice boards or the parish magazine, or contact the clergy.

Fr Jeremy Sheehy, rector, 0161 794 1578

S. Paul's, Hasland Chesterfield

9.30am Procession, Blessing of Palm Crosses and Sung Mass.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
7.15pm Mass and Address.

Maundy Thursday
7.15pm The Liturgy and Watch 'til 9.30pm.

Good Friday
2pm Stations of the Cross,
7.15pm The Liturgy.

Holy Saturday
7.15pm Evening Prayer and Blessing of the Paschal Candle, 8.30pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Day
9.45am Festival Mass.

Fr.Malcolm Ainscough SSC01 246 232486

S.James, Temple Normanton Chesterfield

Palm Sunday
11.30am Blessing of Palm Crosses and Parish Mass.

Maundy Thursday
10am Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday
10am Stations of the Cross.

Easter Day
11.30am Festival Mass.

Fr.Malcolm Ainscough SSC01 246 232486

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Palm Sunday
10.30am Blessing of Palms (at School), Procession and High Mass

Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper with Washing of Feet and Vigil

Good Friday
10.00am Children's Service
12noon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Lighting of New Fire, Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Day
8.00am Low Mass
9.00am Low Mass at St.Thomas the Martyr

10.30am Procession and High Mass
6.30pm Choral Evensong and Benediction (at St.Thomas the Martyr,OX1)

Fr Jonathan Beswick SSC
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www.sbarnabas.org.uk

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ST MARY'S LITTLEHAMPTON

Palm Sunday
Blessing of Palms at St.Mary's 10.00am; Procession to St.James Church for Parish Mass

Maundy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper 8.00pm (followed by Watch until Midnight)

Good Friday
Children's Stations of the Cross and Workshop 10am

Conducted Meditation 12noon
Stations of the Cross 1pm
Liturgy of the Passion 2pm

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter: 8.30pm

Easter Sunday
Mass at 8am Parish Mass 10am

Solemn Evensong and Benediction 6pm
Contact Fr.Roger Caswell on 01 903 724410

St Mary the Virgin South Benfleet

Parish Priest: Fr.Leslie Drake
(01268) 754268

HOLY WEEK

Passion (Palm) Sunday
8.00am Mass

10.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession, and Sung Mass

Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch of Prayer until Midnight

Good Friday
11.00am Stations of the Cross for Children
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion,

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil with Candlelit Procession & First Mass of Easter

Easter Day
10.00am Sung Mass & Baptism
6.00pm Vespers & Benediction

www.stmarybenfleet.co.uk

All Saints, South Kirkby

Palm Sunday - 10am
Parish Mass and Palm Procession.

Maundy Thursday - 7pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper and Vigil.

Good Friday 2pm
The Liturgy Principal Celebrant the Rt.Rev.Stephen Platten, Bishop of Wakefield.

Easter Day - 10am
Parish Mass.

Parish Priest: Fr.Timothy Kaye
01 977 642795

St.John the Evangelist, Middlesbrough

Palm Sunday - 11am
Procession of Palms and Sung Mass.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday in Holy Week - 10am
Mass.

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

Good Friday - 10am
Stations of the Cross.

Easter Day - 11am
Sung Mass and Renewal of Baptismal Promises.

For further information contact
Fr.Stephen Cooper on
01 642 824779.

St.Stephen on the Cliffs Blackpool

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday
9.00am Low Mass, 10.30am Procession, Dramatic Reading of the Passion and Solemn Mass, 6.00pm Meditation in words & music for Holy Week

Monday in Holy Week
Chrism Mass 11am President and Preacher the Bishop of Burnley.

Tues in Holy Week
Mass and address at 11.15

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

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

Good Friday
10.00am Stations of the Cross, 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Lighting of the New Fire, Solemn Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter. Party afterwards.

Easter Day
9.00am Low Mass and Sermon, 10.30am Procession and Solemn Mass, 6.00pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction with Cantantes Domino

Easter Sunday
Mass at 8am Parish Mass 10am

Solemn Evensong and Benediction 6pm
Contact Fr.Stephen Blackpool.co.uk

Easy Access & Loop. Tel 01 253 351484

www.ststephenblackpool.co.uk

PARISH CHURCH OF ST CLEMENT BRIDGE STREET, CAMBRIDGE

Holy Week and Easter 2014

PALM SUNDAY
10am Distribution of Palms, Procession and Sung Mass

MAUNDY THURSDAY
5:30pm Sung Mass followed by the Watch before the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY
9am The Liturgy of the Day
2pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY
7pm Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter

EASTER DAY
10am Procession and Sung Mass
Enquiries to Fr Stephen Anderson
Priest/Vicar designate

fr.stephen.anderson@googlemail.com
01223 843859

Holy Week and Easter Services

All Saints Eastchurch
Parish of Eastchurch with Laysdown and Hartly

Palm Sunday: 10.00 am
Procession of Palms and Parish Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week: 7.30 pm
Eucharist and Meditation

Tuesday in Holy Week: 7.30 pm
Eucharist, Reception of Oils and Meditation

Wednesday in Holy Week: 7.30 pm
Eucharist and Meditation

Maundy Thursday: 7.30 pm
Eucharist of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Altar and Watch till 10 pm

Good Friday: 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday: 8.00 pm
Blessing of the New Fire, Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day: 10.00 am
Parish Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Parish Priest Fr.Chris Shipley 01 795 880205

S. ALBAN'S HOLBORN

Brooke Street, London EC1

HOLY WEEK 2014

PALM SUNDAY
9.30 am Family Mass

10.45: Procession
11.00 am Solemn Mass

The Parish Church of St.Saviour

Smallthorne, Stoke on Trent
www.smallthorne.org.

Palm Sunday - 10.45am
Procession of Palms, 11am Parish Mass,
6pm Stations of the Cross and
Benediction.

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday - 2pm
Liturgy of the Day.

Holy Saturday - 9pm
Vigil, Renewal of Baptism Vows and Mass.

Easter Sunday - 11am
Parish Mass and Baptisms.

Parish Priest: Fr.Richard Grigson 01 782 835941
e-mail:richard.grigson@icfield.anglican.org

**All Saints with
St.Michael, Shrewsbury**

Palm Sunday - 10am
Procession and Parish Mass.

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
Watch of the Passion.

Good Friday - 12 noon
Stations of the Cross, 2pm the Liturgy.

Holy Saturday - 9pm
Vigil Ceremonies and 1st Mass of Easter.

Easter Day - 10.30am
Parish Mass

3.00pm Evensong and Benediction.

Parish Priest Fr.Michael Fish ssc

01 743 244879

St.Peter's, Bath Road, Devizes

Palm Sunday
10.00am Sung Mass, Blessing of Palms
and Procession

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of
Holy Week**

7.00pm Low Mass and Homily

Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's
Supper with Washing of the Feet & Watch
until Midnight at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday
2.00pm Liturgy of the Day

Holy Saturday
7.00pm The Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Day
10.00am Sung Mass

Contact during vacancy: 01 380 813500
www.stpeters-devizes.org.uk

St.Helen, Abbotsham

Wednesday of Holy Week
11.30am Holy Communion.

Maundy Thursday
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday
11.30am Mattins & Litany, 7pm
Compline. Easter Eve - 9pm The
Paschal Candle.

Easter Day
8am Holy Communion, 11am Sung
Eucharist, 6pm Evensong.

Fr.Francis Otto, 01 237 473445

St Mary's Kenton

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Holy Trinity, Green Lanes

Winchmore Hill N21 3RE

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

Monday and Wednesday of Holy Week
12.00 Noon Mass and Devotional Address

Maundy Thursday

8.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by Gethsemane Watch

Good Friday
10.00am All age Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Day

Holy Saturday
6.30pm Easter Vigil followed by reception

Easter Day
9.00am Mass of the Dawn
10.30am Sung Mass and Easter
Presentation by Junior Church
followed by reception

All enquiries contact Fr Richard Bolton 0208 364 1583

All Saints, South Wimbledon

Palm Sunday 11am Blessing of Palm
Crosses, Procession and Solemn Mass.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Services Daily.

Maundy Thursday 8pm Solemn Mass and
Vigil 'til Midnight.

Good Friday 12 noon Stations of the Cross,
1pm Liturgy of the Day.

Holy Saturday 8pm Vigil and First Mass of
Easter.

Easter Day 11am Solemn Mass, 6.30pm
Solemn Evensong and Benediction.

Fr. Michael Blackman 020 8542 2787

**St Barnabas Parish
Church, Morecambe**

Holy Week
Palm Sunday 8.30am Low Mass, 10.00am
Procession and Solemn Mass, 6.00pm
Stations of the Cross

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
7.00pm Low Mass

Maundy Thursday
11.00am Low Mass, 7.30pm Liturgy of the
Last Supper and Watch

Good Friday
10.00am Stations, 2.00pm Good Friday
Liturgy

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Day
8.30am Low Mass, 10.00am Solemn
Mass, 6.00pm Solemn Evensong

Parish Priest: Fr Tom Davis SSC
01 524 415216

**All Saints, Small Heath,
Birmingham, B10**

Maundy Thursday
8pm Solemn Mass and Watch.

Good Friday
3pm Solemn Liturgy.

Holy Saturday
8pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Day
10.30am Family Mass. Fr.Oliver Cross

0121 772 0621
www.allsaintsonline.co.uk

**Holy Week and Easter at
S. Luke's Southport**

Palm Sunday
10.30am Blessing of Palms & Parish Mass
6.30pm Evensong & Benediction

Triduum- Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass followed by watch

Good Friday
10.00am Stations of the Cross-followed by
Confessions

Holy Saturday
10am Maria Desolata-followed by Confessions
7.15pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Easter Day
10.30am Parish Mass
6.30pm Evensong & Benediction

All enquiries Fr Paul Hutchins, ssc

tel: 01704 213711

or visit website:www.sluke.co.uk

S.Chad's, Bradford

Easter Triduum Liturgies:
7.30pm Thursday, Friday and
Saturday.

Solemn High Mass
Easter Sunday 10.45am.

**Ring 01 274 543957 for
a full list of Services.**

**The Mission Community of St Peter
& the Holy Apostles, Plymouth**

St Thomas Royal Navy Avenue, St Peter Wyndham
Square & St James the Less Ham Drive

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5.00pm Blessing of Palms & Mass, Homily &
hymns [St James on SATURDAY]
10.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession &
Mass + hymns [St Thomas]

9.30am Morning Prayer [St Peter]

10.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession &
Solemn Mass, Homily & Fishfolk [St Peter]

10.15am Blessing of Palms & Mass [St
James]

Coffee/Tea after Mass

Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday & Holy Wednesday

10.00am Sung Mass & Homily [St Peter]

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appointment Mobile: 07770504415]

7.00pm Wednesday - Mass of Christm with
Bishop Jonathan Goodall SSC. Refreshments
after Mass.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper,
Mandatum & Watch until Midnight [St Peter]

GOOD FRIDAY

11.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm The Liturgy of the Day,Veneration of
the Cross and Holy Communion [all three
churches]

Hot Cross Bun Tea

HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm Paschal Vigil & First Mass of the
Resurrection [St Peter]

EASTER DAY

10.00am Mass + hymns [St Thomas]

9.30am Morning Prayer [St Peter]

10.00am Solemn Mass, Homily & Fishfolk
[St Peter]

10.15am Mass [St James]

Coffee/Tea after Mass

Fr.Sam Philpott 01 752 298502

**Holy Week & Easter Services
St Peter's Crabbs Cross**

Littlewoods, Redditch, Worcestershire B97 5LB

Palm Sunday: 8am Low Mass

10am Sung Mass with procession of palms.

Monday: Mass of Reconciliation & Stations of
the Cross 7.30pm.

Tuesday: Mass & Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Wednesday: Mass of Reconciliation &
Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

Holy Thursday: 9am Office of Readings and
Morning Prayer

THE TRIDUUM.

Evening Mass of the Last Supper 8pm
followed by the vigil until midnight.

Good Friday: Children's workshop from 10am
till 12noon, including an act of worship.

The Solemn Liturgy of the Cross 7.30pm. Holy
Communion from the Pre-sanctified Sacrament.

Holy Saturday: The Solemn Vigil of Easter
begins at 8pm, with full Easter ceremonies.

Easter Day: Mass at 8am 10am.
(Egg decorating competition will be judged at
10am Mass)

Contact: Fr Mike Bartlett SSC

01527 545709

Holy Trinity

Upper Brook Street, Winchester

Palm Sunday
10.30am Procession & Mess

Monday
7.00pm Low mass

Tuesday
10.00am Low Mass

Wednesday
7.00pm Low Mass

Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper & Vigil

Good Friday
9.00am Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross
1.00pm Liturgy

Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Ceremonies and First Mass of
Easter

Easter Day
10.30am Solemn Mass & Blessing of the Easter
Garden 6.00pm Evensong & Benediction

Contact Fr.Malcolm Jones 01962 869707

St.Dunstan's, Cranford Park

Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday Liturgy, 10:30am
St Dunstan's, Cranford Park

Monday - Wednesday
Mass 10am, St Dunstan's
Mass 7.30pm, Holy Angels
High Street, Cranford

*(Except Tuesday morning of Holy Week when we
shall be at Christ Mass at St.Alban's,
Holborn)*

Maundy Thursday
Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and Watch until
Midnight, 8pm, Holy Angels

Good Friday
Stations of the Cross for Children 11am,
Holy Angels

Liturgy of the Passion, 3pm, St Dunstan's
Stations of the Cross, 7.30pm, at Our Lady's,
Catholic Church.

Holy Saturday
Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Vigil, Renewal
of Baptismal Vows & First Mass of Easter.

8pm, Holy Angels.

Easter Day
Parish Mass, 10.30am, St Dunstan's Solemn
Evensong and Benediction 5.30pm Holy Angels

Rector, Fr.Michael Gill SSC 0208 897 8836

**S. Margaret, Hollinwood &
S. Chad, Limeside, Oldham**

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

10:30am Palm Ceremonies and Parish Mass

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Noon Midday Prayer ft by Hunger Lunch
6:30pm Confessions (Mo, Tu, We)

7:00pm Mass with Address

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7:30pm Seder Meal

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9:00am Confessions

Noon Midday Prayer ft Hunger Lunch
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Foot
washing, & Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00pm The Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00pm The Easter Vigil ft Resurrection Party

EASTER DAY

10:30am Parish Mass with Renewal of
Baptismal Promises

5:00pm Solemn Vespers & Benediction

Contact Fr.David Hawthorn 0161 681 4541

**S.Francis of Assisi,
Bournemouth**

(corner of Charminster Road & East Way)

PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass

10.00am Blessing of palms, procession
& Solemn Mass

6.30pm Stations of the Cross + Benediction

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
in Holy Week**

7.00pm Low Mass + address by Fr Eric
Simmons CR

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper,
procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the
altar of repose, and watch

Friday 29 March: GOOD FRIDAY

9.30am Messy Church followed at 10.30am
by Stations of the Cross for children

1.00pm Stations of the Cross

2.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 30 March: HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm The Easter Vigil Liturgy

Sunday 31 March: EASTER DAY

8.00am Low Mass

10.00am Procession and Solemn Mass
(includes blessing and distribution of Easter eggs)

Parish Priest: Fr.David Wastie.

www.stfrancis-bournemouth.org.uk

**The Church of St.Columba
Middlesbrough**

Palm Sunday - 9.30am

Procession of Palms and Sung Mass.

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in
Holy Week - 7pm**

Mass. Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper
and Watch of the Passion.

Good Friday - 3pm

The Liturgy. Holy Saturday

8pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Day - 9.30am

Sung Mass and Renewal of Baptismal
Promises.

For further information contact

Fr.Stephen Cooper on 01 642 824779.

St Augustine's, Tonge Moor, Bolton

Fridays of Lent - 7.30pm Stations of the
Cross.

Sundays of Lent - 6.30pm Evening Prayer and
Benediction

Palm Sunday 8.00am Said Mass

9.15am Sung Mass (St Aidan's)

10.30am Sung Mass with Palm Procession
(meet in the Crypt)

6.30pm Evensong and Benediction

Holy Saturday 6.15pm Mass

Holy Wednesday 10.30am Mass (St Aidan's) &
6.15pm Mass

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
Watch

Good Friday 10.30am Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday 8.30pm Easter Vigil and First
Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday 8.00am Said Mass

9.15am Sung Mass (St Aidan's)

10.30am Sung Mass

6.30pm Solemn Evensong with procession
and Benediction

Fr.Tony Davies 01204 523899

**St.Ambrose, Westbourne,
Bournemouth**

Ⓐ Parish Profile: St Gabriel's Walsall

We are an urban parish in Walsall and Sandwell local authorities. Over the weekend of the 8th/9th February, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the consecration of St Gabriel's church with a visit from our Bishop, the Bishop of Ebbsfleet. The visit began on Saturday evening when Bishop Jonathan met with a group of young people and their families. After a time of reflective worship we enjoyed a buffet supper together. A classic introduction came from young William, who shook the Bishop's hand and said, 'I'm William and I work on the altar!' The Bishop said how much

he looked forward to William serving on Sunday. The parish mass was a time of great blessing, not least for the four people, adults and children, being confirmed. After mass there was a celebratory lunch and a chance for Bishop Jonathan to meet with the PCC and review the parish's Mission Action Plan. The visit came to an end with Evening Prayer and Benediction. It was a weekend that has left us energised and challenged for the future.

St Gabriel's is a parish that has taken seriously its care and



outreach to our local community. It has been the vision of the parish to care for the elderly through a sheltered housing scheme and Day Centre. The presence of a Children's Hospice next door to the Church brings wonderful opportunities for co-operation and ministry. It is through these encounters that we are beginning to see how we can look beyond ourselves. One seed sown by Bishop Jonathan during his visit is helping us to build on this outward looking vision. The Bishop has encouraged us to get to know the suffering Church through the establishment of a prayer partner Church community in the Middle East. We are exploring a possible parish link either in Syria or the Lebanon.

St Gabriel's, with the help and support of our new Bishop, is prepared to face the difficult

challenges of the Church in our modern society. We seek to support the all members of our congregation, finding ways to equip us to 'have a reason for the hope that is in us'. We are looking forward, and encouraging our young people to be courageous in their witness to Jesus and his Church. Our prayer is to be blessed so that we can be a blessing for others.



📖 Hymns as Homilies no 1: All glory, laud and honour

Next time you're in London, you might visit Regent's Park. If you walk up its eastern boundary, along Albany Street, past a rather ugly 1830s church which is now a Greek Orthodox cathedral, you will eventually come across a little crescent of town houses on your right called Park Village West.

It is important to us because in 1845 two young women moved into it, then some more, then some more, all of whom rose early and made the short journey for matins, and later for evensong, at the ugly church which was then Christ Church Albany Street. It only slowly dawned on their neighbours that, as Peter Anson put it in *The Call of the Cloister*, 'the innocent-looking villa was nothing else but a Puseyite nunnery'! And so began the revival of the religious life in the church in England.

Then came the sisterhoods founded by Butler of Wantage and Carter of Clewer, and then, in 1855, the community founded by John Mason Neale, the Society of S Margaret at East Grinstead. Neale was born in 1818,

and with Benjamin Webb, had founded the Cambridge Camden Society, to assist the liturgical revival by promoting the study of ecclesiological architecture, and so kick-starting the gothic revival.

Unlike Webb, Neale never became a parish priest. Upon ordination in 1842, he was unable to take up his appointment to the parish of Crawley, and so did what Victorians with means did under such circumstances – he spent the subsequent three winters recuperating in Madera. When he got back, he took on the post which he held until his death in 1866 at the age of 48 – he became warden of Sackville College in East Grinstead, a Jacobean alms house, originally for 21 poor men and 10 poor women. He devoted the bulk of his energy to the foundation of the sisterhood, and to his literary endeavours, most notably his hymn-writing and translating.

His patristic knowledge shines through the hymnody, and it is important for us to

remember that it was the study of the Fathers which in no small part had led the Tractarians to their conclusions about the Church of England, and therefore to their beliefs about how the life of the Church should be lived.

Neale contributed far more to the English Hymnal than any other author. Relatively few of his original compositions are in the repertoire nowadays, apart from 'O happy band of pilgrims', and 'Good Christian men rejoice'. Probably his best known composition is 'Good King Wenceslas'!

But the hymnal is full of translations of patristic hymns by this fine classical scholar. Whenever we sing the *Tantum ergo*, we do so in his translation, using the original meter and the original rhyme scheme. On Palm Sunday, we will all sing his translation of 'All glory, laud and honour', and perhaps we might spare a prayer for this gentle priest and fine scholar.