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From the Editor's Desk.

Reverend Fathers, brothers and sisters,

As I have said before it is a real pleasure to hear from you all and I welcome any articles or comments and pictures although I cannot guarantee that they will always be published but they are all always very seriously considered.



Earlier in the year my own Chapter tried something different. I asked one of our local Archdeacons if he would be prepared to lead a Quiet Evening based on the Psalms and Readings from the Guild Office. He agreed and in May we went ahead and met in a small chapel at the back of a beautiful, peaceful country church. He had taken several texts from the Guild Office as well as the whole of Psalm 84 and weaved an evening around the theme of service and humility. Unfortunately our numbers were somewhat depleted that evening due to the Diocesan commitments of some of our members. But all those who attended said that it was a really worth while evening and in some ways shed a new light on the Guild Office and its meaning. If your Chapter has not tried this it is something I can highly recommend. It was a most inspiring and fulfilling evening which I am sure we will do again.

On a business note can I ask that if items are sent via the Royal mail that the correct postage is attached. Several times recently I have had to pay £1.11 to collect incoming letters. Thank you.

Peter

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Having read the Summer Edition of The Server, I would like to thank Fr. Stephen Young for his article "The Humour of the Saints" Jeffrey Evans on "Some Thoughts on Living as a Catholic in an Evangelical Parish" and David Blant on "Recollections of an Aged Server". All three articles brought back memories of the days of conviction and certainty, of possessing the substance and not merely the shadow, and I included the Collect for the Feast Day of S. Mark in my prayers on that day and no doubt in the company of many others thank those who sent in their articles, and shared them with us.

Yours sincerely, Fr. Robert Britton

Welcome to New Members

Probationers

Barry Blackwell, Lesley Bryant, Arlene Harrigan, James Hart, Vivienne Miller, James Murray-Brooks, Matthew Murray-Brooks, Dylan West, Shirley Wood

Full Members

John Bell, Lewis Ingram, Lee Kent, Janet Mawman, Mark Patrick, Kim Thompson, Sarah Williams

Priest Associate

David Addington, Christopher Colledge, Peter Ennion, Paul West, Jeffery Williamson,

Faithful Departed

Gordon Chenhall, Ronald Clover, Alfred Comer, Arthur Hill, Peter Marsh, Anthony Stock, Dora Walsh,

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The Chantry Book

Ronald Albert Stacey, was born on 26th July 1930 at S. Olave's Hospital, Bermondsey. He moved to Southwick aged 5 and it was here that he met Sheila, to whom he was married for 59 years. They were married in All Souls', Brighton, in 1955 and when 'All Souls' closed he transferred to S. Mary's, Brighton, where he served the Lord for 42 years. He loved going to the meetings of the Chapter of The Holy Resurrection and regularly attended; latterly he couldn't take part in processions due to walking problems but he was still proud to be a member of the Guild. As poor health took its toll he could not process in S. Mary's either but he came every Sunday and rang the sanctuary bell with great pride. He was taken into hospital on 6th January 2014 with an infection and was moved to one nursing home and then another. In the second he fell breaking his pelvis and hip. Complications set in and he died on 8th April 2014. His funeral was in S. Mary's, Brighton on



22nd April and over 120 family and friends attended the service. The Guild was well represented by Cllr. John Horton and his wife; PG3 Brothers Alan George, Raymond Jewell, and William Parker and Cllr. Colin Squires, COF Administrator. He was in the REME during the WW2 and friends from the Royal British Legion and Standard Bearer Bernard Coplin also attended. The Revd. Andrew Woodward celebrated at the Requiem Mass and the Revd's Michael Maine and Michael Forrest also attended.

Dora Walsh was called to serve the Lord when one of her children recovered from a serious illness and did a lot of earnest work in Sunday Schools and Baptism Preparation. She was inspired and supported by her Vicar, the Revd. David Walker, now the Bishop of Wakefield, to become a Reader and ultimately developed a reputation for having a marvellous flair for crystallising the essence of a person in her Eulogies. She loved her community and they loved her. Dora died on 5th May aged 80.

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The Unity of the Spirit

I found this on the Far East Prisoners of War (FEPOW) web site and I immediately thought that it could also apply to Guild members.

That they will all be one
As thou Father art in me
And I in Thee
That they also may be one in us.
Because you belong to Christ
You are akin to me
One in the bonds unbreakable
Wrought for eternity
Spirit with spirit joined
Who can the ties undo
Binding the Christ within my heart
Unto the Christ in you.

Amen.

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Glimpses Through Doors.

After what seems a lifetime, I have come to love the houses of God on this earth, not so much for the beauty of their architecture, decoration, or even treasures, but for occasional glimpses through the curtain which comes between God's people and God's Heaven yet even here there are sometimes surprises, small seemingly insignificant things which have moved others in their journeys to know and love our God. Sometimes they make me smile, or cry or even leave a lump in my throat. Two things are in the back of my mind as I pen these notes: once a fly- away comment by my parish priest (now bishop)

resulted in a response that he too was a church-basher and secondly that as a bicycle tourist sometimes when passing a church something beckons me to drop in usually with something being found of serious interest.

ELSTON CHAPEL near Newark. I was drawn to this now redundant chapel as an excuse for somewhere to aim for a bike ride. Yes it is a fine simple, loved place to visit, but what hooked me was a swarm of bees that had built a nest in a wall cavity by the main door. Somehow I recalled immediately one of the four passages in the Old Testament about bees (Judges 14). A redundant church perhaps, but still very much alive and witnessing!

S. JOHN THE EVANGELIST. Shobdon, Herefordshire. I often passed a sign directing passers-by 'To the Church and Arches,' so I did just that and followed it. Outwardly a solid 1700's building in the park to a former great hall, but when I opened the door and went inside it was like seeing a wedding-cake, All white, gold and crimson and that was just the pews! I had found something in what is known as the 'Strawberry Hill' tradition, whilst nearby the former churches arches, now sadly weathering away had been re-erected as a feature being examples of the Herefordshire school of carving. Both man's offering of his best for God.

OLD LONAN CHAPEL, Isle of Man. I crossed on the ferry but it was too early to go to my hotel. So I went exploring and was drawn here. Apparently this was the original parish church, but so remote that another (even more remote) replaced it in the 1800's. S. Adamnans was now a ruin yet a *new* building had been built across its east end. In its churchyard was an 8th century Saxon cross, now a national treasure and in a specially built 'cross house,' were yet more Saxon crosses. A couple of days later I visited Kirk Maughold where there was again a cross house with another 35 preserved. It appears that as monks crossed from Ireland to Scotland they left souvenirs as reminders of their visits and teaching and the locals added more to record their journey's through this life.



S. BARTHOLOMEW, Sproxton. A Saxon Cross draws me to a churchyard where there is the only complete 10th century cross in Leicestershire no-one knows why it is here, one side is smooth. It was found being used bridging a ditch. It now stands a proud reminder of someone's teaching of Scripture.

S. MARY THE VIRGIN, Great Barrington. It took me several attempts to visit this Cotswolds church. I was not particularly interested until I found a memorial tucked away unobtrusively, part of which read: *“God grant that I may fish until my dying day and when it comes to my last catch, I humbly pray, when in the Lord’s safe landing net I’m peacefully asleep, that I be judged good enough to keep*

S. EDWARDS’ HOUSE, Westminster. For over 50 years I have visited this Chapel near the Abbey and for a few years had the oversight of it. It was also a great teaching place for me as well as somewhere to retreat too. In its Lady Chapel there used to be a smallish gilt reliquary *now on indefinite loan to another London Church*, with a splinter of wood as part of the depiction of our Lord’s Cross. Whether this was actually a piece of the cross we shall never know yet it called me and countless others to know, honour and serve Christ over many centuries. It is the first ever such relic I had come across and is precious still. (The House now forms Westminster School Chaplaincy and is no longer open to the public; previously it was the London House of the Cowley Fathers.)

S. CLYDAWG, Clodock. I was lost for a destination for a bike ride and came to choose this church in the Golden Valley between England and Wales, an anticipated 100 miles. The building is interesting and guide books direct you to the pyramid shaped table in the gallery where singers propped up their music before church organs. Part way up the triple decker pulpit on the wall is a tiny gravestone, some say it is the oldest in the British Isles, it records a man’s love for his wife, but it is written in ancient Celtic Welsh!



S. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, Michaelchurch. Not far from S. Clydawg is this redundant church in a farmyard. One sees straight away why it is preserved but look on the window sills, on one you will find a Roman Altar to an unknown god.

S. MARTIN, Cwmyoy. In the same area as Michaelchurch and Clodock is this parish church in the Gospel Pass. Do drop by and see how precariously it holds onto the hillside, as there has at sometime been a severe landslide, rendering the church twisted it is much loved, respected and well maintained.

(Roman Catholic) **CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART, Droitwich.** I do not know how or why my late father found out about this church but he was always telling people to stop and look inside. Outwardly there is no temptation to do so yet open the door and behold the dedicated life’s work of one man for it is smothered in glass mosaics telling bible stories. Not only can one admire the workmanship and dedication, but also the man’s certain faith proclaimed in the way he best knew – and to think he lived in my lifetime!

Lets go abroad for a change: S. MARK’S BASILLICA, Venice. I recall this House of God, not because it is a fine building or for the horses mounted over the entrance, but go inside, climb to the gallery and look down on the high altar. You feel so utterly small when you then recall that buried beneath this are the bones of none other than Saint Mark himself. Need I say any more?

S. PETER AND PAUL, Market Overton. Back home to this Rutland church with signs of Saxon masonry and just inside the door the font. It appears to be carved out of the capital of a massive Roman pillar, but how and why did it get here? We shall never know. There are other Roman and Saxon remains nearby, but not on this scale. Suffice to say that thousands have joined our Lord’s Church here for which we heartily thank God. (Some say the churchyard is inside an ancient hill fort. There is a baby’s stone coffin near the tower).

S. KENELM, Romsley. Within sight and sound of Birmingham and the Black Country is this church commemorating a King and Saint. It is built over a well, and opposite the entrance is a stained glass window telling of its patron, but it was something outside that attracted my attention. When I first saw it I was disgusted for I thought that the wind had gathered all the Black Country rubbish and caught it up in a tree, how wrong I was. What I saw is known as a “rag-tree” where people would write prayers and petitions on strips of paper/rags and tie them to a tree until they had been blown away, much like some Buddhist traditions or the Jewish practice at the Temple wall in Jerusalem. Does this tradition continue elsewhere, is it tradition, folk-lore or superstition?

S. MARY, Stapleford and HOLY TRINITY, Teigh. Near my Rutland home are two churches. Both are ancient but together with nearby Saxby Church were rebuilt in the 1780’s. (The local Lord/Landowner died and the title passed to his priest-brother who decided to build new and better churches on his acquired estate). Go inside and see how status and class were taught, for they are in the Oxbridge Chapel style with pews facing each other across a central aisle and desk, almost

pulpit all at the west end facing the altar. At Stapleford these are in a gallery with a fireplace and room for the priest's family to sit. At Teigh, the pulpit is up a ladder from the desk and is in a panelled alcove set in the tower wall with painted window features, clouds and trees. I find myself asking what does this tell about the English Church at this time? (*At Teigh a former priest was shot dead in this churchyard by the Sheriff of Rutland!*)

I could tell you of many more quirks of our churches, some curious and others more endearing, but all have had an influence on our lives in some ways or another – in my case many still do. In a unique way they speak to us of the love of our brother's and sister's and their reliance and worship of our God. Perhaps next time when you pass that church or chapel and you sense a call to look in, I suggest you do so, for there may be a finger beckoning you nearer to the very throne of God?

Jeffrey Eaves.

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News from the Chapters

S. Francis and S. Chad, Crewe. During our monthly meeting of Evensong and Benediction at Crewe, S. Barnabas, Sarah Williams was made a full member. She is our youngest full member and is a Server at S. Andrew with S. John the Baptist, Crewe. She is pictured here after the service with Fr Ralph Powell, vicar of S. Barnabas, Crewe and Peter Hart our Chapter Secretary.



S. John the Divine, Leicester. In March 19 members were joined by friends and the congregation of S. Nicholas, Fleckney for Stations of the Cross. Fr. Colin Southall, our former Chaplain, led us in thoughtful meditations on the Stations. A verse of various hymns was sung between each Station. We met in the hall afterwards for refreshments. Thanks to Fr. Colin and the people of S. Nicholas for their usual warm welcome. Our meeting on April 9th was the Chrism Mass at S. Hugh's, Eyres Monsell. The Celebrant & Preacher was the Rt. Revd. Norman Banks, Bishop of Richborough. 24 members of our chapter were present. It was a privilege for the Chapter to be asked to provide the serving team. The church was full, as was the hall afterwards for refreshments. It was disappointing that only 17 members attended the meeting on May 14th at S. Andrew, Prestwold. Fr. Walter Burleigh, our chaplain led the Guild Office and Fr. Simon Richardson

gave the Address and Ross Copley was admitted as a full member. Afterward we gathered for refreshments. In June we joined other Catholic Societies for the annual Corpus Christi Festival Mass, Procession & Benediction at S. Aidan's, New Parks on June 20th. The Principal Celebrant and Preacher was the Bishop of Beverley, the Rt. Revd. Glyn Webster. Chapter members provided the Serving Party for a most uplifting service. Refreshments were served in the hall afterwards.

S. Joseph of Arimathaea, Portsmouth. Our AGM was held in April in S. Faith's Gosport and was preceded by the singing of the Guild Office. We have lost two members because of age, one of them being our organist. For the first time we sang along to a CD of the Guild Office. Chapter meetings Karaoke style! In May the Archdeacon of the Meon led a Quite Evening based on the Guild Office in SS. Peter & Paul, Hambledon. It was unfortunate this clashed with a Diocesan Finance Committee Meeting so our numbers were down. It was a refreshing and meaningful evening (see Editorial). June saw a group of us, along with a member from the Worthing Chapter, join with the Isle of Wight Chapter to sing the Guild Office in S. Saviour on the Cliff, Shanklin. We all spent a very pleasant day on the Island and enjoyed a beautiful sunset viewed from the ferry on the way home. This visit, I am glad to say, is turning into a regular event.



Our Lady and S. Barnabas, Blackpool. To borrow some words, I feel it both 'right and just', through The Server to thank the Priest and the congregation of the church of the Holy Cross, Blackpool for their magnificent welcome to us in June. After a gap of about 20 years. Solemn Mass in that beautiful church was spiritually uplifting, even without our MC/Thurifer and Organist all went very well. After the Service we had a magnificent meal which we were told would further subsidise the parish soup kitchen for the needy. The Chapter's Monstrance was used during the Service and an application received for admission as a Priest Associate.

S. Etheldreda, Cambridge. Our May meeting saw the Chapter at the Church of S. John in Stansted Mountfitchet for Guild Office and Benediction. In June we paid our first visit to S. Mary's in Houghton with Wyton where Father Brian Atling and his congregation made us very welcome. We sang the Office and Benediction was given. At Petertide two of our Deacon Associates were ordained by the Bishop of Ely in the Cathedral and the Chapter had the privilege of attending their first Masses. Fr. Geoffrey Dumbreck celebrated at the church of S. Giles in Cambridge and the following evening. Fr. Max Kramer held his First Mass at Little S. Mary's in Cambridge. These were joyous occasions and both churches had full congregations.

S Chad, Coventry. A small number of members attended the Guild Easter Festival. We were invited to carry the statue of Our Lady in the outside procession at S. Andrew's, Leicester for the May Festival. including the Campus of the De Montfort University and the accommodation buildings. Canon Barry Naylor Celebrated and Can. Philip O'Reilly SSC preached. We were welcomed in the Hall for refreshments after Mass. Our delayed centenary celebration was held on 10th June with the Guild Office at S. John the Baptist, Coventry led by our chaplain, Fr. Norman, this was followed by a meal attended by our guests, Deputy Warden, Fr. Darren Smith and Secretary General, Terry Doughty. A total of twenty attended our summer outing in June to the Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Egmonton where our servers helped form the serving team. The Principal Celebrant and Preacher was the Rt. Revd. Glyn Webster, Bishop of Beverley. We visited S. Catherine's, Burbage in July for Guild Office, Address Procession and Benediction. This was well attended with servers from our own Chapter and the Chapter of S. John the Divine, Leicester.



S. Luke, Northamptonshire. Summer began a pleasant period of worship and fellowship. In the first week of July we met for Solemn Guild Office and Benediction at S. Mary's, Kettering. Fr. James Mowbray SSC welcomed us. Some members were not well enough to attend, but the ten present enjoyed a good meeting and refreshments. Two days later, thirteen of us made a short pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. After our first visit there was time to explore the grounds. The Chapter gathered in the Guild of All Souls Chapel to sing (unaccompanied) the Guild Office. The quality of the sung office has improved each time it is offered. Members from Great Oakley, Northampton, Chelveston, Kettering and Corby made the return journey by car, under the care of Fr. Alan Cole Chaplain, and Brother Ray Jackson, Lay Chairman. We thank God for the prospect of admitting new servers to the Chapter in the foreseeable future.



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Chapter of S. Werburgh, Stockport and District

Saturday 6th September 2014

90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



S. Peters' Parish Church, St Peters Gate, Stockport, Cheshire SK1 1NZ

11.30am Pontifical High Mass - Celebrant and Preacher: The Right Reverend Glyn Webster, Bishop of Beverley

2.30pm: Guild Office, Outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction. A buffet lunch will be served at £5 per head, Incl..a glass of wine/juice/ tea or coffee.

Priest associate members are welcome to robe for the mass and sit in the choir, please bring alb/ cotta and white stole.

Priest/Members are welcome to robe for Guild Office in the afternoon. Please bring your chapter banners.

For catering purposes, please reply by the 31 August - lunch tickets can be purchased in advance by telephoning 01614060677 and be collected on the day or by post to:

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Till Death Us Do Part?

When the first wife of Martin van Butchell died in 1775, he declined to bury her and instead he had her embalmed, fitted with glass eyes and then displayed, wearing her wedding dress in a glass case at his home in Mayfair. Be assured that this is not to be mistaken for an act of undying love by a grieving husband who could not bear to be parted from his wife, there was far more to it than that! Mrs van Butchell possessed a considerable fortune in her own right and she had bequeathed all of it to a distant relative, to be paid as soon as she was 'dead and buried'.

The words 'dead and BURIED' are very important as Martin van Butchell had no love at all for this distant relative and so he made up his mind that his wife should not be buried so that the legal terms of the will, 'dead and buried' were not completed and so the estate could not be paid.

To achieve this end he paid a Scottish anatomist to treat and embalm his wife's body. The preserved Mrs van Butchell became quite a tourist attraction and Martin van Butchell soon started making money from his dead wife's corpse by charging visitors to view her body.

In 1815 after Martin van Butchell himself had died, his son then donated the embalmed body of his mother, complete with glass case, to the Royal College of Surgeons and here it stayed on display until eventually during the Second World War a German bomb completely destroyed it in 1941.



I am assuming that whatever was left of the poor lady was then laid to rest somewhere. I do not however know if this then meant that the legacy could eventually be paid out 166 years later!

Celebrations

John Page



On the way to Midlands Area Festival a few of the Wednesbury Chapter arranged for the coach to stop at the nursing home where Bro. John Page is a resident to present him with a gift to mark his 101st birthday, (Is he our oldest member?) also for Fr. Michael Brain, the Chaplain General, to say a prayer of thanks and give a blessing.

Chaplain celebrates 50 years in the Priesthood.

Chaplain to S. Wystan's Chapter, Burton on Trent, the Revd. Preb. Tony Wood celebrated 50 years in the Priesthood with Mass at S. Stephen's, Woodville in June. Fr. Tony was born in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, in September 1938, married in 1968 and moved to the Burton on Trent area in 1976 to serve at . James' Church, Barton Under Needwood. Following two years of National Service in the RAF, he trained at the Theological College in Nottinghamshire then ordained. The parish of Dunstall was added to Fr. Tony's responsibilities in January 1994, followed by Tatenhill in 2007. He was appointed Rural Dean of Tutbury and in 2003 was made a Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral, which he considered 'a real honour'. Fr. Tony retired in 2010 and during his 34 years at S. James' his role in the community had extended beyond that of vicar. e.g. Fourteen years ago, Barton's Cottage Hospital was under the threat of closure. Villagers joined forces with the vicar and after two years of campaigning, a new £7 million replacement facility was secured which opened in October 2007. Even in retirement Fr. Tony remains active and continues to serve and support S. Wystan's Chapter in any way that he can. Fr Tony is pictured here following the Guild Office at S. John the Divine, Horninglow.



Cycle of Prayer

October 2014

- 1 Provincial Group 20 Northumberland and Durham Cllr. Roland Robbins
- 2 PG20/20 S. Benet Biscop, Newcastle/Gateshead and North East and adjoining areas.
- 3 PG20/57 S.Godric of Finchale, Durham.
- 4 AUTUMN FESTIVAL S. WILFRID'S HARROGATE Pray for all who attend and those unable to join in the festival.
- 5 **Trinity 16 For those whose marriages have broken down.**
- 6 PG/20/128 S. Oswin, Northumberland/North Tyneside.
- 7 Diocese of Durham.
- 8 PG20/307 S. Hilda of Whitby, Scarborough/Whitby.
- 9 Diocese of Newcastle
- 10 Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary c644. Let us spread the word.
- 11 James the Deacon. Companion of Paulinus.
- 12 **Trinity 17 May we walk in the way of the Commandments.**
- 13 S. Edward the Confessor. Help us put our faith into practice.
- 14 Diocese of Sodor and Man.
- 15 Provincial Group 21 Cheshire and Lancashire. Cllr Jeremy Wood.
- 16 Diocese of Blackburn.
- 17 Diocese of Manchester.
- 18 S. Luke the Evangelist. Our own G.P., All Doctors, and medical staff
- 19 **Trinity 18 For those called to be priests and ministers in your church.**
- 20 PG21/18 Our Lady and S. Barnabas, Lancashire and Furness area.
- 21 Diocese of Chester.
- 22 PG21/21 S. Francis and S. Chad. South and Mid Cheshire.
- 23 PG21/137 Our Lady and S. John. The Wirral.
- 24 PG21/152 Our Lady and S. Nicholas. Liverpool District.
- 25 General Council Meeting in London. Diocese of Liverpool.
- 26 **Trinity 19 Bible Sunday. May we have an openness of the word of God.**
- 27 PG21/182 S. Werburgh. Stockport and District.
- 28 S. Simon and S. Jude. For lost causes.
- 29 Diocese of Carlisle.
- 30 To share our delight in following Christ.
- 31 All those involved with the production of The Server magazine

November

- 1 All Saints Day. May we follow them.
- 2 **4th before Advent. All Souls Day. Past members of the Guild.**
- 3 Provincial Group 22 Cornwall. Cllr Sandra Bennett.
- 4 PG22/114 S. Michaels Bay, Mounts Bay Penzance.
- 5 PG22/170 The Sacred Host. Falmouth, Penryn.
- 6 PG22/240 S. Mark, Cambourne/Redruth.
- 7 PG22/247 S. Uny, S. Ia, S. Anta. S. Ives.
- 8 The Saints and Martyrs of England.
- 9 **3rd before Advent. Remembrance Sunday. Remembering all victims of war.**
- 10 PG22/250 Holy Cross, Liskeard.
- 11 Remember all Armed Forces, Reserved Forces and their families.
- 12 Diocese of Truro.
- 13 Provincial Group 23 Birmingham. Cllr David Jones.
- 14 PG23/186 S. Wulfstan, Redditch.
- 15 Diocese of Birmingham.
- 16 **2nd before Advent. Make us faithful witnesses in our community.**
- 17 S. Hugh. Bishop of Lincoln. c1200.
- 18 The Scottish Guild of Servers.
- 19 S. Hilda of Whitby. All centres of spiritual learning.
- 20 The Scottish Guild of Servers Council, Warden and Officers.
- 21 The Scottish Episcopal Church and all its people.
- 22 S. Cecilia. c230 Patron Saint of Musicians. Remembering all organists and choirs.
- 23 **Christ the King. For all young people.**
- 24 The congregations from where we all come.
- 25 Isaac Watts, Hymn writer c.1748
- 26 For all chapters in abeyance.
- 27 PEV Ebbsfleet. The Rt. Revd. Dr. Jonathan Newcombe
- 28 PEV Richborough. The Rt. Revd. Norman Banks
- 29 Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary work of the Church.
- 30 **Advent Sunday. The Church's New Year.**

December 2014

- 1 Andrew the Apostle Tfr form 30th Patron Saint of Scotland.
- 2 PEV Bishop of Beverley. The Rt. Revd Glyn Webster.
- 3 All retired Priests and Pastoral Workers.
- 4 The Church of Ireland and all its people.
- 5 The Anglican Church in Australia. All the Servers and Supporters.
- 6 S. Nicholas. Make us mindful of others.
- 7 **2nd in Advent. We give thanks for those who encourage us to be faithful to You.**
- 8 The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.
- 9 All Christian work in Africa.
- 10 All Catholic Societies.
- 11 We give thanks for all bell ringers.
- 12 Episcopal Church in USA All bishops, clergy and people.
- 13 S. Francis Xavier. For the Church in Asia.
- 14 **3rd in Advent. To recognise the goodness of God in all people and places.**
- 15 The Anglican Church in Canada. Canadian servers & supporters.
- 16 AFZ/100 Sacred Heart Harare, Zimbabwe.
- 17 For the work of the Salvation Army.
- 18 For all Deanery and Deanery Synods.
- 19 For all PCC.'s and their members.
- 20 For all Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.
- 21 **4th in Advent. The Coming Christ Child.**
- 22 Strengthen our faith to receive Him.
- 23 Give thanks for occasions when we are surprised by the generosity of others.
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE The Most Holy Night.
- 25 NATIVITY OF OUR LORD. This most Holy and Blessed Festival.
- 26 S.Stephen the First Martyr. For all Martyrs.
- 27 S. John the Evangelist. Spread the Word.
- 28 **1st Sunday of Christmas We seek your Church to be a place of welcome for all people.**
- 29 Holy Innocents. For all God's Children.
- 30 The Holy Family. Blessings for friends and relations.
- 31 Give thanks for Blessings of 2014.

Guild Diary



Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary

AUTUMN FESTIVAL
St. Wilfrid, Harrogate
Saturday October 4th 2014

12 Noon
Con-Celebrated Eucharist
Principal Celebrant & Preacher:
Rt Revd Tony Robinson,
Bishop of Pontefract

3.00 p.m.
Solemn Guild Office
& Benediction

A buffet lunch will be available - to be pre booked by sending name and £8 (payable to GSS) to Terry Doughty, 7 Church Avenue, Leicester LE3 6AJ by September 20th

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Saturday 25th October General Council Meeting
Saturday 21st February General Council Meeting

Faith - the Church Cat



Before World War Two, on Watling Street, near S. Paul's Cathedral in the heart of the City of London was the Church of S. Augustine with S. Faith. But it suffered the fate of so many churches during the wartime blitz with the resulting fires and after the smoke had cleared all that was left standing was just a solitary tower with a very small room that would seat only twenty-six worshippers.

However the remaining local congregation stayed faithful to the memory of a famous little tabby cat attached to the church, for on the bare walls of the square tower hung a

black and white framed picture of the cat and underneath it was an explanation which was penned by the Rector at the time.

It read as follows:-

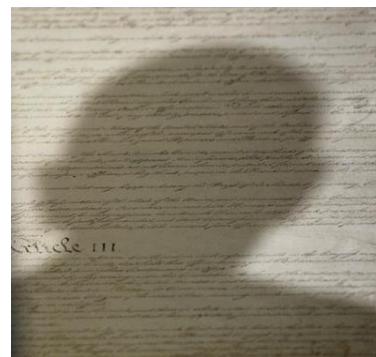
"Our dear little Church Cat of S. Augustine. Faith – the bravest little cat in the world."

On Monday 9th September 1940, Faith (what else can you call a church cat?) endured horrors and perils beyond the power of words to tell. Shielding her kittens in a sort of recess in the Church (a spot she selected only 3 days beforehand) she sat through the whole frightful night of bombing and fire, guarding her little kittens.

The roof masonry exploded, the whole building blazed. Four floors fell through in front of her. Fire and water and ruin all around her, yet still she stayed calm and steadfast, and waited for help. She was rescued in the early morning while the place was still burning and by the mercy of Almighty God she and her kittens were not only saved, but were unhurt. Faith died eventually in September 1948 at the age of 14 and both The Times and The Daily Telegraph recorded both her death and bravery.

Just Checking In Today

A Minister passing through his church,
In the middle of the day,
Decided to pause by the altar,



To see who came to pray.

Just then the back door opened, and a man came
down the aisle,
The minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't
shaved in a while.

His shirt was torn and shabby, and his coat was
worn and frayed,
The man knelt down and bowed his head, then
rose and walked away.

In the days that followed at precisely noon, the preacher saw this chap,
Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch box in his lap.

Well, the minister's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear,
He decided to stop and ask the man, 'What are you doing here?'

The man said he was a factory worker and lunch was half an hour. Lunchtime was his prayer time, for finding strength and power. I stay only a moment because the factory's far away; as I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is kinda what I say:

'I just came by to tell you, Lord, how happy I have been, since we found each other's friendship and you took away my sin. Don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day. So, Jesus, this is Ben, just checking in today.'

The minister feeling foolish told Ben that it was fine. He told the man that he was welcome to pray there anytime.

'It's time to go, and thanks,' Ben said as he hurried to the door. Then the minister knelt there at the altar, which he'd never done before. His cold heart melted, warmed with love, as he met with Jesus there, as the tears flowed down his cheeks, he repeated old Ben's prayer:

Why God made Cats and Dogs

'I just came by to tell you, Lord, how happy I have been, since we found each other's friendship and you took away my sin. Don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day. So, Jesus, this is me, just checking in today.'

Past noon, one day, the minister noticed that old Ben hadn't come. As more days passed and still no Ben, he began to worry some. At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill.

The hospital staff were worried, but he'd given them a thrill. The week that Ben was with them, brought changes in the ward. His smiles and joy contagious. Changed people were his reward.

The head nurse couldn't understand why Ben could be so glad, When no flowers, calls or cards came, not a visitor he had.

The minister stayed by his bed, he voiced the nurse's concern: No friends had come to show they cared. He had nowhere to turn.

Looking surprised, old Ben spoke up and with a winsome smile; 'The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, He's been here all the while.'

Every day at noon He comes here, a dear friend of mine, you see, He sits right down and takes my hand, leans over and says to me:

'I Just Came By To Tell You, Ben, how happy I have been, Since we found this friendship, and I took away your sin. I think about you always and I love to hear you pray, and so Ben, this is Jesus, just checking in today.'

If this blesses you, pass it on. Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart. May God hold you in the palm of His hand and Angels watch over you. Please pass this page on to your friends and loved ones.

So, FRIENDS AND FAMILY, BROTHERS AND SISTERS this is ME ...

"Just Checking In Today"

Anon

Adam and Eve said, 'Lord, when we were in the garden you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you anymore. We are lonesome and it is difficult for us to remember how much you loved us.' And God said, 'No problem! I will create a companion for you that will be with you for ever and who will be a revelation of my love for you both, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this companion will always accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves.'

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve. It was a good animal. God was pleased. And the new animal was pleased with Adam and Eve and he wagged his tail. And Adam said, 'Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal.' And God said, 'No problem! Because I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG.' And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them, and they were comforted.

And God was pleased. And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, 'Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut around and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved – maybe perhaps too well.' And God said, 'No problem! I will create for them a companion who will be with them for ever and who will see them as they are. The companion will remind them of all their limitations, so they will know they are not always worthy of adoration.' And God created CAT to be a companion of Adam and Eve. And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes, they were reminded that they were not the supreme beings after all.

And Adam and Eve learned humility. And they were greatly improved. And God was pleased. And Dog wagged his tail.

And Cat didn't give a hoot one way or the other.



Training at S. Stephen's House
by Anthony Murley CoF Ordinand

Readers of 'The Server' will be pleased to know that the raising of 'spiritual tone' and 'conscientious performance' of Altar servers remain key elements of training for the priesthood at S. Stephen's House. Indeed to such an extent that a recent online poll referred to a mythical 'Staggers Liturgy Gestapo', by our not-too-distant neighbours Ripon College, Cuddesdon; such things are taken with good humour.

The Rev'd JD Hilarius Dale in his Sacristan's manual says that 'No man can be near God without a blessing or a curse', something to bear in mind for ordination training and altar serving alike. Training at the House places a strong emphasis on the interior life to equip ordinands for the priestly life. This is to the end that a connection may be firmly made between a developing inner life and the daily offering of the Mass and corporate prayer.

In addition to Morning and Evening Prayer and mass, all are encouraged to embrace a reflective and prayerful approach to daily life, accompanied by silent meditation and spiritual reading. We keep major feasts of the Church with solemnity and excellent music, a great example of which can be seen in the rites of Holy Week and the Triduum celebrated at the House this year. In addition to formation and training each student here the House has a course of academic study, in the majority of cases as students of the University of Oxford. A considerable array of different courses are undertaken, ranging from Bachelor of Arts or Theology, to various higher degrees, as well more vocationally tailored courses to suit individual needs.

Of course, not all training for the priestly ministry is undertaken in the House alone. Indeed every ordinand undertakes a number of placements over their time at the House, in which experience of the wider Church may be obtained. Many undertake a personal placement in local churches, schools, prisons, hospitals, as well as Oxford college chaplaincies. In addition to these individual placements, group placements are undertaken to encourage collaborative work, whilst serving the needs of the local community. An excellent example of which may be found in <http://www.headrest.org.uk/> a community mental health resource created by Group 3 this year; a genuinely creative way of responding to the human needs of the Cowley Deanery with loving service. I am coming to the end of my formation at S. Stephen's House; my present course of formation and preparation for the diaconate is due to

end in the next six weeks (at the time of writing), though I remain a part time student for a further two years to complete the BTh. I value immensely the great privilege of being able to study in an institution which values the Church, the priesthood and most especially Jesus Christ, in the work of preparing candidates to offer service to Him. I am also immensely grateful to the Guild for its support over the years, both pastorally and materially. I look forward with joy to being able to offer support as both deacon and priest to the Guild in return

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Why We Should Be Like Donkeys

Are you a pet-lover? Many people own a dog, a cat or a budgie, but most of us don't actually own a donkey! In Biblical times, donkeys were one of the essential parts of daily life. A donkey did everything from helping to grind corn, to ploughing the fields, to carrying people and even to transporting their belongings. Despite their small frame, donkeys are surprisingly tough. They were popular because they were content with poor fodder like thistles and could travel an average of 20 miles a day. There are two occasions within the Christian calendar where donkeys walk into the picture. At Christmas, Mary travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey. This is the last we hear of the donkey and it doesn't get a specific mention in the manger story, but I am almost sure that the same one that transported her was probably there at the birth of Our Lord; after all where else would it have been?



On Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Jesus deliberately chose this animal because at that time, the horse was associated with war, conquest and worldly might. The donkey was a symbol of peace and of humility. Jesus used this humble animal to show that he had come with the serene dignity of the King of Peace. His entry into the Holy City also fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy concerning the Messiah.

Donkeys are hardworking and undemanding. They wait for their master to put them to the work and as we know each one bears the distinctive mark of the Cross on their backs! See above. Perhaps this is something that we should learn from the donkey—to wait patiently for Jesus our Master, to be always obedient to him, to serve him with all our hearts, and to bear the mark of his grace in our lives.

Incense

The use of incense in the ancient world was common, especially in religious rites where it was used to keep demons away. In Judaism, incense was included in the thanksgiving offerings of oil, rain, fruits, wine and the Lord instructed Moses to build a golden altar for the burning of incense that was placed in front of the veil to the entrance of the meeting tent where the Ark of the Covenant was kept.

We do not know exactly when the use of incense was introduced into our services and liturgical rites. At the time of the early Church, the Jews continued to use incense in their own Temple rituals, so it would be fairly safe to conclude that the Christians would have adapted its usage for their own rituals.



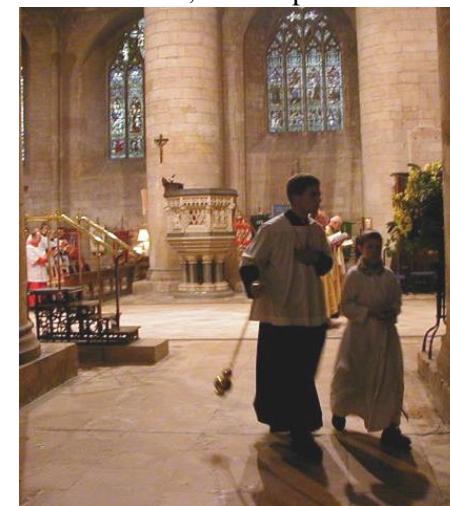
In the liturgies of SS. James and Mark the use of incense is mentioned. A Roman Ritual of the seventh century marks its usage in the procession of a Bishop to the altar on Good Friday. Moreover, in the Mass, an incensation at the Gospel appears very early; at the offertory, in the 11th century; and at the Introit, in the 12th century. Incense was also used at the Benedictus and Magnificat during Lauds and Vespers about the 13th century, and for the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament about the 14th century. Gradually, its usage was extended to the incensing of the celebrant and assisting clergy.

The purpose of incensing and the symbolic value of the smoke is that of purification and sanctification. For example, in the Eastern Rites at the beginning of Mass, the altar and sanctuary area were incensed while Psalm 50, the "Miserere," was chanted invoking the mercy of God. The smoke symbolizes the prayers of the faithful drifting up to heaven: the Psalmist prays, "Let my prayer come like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice" (Psalm 141).

Incense also creates the ambiance of heaven: The Book of Revelation describes the heavenly worship as follows: "Another angel came in holding a censer of

gold. He took his place at the altar of incense and was given large amounts of incense to deposit on the altar of gold in front of the throne, together with the prayers of all God's holy ones. From the angel's hand, the smoke of the incense went up before God, and with it the prayers of God's people."

In modern worship we are taught that incense may be used during the entrance procession; at the beginning of Mass, to cense the altar; at the procession and proclamation of the Gospel; at the offertory, to incense the offerings, altar, priest and people; and at the elevation of the Sacred Host and chalice of Precious Blood after the consecration. The priest may also incense the Crucifix and the Paschal Candle. During funeral Masses, the priest at the final commendation may cense the coffin, both as a sign of honour to the body of the deceased and as a sign of the faithful's prayers for the deceased rising to God.



The use of incense adds a sense of solemnity to the Mass. The visual imagery of the smoke and the smell remind us of the transcendence of the Mass, which links heaven with earth, and allow us to enter into the presence of God.

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A Different form of Burial

In 1938 Mr. James Doleman made, what is believed to be, the very first Bakelite coffin in the World. To make such a large object the largest compression moulding ever made had to be used and made it was made by the Ultralite Casket Company Limited. The coffin was manufactured from a type of resin and it imitated walnut planking which was popular in the construction of coffins at that time. To mould the item the resin was mixed with a wood flour filler especially devised by the Bakelite Company Ltd of London. Unfortunately, because of the outbreak of war, the Bakelite coffin did not go into large-scale production and James Doleman was killed during the that war in 1944, but his very large compression moulding

machine taken over by the War Office to produce other undisclosed goods for the war effort.

Plastic collectors long for such a coffin and Patrick Cook of the Bakelite Museum in Somerset is the proud possessor of two examples, one for his Bakelite collection and one for him to be buried in.

However, it is not just a product of the 1930's as plans have been discussed to use some forms of plastic coffins in Kenya because of the increasing number of AIDS fatalities, partly to prevent the deforestation of the area to obtain the timber, but also to stop thieves digging up the wooden coffins and re-selling them.



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House for Duty?



The advertisement in February 2013 read :-Situation Vacant in the South Atlantic. The Diocese of Cape Town has been unable to recruit for a vacant post for nearly a year. S. Mary's Anglican church has been without a resident priest since Fr. Chris Brown left in July 2010. This is believed to be the longest gap without a resident priest since the Revd. Martin Rogers arrived in 1922 following the Revd. Graham Barrow's departure in 1909. The post is on the Island of Tristan Da Cunha, 6,173 miles from London and it has only 262 residents.

The post has been advertised several times, according to the Church Times, but so far no one has agreed to make their home some 1,750 miles from the nearest

major landmass which is Africa.

According to Tristan da Cunha's website the new vicar of S. Mary's will ideally play a musical instrument and teach at the school. The advert said: 'Applicants should be active and energetic. A keen interest in church music and the ability to play an instrument would be an asset.'

Tristan da Cunha is a close-knit community with just seven surnames among its inhabitants, but some of its priests have found life depressing and lonely there. The Revd. Edwin H Dodgson, younger brother of writer Lewis Carroll, grew so unhappy at the 'unnatural state of isolation' he told of his despair four years after arriving as a teacher and missionary in 1880. He wrote: 'It has been my daily prayer that God would open up some way for us all to leave ...there is not the slightest reason for this island to be inhabited at all.'

There was a 13-year time lapse between a vicar's appointment when the Rev Graham Barrow quit the island in 1909. The main island has an area of 37.8 sq. miles along with the uninhabited Nightingale Islands and the wildlife reserves of Inaccessible Island and Gough Island.

There is no airport and only nine ships are scheduled to visit from Cape Town which is the nearest major port. Television arrived only in 2001, but there are only two terrestrial channels.

During World War Two, It was used as a listening post to monitor German ships while the entire population was evacuated from 1961-63 over a threatened volcano eruption.

But it has been described as a 'very special' place in which to serve. 'If you are looking for a ministry where you want to be close to God and close to nature, then Tristan da Cunha is the place for you. When I last checked Crockfords the post was still not filled and the congregation rely on Lay readers for most of the year. The pictures show the three members of the choir and the three servers.



The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended



It is an interesting thought as to whether this should be regarded as an Evening Hymn or a Missionary Hymn. I suppose that both is the logical answer! Invariably, these days, it is classed as an Evening Hymn as its opening lines render it suitable only for use at evening worship. But originally the Revd. Canon J Ellerton (left) wrote it in 1870 as part of a special liturgy for use at various Missionary Meetings and its missionary character is really undeniable. The hymn became a dominant theme in the growing world-wide fellowship of the Church of Christ and its unbroken, unceasing offering of praise and prayer to God. The imagery of Morning and Evening, then Day and Night,

is no more than a background and is used simply by way of illustration.

Queen Victoria chose the hymn for use at her Diamond Jubilee in 1897 and it was sung at thousands of churches throughout the land on Sunday 20th June that year. The Queen may well have regarded her vast dominions (the Empire on which the sun never sets) as a symbol of the expanding church in the world; but on closer inspection we note that the final verse of the hymn wisely reminds us that ‘while Earth’s proud empires pass away’, God’s kingdom ‘stands and grows for ever’ and will outlive all human institutions.

H.N. Keat.

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The Oldest Church In Continuous Use In The English-Speaking World.

S. Martin’s Church in Canterbury is claimed to be the oldest Church in the English speaking world still used for worship. It was here that S. Augustine set up his mission when he arrived from Rome in 597 AD to convert the English. For this reason it is sometimes called the first church of the Anglican Communion, and forms part of the **Canterbury World Heritage Site** - the other two parts are **Canterbury Cathedral** and **S. Augustine’s Abbey**. The oldest part of S. Martin’s church was built during the Roman occupation of



Britain. It is uncertain whether at first the building was a church, a mausoleum, or something else. Bertha (left) was a Christian princess from Tours and in AD 580 she married Ethelbert of Kent, who was a pagan. Ethelbert restored S. Martin’s for her and she prayed here regularly. Ethelbert later became king of Kent and ‘over-king’ of all the kingdoms northwards to the River Humber (200 miles to the north).

Augustine arrived here in AD 597 with 40 companions to preach the good news of Jesus Christ. S. Martin’s was Augustine’s first base for his mission. “Here they first began to assemble, to sing the psalms, to pray, to celebrate mass, to preach and to baptize, until the king was converted to the faith and gave them greater freedom to preach and to build and restore churches everywhere.” (Bede’s Ecclesiastical History, AD 731).

Bede writes of the enormous impact made by the message of Jesus, by the holy lives of the monks and by miracles that confirmed the message. Pope Gregory, who had sent Augustine from Rome, heard of the success Augustine was having and wrote to him telling him not to become swollen-headed because of the extraordinary things that God had chosen to do through him.

Needing more space, they extended St. Martin’s to nearly its present size, using Roman building methods and reusing some Roman bricks. The largest part of the building (the nave) was the first Anglo Saxon structure made of mortared brick and stone instead of wood. Ethelbert soon granted Augustine more land in Canterbury, where he founded the Abbey and the Cathedral. He died in AD 604 and was buried in the Abbey. The east end of S Martin’s was extended in the 12-13th centuries and substantially altered in the 19th century. The church tower was added



in the 14th century. It has three bells, the largest of which was made in 1393.

S. Martin’s remains in use for Christian worship, prayer and mission, as it has done ever since Augustine arrived in the 6th century.

Kensal Green Cemetery

The General Cemetery of All Souls, Kensal Green, is one of England's oldest and most beautiful public burial grounds and certainly its most prestigious. One of the world's first garden cemeteries Kensal Green received its first funeral in January 1833 and still conducts burials and cremations daily. The cemetery was innovative in having most of the site consecrated by the Church of England, but reserving the eastern spur for Dissenters and others to practise their own rites. Today, people of many faiths and denominations are buried throughout the cemetery. Uniquely among British cemeteries, Kensal Green has been managed by the same private joint-stock company since its inception: the General Cemetery Company (est. 1830) still has its offices by the Main Gate.

From the funeral of HRH The Duke of Sussex in 1843 to that of his nephew HRH The Duke of Cambridge in 1904, Kensal Green was the most fashionable cemetery in England. Its notable residents include some 650 members of the titled classes. It is the resting place of the engineers Sir Marc Isambard Brunel and Isambard Kingdom Brunel, the mathematician Charles Babbage, and the novelists Wilkie Collins, Anthony Trollope and William Makepeace Thackeray; Lord Byron's wife, Oscar Wilde's mother, Charles Dickens' in-laws and Winston Churchill's daughter; a cross-dressing Army doctor and the surgeon who attended Nelson at Trafalgar; the creator of Pears' Soap, and the original WH Smith; the funambulist Blondin and the Savoyard George Grossmith; the first man to cross Australia from south to north, and the last man to fight a duel in England.

It also boasts some 140 Grade I, II* and II Listed buildings and monuments, including the magnificent Anglican Chapel (Right). Kensal Green's funerary monuments represent every shade of taste, fashion and materials from the solid classicism to Gothic extravagance.



The cemetery now covers some 72 acres between the Grand Union Canal and Harrow Road and is open to visitors every day of the year.

Did You Know?

Did you know that portions of the Bible have been printed in 2,212



languages and that a version of the Bible exists in 366 languages. An additional 9 languages have a New Testament and 918 languages have at least one book of the Bible. The most recent total of living languages is 6,700. So some quick calculation shows that 4,488 languages that have NO Bible at all!

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And Finally:-

More from various pew sheets:-

Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.

The Offertory Hymn is "Jesus Paid It All"

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

On a church postcard: 'Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour.' I would like a personal call.

A songfeast was Hell at the Methodist church Wednesday.

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The Guild Collect

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, to us Thy servants, the spirit of holy fear: that we, following the example of Thy holy child Samuel, may faithfully minister before Thee in Thy Sanctuary; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.



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