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## EDITORIAL

### ONE MAN'S VIEW



By the time this issue is published the General Synod should have completed all its work in connection with the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood and the ordinations will soon be upon us. This should allow the Synod to turn its attention to other matters and for the dust to settle.

It is to be hoped that the Guild will find itself still able to accommodate the differing views of its members, some for and some against. It would seem to me, but I may be wrong, that the way forward is to pay attention to the caution which the Warden expressed in his address at last year's AGM. He said, you may remember, "I think chapters in the near future will have to be very careful as to where they plan to sing the Guild Office". This suggests to me that chapters would be well advised to go only to those churches which are against Women Priests since, I believe, those who are for Women Priests are likely to be ready to go to such churches but not vice versa.

There will be no printed Annual Report this year since our Secretary-General feels that he has not been in post long enough to be able to put such a report together. Undoubtedly Howard compiled much of his Annual Reports from his recollections of what had gone on during the year and Roy, of course, has only three months worth of Secretary-General's memories, which are not much help for a year's report.

You will see that Roy has updated the prices of Guild publications to include the cost of postage. I understand that the Guild was, on occasion, losing out considerably from having to pay postage on bulky orders for which only second class letter rate postage had been sent. The new rates should avoid this problem.

Please note that the Autumn Festival will be on October 15th.

Raymund JM Waker

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### FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The General Council have appointed PAUL DURRANT, 7 HEATHER DRIVE, WOODLANDS PARK, BEDWORTH, NUNEATON CV12 0AT as *MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY*. Paul is a server in the Coventry Diocese and is employed as a Computer Manager. He *will deal with all Memberships & Subscriptions and should be a great asset to the Guild.*

The present Guild Records are unreliable so it is very necessary that the STAGE 2 CHAPTER ROLL FORMS, which the Secretaries receive, are completed and returned immediately. They will then be stored on computer.

*Unattached members* are requested to re-register, giving their Roll Number and state of Subscription Payments.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday, April 9th, 1994 at S Augustine, Kilburn at 3.00 pm.**

**Agenda**

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| Apologies  | To confirm the General Council's Elections   |
| Minutes of AGM of April 17th, 1993 (to be taken as read having been printed in <i>The Server</i> ) | a. The Warden  |
| Matters Arising  | b. Chaplain-General  |
| Secretary-General's Report for 1993  | c. COF Chaplain  |
| Financial Statements—General & COF   | d. Secretary-General   |
| Candidates Ordination Fund Report  | e. Treasurer-General   |
| <i>The Server</i> Report   | Appointments: Membership Secretary, COF Secretary, <i>The Server</i> Editor, Distributor |
| The Warden's Address   | Group Elections Statement  |
|  | Festivals 1994 (not yet in <i>The Server</i> )   |

Roll Call

AOB

## MINUTES OF 1993 AGM

The Annual General Meeting held at 2.30 pm on Saturday, 17th April 1993 at S Mary Magdalene, Paddington.

There was a 25% increase in numbers attending over those of the last two years which was quite encouraging.

The Warden and the Chaplain General pointed out that two items on the Agenda—Prayers at the beginning and the Blessing at the end—were not really necessary since we had celebrated Mass in the morning and were to follow the AGM with the Guild Office.

*The Annual Report was taken as read having been printed in The Server.*

The Treasurer-General in giving his report drew attention to the healthy state of the Guild's and COF finances. The General Fund showed a current balance of £117,667, which, he conceded seemed to be a large sum. He pointed out, however, that we, at present, received Office Accommodation and heating from the Secretary-General free of charge. The Officers also kept their expenses low. We could not be certain that these conditions would persist indefinitely. We might find that our next Secretary-General needed a living wage and £117,000 would not go very far in such circumstances. He also reminded the Meeting that interest rates were now considerably reduced so that our capital would not be bringing in the same interest as recently. In answer to a question as to whether we could expend some of the money in making grants to some needy causes, he replied that this would not be allowed by the Charity Commissioners since we were not constituted as a grant-making institution.

The COF balance stood at £63,220.

The Accounts were approved and, later, the Auditors were appointed.

Fr Eric Ford read the COF report for Stan Wilcox whose ill-health prevented his attendance. Stan was severely crippled with arthritis which made travelling difficult but which did not prevent his work for COF.

The Editor drew attention to his report in *The Server* and added that the General Council had decided to stay with the same Printers, whose quote was the same as the alternative considered, and that there would be no price increase before January 1994.

*The Warden gave his Address which was also to be printed in The Server.*

Fr Geoffrey Squire gave his report on the activities of the Young Servers Groups.

The Meeting confirmed the General Council's election of Officers and Appointments:

The Warden	Fr J D Moore	Deputy Secretary-General	R S T Cresswell
Chaplain-General	Fr A Treadwell	Secretary COF	S Wilcox
Chaplain COF	Fr E Ford	Editor <i>The Server</i>	R J M Waker
Secretary-General	H S Gadd	Distributor <i>The Server</i>	N Makepeace
Treasurer-General	L L Lewis		

The Secretary-General reported the following Councillors had been elected:

LG2 London West	John Cairns	PG13 Essex	Kenneth Jennings
PG9 Berks, Bucks, Oxford	Paul Wharam	PG14 Cambs, Norfolk, Suffolk	Geof Scurrell
PG12 Wales	James Adams	PG15 Leics, Northants, Warks	Jim Harris
		PG16 Derby, Notts	Roland Hudson

The Warden expressed our thanks to Fr Bushau for accommodating us once again and for being so friendly and welcoming.

The Roll Call indicated that there were members in attendance from, at least, the following areas: Bournemouth, Bristol, Cambridge, Cheltenham, Coventry, Dartmouth, Essex, Feltham, Grimsby, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Manchester, Northampton, Oxford, Reading, Southend, Stockport, Telford, Winchester, etc.

AOB. A member raised the question of recognition of Malcolm Perkins services to the Guild over many years—a question he had raised at last years AGM. The Warden replied that the General Council was currently investigating this question and hoped to complete its deliberations at its October Meeting. Malcolm Perkins had not been forgotten.

This completed the business of the Meeting and Members adjourned to sing the Guild Office.

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## THE ANGLICAN SOCIETY

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## THE SERVER REPORT for year 1993

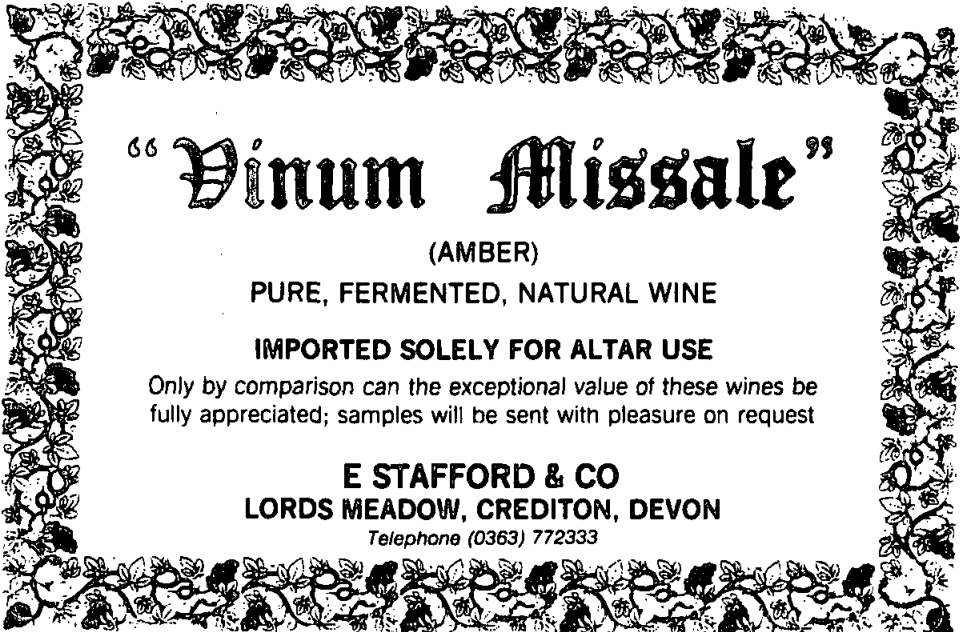
Last year Don Perry retired from the General Council with the request that somebody should take over his self-imposed task of compiling the Guild Cycle of Prayer. Nobody has yet volunteered to take over and, consequently, I rushed out the Cycle for this year myself. However, the lack of interest makes me wonder whether there is a demand in the Guild for such a Cycle of Prayer. I should be pleased to hear from you with your views. Whilst on the subject of the Cycle of Prayer I have had my attention drawn to an error which I cannot explain—I think it must have been carried over from 1992 and that I failed to notice it in my proof-reading—July 4. Diocese of Monmouth should read Bp Rowan Williams.

We have managed to maintain the price of *The Server* for another year at least, in part, by changing the method of printing.

I understand that there has been some slight increase in orders as a result of the Warden's recent letter but the Distributor suggests that it is perhaps a little early as yet to judge the final outcome.

My thanks to the printers, distributors and all contributors.

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### JULY

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### AUGUST

Valentine Fletcher, priest

### DECEMBER

Frank Knight  
S Don Perry

### JANUARY

Charles Dixon



  
*The souls  
of the just are in  
the hands of God.*

WISDOM 3-1

### R.I.P.

#### Howard Samuel Gadd (1908–1993)

Steadfast in the Faith. Roll No. 19562. Joined the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, as a probationer on 14th December 1930 and, as a full member, on 25th January 1932, of the King Charles the Martyr chapter which covers Walthamstow and Leytonstone area. He later transferred to the chapter of S George the Martyr, which includes Woodford and Epping, as a founder member. He was elected Secretary-General in 1971, having previously been a Councillor, and was made a Grand Councillor in 1978.

Howard, the name by which we knew him, or 'Sam' to his colleagues at work, was born, baptised, confirmed, married and died in Buckhurst Hill. For the greater part of his life he lived within about 100 yards of S Stephen's church, built in 1876 as a daughter church to the parish church of S John the Baptist. Traditionally the clergy and people of S Stephen's had a greater realisation of their catholic heritage than at the parish church, but sadly this declined during the eighties.

The eldest of three brothers, he was baptised Howard, his mother's maiden name before she married in 1905, and Samuel, after his father and grandfather. Howard married Dorothy (Dolly) Annie Whitbread on Easter Monday 1940. There were no children of the marriage and both Howard's brothers, and Dolly, and all her brothers and sisters predeceased him. Having no family of his own, the members of The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary became his family; a family numbered in thousands. Howard was a familiar figure at Guild Festivals all over the country. These were almost invariably day trips, as even a few days away from home resulted in a backlog of post building up. There was always plenty to do, answering correspondence, enrolling new members, keeping the records up-to-date etc. Howard, at his own request, received no honorarium, and did not charge the Guild with the cost of heating the room which he used as an office (the second bedroom of his home), and submitted only minimal claims for expenses. Accordingly he saved the Guild tens of thousands of pounds during his time as Secretary General, enabling the Guild to attain the very healthy financial situation which it at present enjoys.

Howard did occasionally go away. He and other Guild Officers went on a Pilgrimage to Rome some years ago and had an audience with the Pope and presented him with a Guild Medal (I haven't been able to trace the Holy Father's Roll Number) and afterwards the Guild party went on to Assisi before returning home. He also went to Guernsey for a few days, for a Guild Festival and, when there happened to be a festival in the Weston-super-Mare area, he could usually be persuaded to stay with a Guild member for an extra day or two. More often his holiday consisted of taking the S Stephen's old folk away for their annual week to a seaside resort.

Apart from his Guild activities, Howard, and Dolly, worked unstintingly for S Stephen's, Howard was Church Secretary for about sixty years (apart from a period during World War II when Dolly deputised for him). He was also Church Warden and Treasurer for some years, and served the customary 5-year term as a Parish Church Warden. One of his more important achievements was to persuade the (Anglican) authorities in 1970 to allow the Roman Catholics to celebrate Mass in S Stephen's at 9am each Sunday. From this developed an annual carol service held jointly with the Anglicans, and an annual social which increased greatly in popularity over the years. Howard worked hard with repairs and improvements to his church. At the same time both he and Dolly took special interest in the welfare of the old people in the area. Clergy visiting the sick and elderly very often found that Dolly had already paid one of her visits to them. She ran the Old Folks Club weekly meetings, which Howard took over when she died. They both spent much time and care and devotion in the preparation of the Christmas Crib and Easter Garden which were both admired. Mention must be made of Howard's Army service; his duties took him to Holland and Germany. He had risen to the rank of Major by the time he was demobilised.

You may, by now, wonder what Howard did in his spare time. He was a member of various Catholic societies such as the Guild of All Souls and the Church Union and was for many years a member of his local Deanery Synod. Elsewhere he was on the committee of the local branch of the Royal British Legion and a trustee of various other bodies. Before moving to Dalefields he was a keen gardener, growing prize-winning dahlias and there were many fruit trees in his large garden, where his church's Garden party was held for many years. Before he retired he also found time for his full time job as manager for a North London building materials firm.

Will all GSS members and other friends pray for the repose of his soul.

### **S Don Perry (1910-1993)**

Bro Don Perry passed away on Sunday, December 12th after several weeks of indifferent health.

Don was born in Colchester, within yards of S James the Great church which he loved and served so dearly. He attended the church school and during his schooldays he started serving at S James. He later became Sacristan, which post he held for 25 years.

He was left a widower in 1938 with three young children to bring up, which he did with the aid of his sister-in-law who kept house for him until her death in 1991. Don was elected Councillor for PG13 (Essex) in 1978 but declined re-election in April 1993.

The chapter of S Cedd was well represented at his Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr Eric GH Turner (former rector of S James) assisted by Fr Richardson and Fr Northfield, respectively chaplain and former deputy chaplain of the chapter.

Fr Alan Cross (assistant priest of S James, 1973–77) delivered the panegyric. In speaking of Don's lifetime of service to S James he said that he was a very exact man in all his doings but especially in his work as Sacristan. Don will be remembered for his work as Councillor for PG13 for many years but especially for his introduction of the Cycle of Prayer, published in *The Server*, which allows for every chapter to be remembered at Mass one day each year.

### **Mathew (Mat) Edward Howey Wells (1916–1993)**

Mat was born in Shanghai of English parents, his father being a resident British Diplomat, therefore he was widely travelled. Although he had been a Server in several parishes, and a member of the Scouts, in which he was a Troop Leader, he was also a good and faithful member of our chapter of S Hugh of Lincoln.

Unfortunately, Mat lost his sight in the later years of his life, but still served regularly at his parish church of S Bartholomew, Craven Park, London. An added misfortune, after the loss of his wife, his legs began to fail him and reluctantly he had to give up serving for the last 18 months of his journey on earth. He was also Secretary to the local blind association.

His funeral at S Bartholomew's was attended by most of the chapter brethren and friends.

We report with regret the deaths of the following Guild Members which have been advised during the past year:

*Priest Associate*—BABINGTON, R Andrew; CHANDLER, Arthur S; CORBIN, Robert CH; FLETCHER, Valentine, PENFOLD, Kenneth D CGA.

*Grand Councillor*—GADD, Howard Samuel.

*Ex-Officio Councillor*—DIXON, Charles.

*Members*—BAKER, Norman W; BASS, Alfred; BERRILL, Billy; BICKLEY, Leonard D; BONE, Robert C; BYRNE, Eric; COSH, Donald P; GEORGE, M.; GUNTRIP, W; HENSON, Roland; JORDAN, Albert K; KNIGHT, Frank; LASTON-SMITH, R; LISTER, George; LUGG, William R; MICKLE, Arthur; MUSGRAVE, Frank; NEWNHAM, Albert TV; PAGE, Alan C; PERRY, S Don; ROBERTS, Oliver; ROSIER, John; SAMPSON, Frederick John; SANDERS, William; SANDERSON, Alf; TRENCH, James H; TOWLER, TC; TOWNSEND, Albert; TURRINGTON, George; WELLS, Matthew Edward Howey.

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

## FESTIVALS

### AUTUMN FESTIVAL

October 23rd dawned bright and clear, and Chichester found itself invaded by ladies and gentlemen carrying cases, bags and whatever. The car-parks filled up earlier than usual; from each train alighted numerous bodies all making for the Cathedral. The late comers found parking difficult, and one notable partaker even used the *Theological College car-park*, on pretence of using their library, which he was entitled to do!



On the stroke of mid-day, with the Nave almost filled to capacity, a verger led in the Altar Party. What a magnificent sight—Servers from the local chapter of Our Lady & S Richard (with the MC imported from the adjoining chapter of S Joseph of Arimathaea, Portsmouth—thank you Arthur) immaculately turned out in pure white cassock-albs, followed by the Guild Choir, and the assisting Clergy, which included Fr Wilfred Varney (Hon Councillor & former Editor of *The Server*), the Archdeacon of Chichester the Ven J M Brotherton, and the Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral—Canon Roger Greenacre, who was also to give the Address. The celebrant was our Warden, Fr David Moore, with Fr Eric Ford as Deacon, and the Rev'd John Lyon (Assistant chaplain of the local chapter as sub-Deacon. *Fr Treadwell's inimitable touch on the Nave organ ensured that the introit got off on the right foot*, and the Guild Choir led by Bro Bryan Chilton was ideally grouped around the organ.

After the Address, which is due to appear elsewhere in this edition, the Intercessions were led by Bro Colin Harding, a member of the local chapter and were both sincere and topical, referring to the day being the 19th anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Eric Kemp as Bishop of Chichester, and to the appointment of the Rev'd Lindsay Urwin to be the next Suffragan Bishop of Horsham, within the Diocese, which had recently been announced. The communion distribution took place at 4 stations across the Cathedral, and must have amounted to some 400.

The customary break for lunch followed, and soon after 2 o'clock saw families, friends and supporters of the Guild vying for the best of the available seats from which to observe and take part in the Guild Office. Most of the Nave had been reserved for the robed Servers, whilst the Guild Choir, Councillors, and the Clergy were privileged to be positioned in the choir-stalls. At 2.50 pm the entry of the robed Servers was led by a magnificent banner of S Richard, kindly loaned to us for the occasion by S Richard's church Aldwick, near Bognor Regis, by kind permission of Dr Lawson Nagel, and flanked by the acolytes. When the robed Servers were in position, and on the stroke of 3 o'clock, the Altar party led in the Guild Choir, Councillors and robed Clergy, followed by the Officiant, Fr David Moore, and the Archdeacon of Chichester, the Ven J Michael Brotherton (a Priest Associate of the Guild).

The Guild Office was well sung, and I have never heard it better accompanied than did Fr Treadwell. The serving party was another team from the local

chapter of Our Lady & S Richard (Bognor Regis & Chichester area) and correctly attired in cassocks and cottas. At the conclusion of the Guild Office, the Warden paid tribute to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral and their staff, who had been so co-operative over the arrangements for the Festival, and the presence of both the Archdeacon and the Chancellor was much appreciated by all.

Whilst it is dangerous to pay tribute to individuals, I must mention probably the youngest person to take part—Probationer Thomas Nagel, the boat-boy, from S Richard, Aldwick, immaculately turned out in the correct dress for each service, and who I understand was presented with a bar of chocolate from the morning thurifer, and to Dawn Ellison (the afternoon thurifer) whose cool mastery of the beautiful Cathedral thurible was an object lesson for all budding thurifers.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank our Group Councillor, Bro Clinton Albrow for all the help he gave me in preparation for the honour of hosting the Autumn Festival in Chichester.

### **LICHFIELD SERVERS' FESTIVAL**

After a week of rain, Saturday 11th September changed to a sunny day for the Annual Lichfield Servers' Festival. At 12 noon, robed servers and clergy processed into the Cathedral where they were welcomed by the Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Reverend Keith Sutton—a very good friend of the Guild. The Celebrant at the Solemn Eucharist was Bishop Keith, assisted by Fr Michael Brain of S Edmund, Dudley and Fr Leonard Burn of S Peter, Bengeworth. The Organist was Bro John Stokes of the Wolverhampton chapter of the Guild. The sermon was preached by Canon Anthony Prescott, General Secretary of the Additional Curates Society.

The Festival continued in the afternoon with Solemn Guild Office and Procession when the preacher was the Bishop of Lichfield. The Festival was once again well supported with a full Cathedral at both Services. We were pleased to welcome Councillors Cairns, Delaney, Waker, Albrow, Theaker and Dixon. Secretary-General Howard Gadd was unable to be present due to illness.

The 1994 Festival will be held in Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday, 10th September at 12 noon and 3 pm—further details from the Organiser—Councillor Roy Cresswell (021 556 2257).

### **NORTH WESTERN CHAPTERS FESTIVAL**

The town-centre church of S Peter, Stockport, which celebrated its 225th anniversary in 1993, was the venue for this Festival on October 2nd.

High Mass at 11.30 am was celebrated by the Ven J S Gaisford, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, who also preached the sermon. Fr J Martin of S Thomas, Hyde, was deacon and the sub-deacon was Fr K Brookes of S Peter, who is also chaplain of S Werburgh chapter.

At 2.30 pm the Guild Office was sung by Fr Brookes, with visiting Brothers R Ogier and E Langley as cantors. The procession which followed passed around the church twice. Benediction, conducted by Fr D Lowe of S Benedict, Ardwick

assisted by Fr Brookes and Bro D Copage, brought a very happy day's worship to a fitting end.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN SERVERS FESTIVAL

A successful Festival for all servers in the Winchester Diocese was held on Saturday, 25th September, the date on which Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester from 1618-1626, is remembered. He was a vindicator of the Catholic character of the Reformed Church of England.

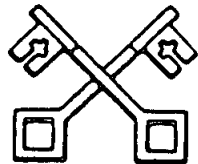
At the eucharist in the Cathedral the celebrant was the Ven Alec Knight, Archdeacon of Basingstoke and the preacher was the Revd Canon Robert Teare, Rural Dean of Winchester.

In the afternoon the Guild Office was sung at Holy Trinity church, the officiant being the Revd Rodney Stone, vicar of S Barnabas, Winchester. The preacher was the Rt Revd Leslie Lloyd-Rees, a former chaplain-general of prisons, who was celebrating the golden jubilee of his priesthood.

Guild members from the local chapter of S Swithun and adjacent chapters served and took part in the organisation.

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**1994**

### **APRIL**

**9 EASTER FESTIVAL & AGM**

S Augustine, Kilburn, Noon—High Mass

3pm—AGM in church, 4.15pm—Guild Office, Procession and Benediction

### **MAY**

**2 Eastern Area Festival (hosted by the chapter of SS Felix & Fursey, W Suffolk)**

Noon—Mass in St Edmundsbury Cathedral

3.00pm—Guild Office in S John's church, Bury St Edmunds

**7 Group 11 Festival**

S Peter, Lord's Mead, Chippenham

Noon—Solemn Mass & Sermon. Preacher: The Ven Michael Middleton (Archdeacon of Swindon)

3.00pm Solemn Guild Office, Procession & Benediction

### **JUNE**

**4 S Chad chapter, Coventry 80th Anniversary Festival**

S John Baptist, Tachbrook St, Leamington Spa

3.00pm Guild Office, Sermon & Procession followed by Solemn Pontifical Benediction

The Suffragan Bishop of Warwick, The Rt Revd Clive Handford will preside & preach.

Tea will be served afterwards. All members & friends warmly welcomed.

**25 Glastonbury Abbey Pilgrimage**

### **JULY**

**9 The Holy Resurrection chapter, Brighton & District 75th Anniversary Festival**

S Peter, Brighton

Noon—Sung Eucharist: Celebrant & Preacher the Rt Revd Mark Green

3.00pm—Guild Office, Procession & Benediction

### **SEPTEMBER**

**10 Lichfield Diocesan & Midlands Area Festival**

Lichfield Cathedral, Noon—Solemn Eucharist

Celebrant: The Bishop of Stafford (The Rt Revd M Scott-Joynt)

Preacher: The Warden of the Guild

3.00pm—Guild Office & Procession. Preacher: The Bishop of Stafford

**29 Chapter of SS Osmund & Swithun, Bournemouth**

Autumn Festival, S Stephen, Bournemouth

Pontifical High Mass—7.30pm

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Timothy Bavin, Bishop of Portsmouth

Preacher: Canon Anthony Caesar, formerly Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal

### **OCTOBER**

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## ABOUT GOD--(20)--“(He) was CRUCIFIED”

The Revd Canon W H Barnard



Some 2,000 years ago, two Roman soldiers were doing a job of work. They had just felled a tree from which two planks were made. One asked the other why they were doing it in a particular way. The reply was "Light enough for a man to carry and strong enough to carry a man; that's the rule for doing this sort of work". They were preparing for a crucifixion, then the usual way of death for a criminal. "Seems to me" said the younger soldier, "we haven't got it exactly true; the right arm points up a bit too much", to which the other replied, "This isn't fancy work; no-one will find fault with us; nothing's going to make a cross comfortable and the man on it won't be too particular". "But I can't understand why they want to execute in such a clumsy way", said the younger one. "Which shows" replied the older, "you don't know what you're talking about. The point is you've got to make an example of your criminal". So they continued and their conversation ended with—"There's been a bit of excitement and shouting about a man who was condemned this morning. And yet in a year's time *everybody will have forgotten* that he ever existed".

One wonders what those two soldiers would have said if they had seen that same cross they had just made carried into Jerusalem on an Emperor's shoulders; pieces of it kept as treasured possessions the world over; millions of men, women and children making the sign of that cross on themselves, worshipping in front of it, blessing objects with it, and so on! This symbol of contempt, made by two men long ago, has become the SYMBOL of a religion which pervades the whole earth. *That CROSS is the SYMBOL of our Faith as Christians.* It has become so *because of the Person* who died on it, none other than the Son of God and Saviour of mankind. We remind ourselves of this fact every time we repeat in our Creed "He was Crucified". Yet the cross is such a simple sign—(we are reminded of it e.g., when we see a T.V. aerial or ship's mast)—that it can become so familiar as to be meaningless, or used as an empty shell. So, *of what exactly is the Cross a symbol?* We can conjure up all kinds of images, e.g., our Lord looking down on the world, reigning from the Cross as a throne; or we see His arms stretched out in welcome invitation to all sinners. But, the one piece of symbolism so simple and yet profound, is that to make a cross you only have to draw a capital I and then scratch it out! The capital I stands for self: *the cross is I crossed out, i.e. self mortified.* That is our life-time's occupation. Whenever we make the sign of the cross, take Holy Water, etc. we should recall what our action symbolises. We draw our hands down from forehead to breast and say "Lord here am I". Then we draw our hand from shoulder to shoulder and say, "Lord scratch *me* out; teach me to mortify myself, to cancel myself and become nothing, just nothing, for your sake".



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## WINCHESTER FESTIVAL SERMON

**Revd Canon R Teare**

One of the comic masterpieces of my student days was a book called the Art of Coarse Acting. And you still occasionally find a copy in second-hand book shops. It was a handbook on how to ensure that at the end of a theatrical performance every single member of both the cast and the audience would go home with but one name on their lips. Yours. And to ensure that this happened you were taught in a series of very simple lessons how to capture the attention of everyone, even if you only had to bring on a spear in Act one scene one. And so there were chapters on dress and make-up and movement and how to upstage the hero and how to reduce the heroine to tears, how to knock over the scenery, how to feed your fellow actors the wrong cue, how to drop names and describe theatrical triumphs and disasters of the past, how to avoid rehearsals and how to react to the disasters that inevitably followed you around.

It had been hoped, when the Art of Coarse Acting first appeared, that it would be the start of a great series of coarse handbooks. I have only seen the Art of Coarse Rugby but then acting and rugby were what filled my time, so I didn't look for others. If there was any fault in these two books it was that they were a little too close to the truth for comfort. Those of us who were coarse actors and coarse Rugby Football players felt that all our secrets had been laid bare. What was surprising was that both books had very similar chapter headings, dress, behaviour in front of the audience, rehearsal or lack of it, reminiscence and so on were vital to coarse exponents of either acting or rugby.

When I have a moment I am going to write another in the series, the Art of coarse Serving. I am collecting material at the moment, but I have the chapter headings. 'How to dress' will include advice on how to choose a cassock that is unique in its design and has buttons that do not match either each other or anyone else's or how to choose shoes that will creak every time you move and stutter like a dying castanet every time you bend your knees. 'How to behave in front of the audience' will include hints on wandering around purposefully at the beginning of the service, genuflecting to statues in the nave and checking that the ribbons on the books haven't been mysteriously moved around in the

moments since you last checked. There will also be a special sub-section on the thurible and how to clank the chains so that they sound like Marley's ghost. 'How to avoid rehearsals' will include the usual excuses of work, sickness and family bereavement and the more imaginative ones of 'We always call it the Easter Vigil; I thought Holy Saturday was something for the flower ladies only', or 'heavens above, Father, we do remember from last year'. 'How to reminisce' will give all you need to know about some worthy priest who worked for twenty five years unrecognised in a parish that has now disappeared and whose idiosyncrasies were based on ignorance rather than insight. I could go on, I expect that you catch the drift and the point, the art of coarse serving is as far from what we are celebrating today as could possibly be. The perfect server is the one who so assists in the celebration of the Eucharist that after the service it is impossible to remember whether or not there were servers at all. For our job as priests and servers is to make Christ real. And therefore it behoves us to make the mechanics of the service perfect, and the mechanics of the service include rehearsing and arriving on time, and being dressed in a seemly manner and being prepared and being alert and being concentrated. It is not us that is important, it is Jesus and anything we do to inhibit the congregation finding Jesus and meeting Jesus is wrong.

And when we have got the mechanics perfect then we and all the congregation can worship God. And it is especially appropriate that we should gather in this Cathedral on this day when with the whole Anglican Communion we commemorate one of the holiest bishops of this Diocese and the greatest Churchman of his day, Lancelot Andrewes. He too lived—as we do—in times of contention and danger for the Church, at the end of the Reformation, when the Church was being pulled every which way, when its Catholicity was being questioned, its Authority challenged, and its Reformed character was being disputed. One of his younger contemporaries, Richard Montague, Bishop of Chichester and then Norwich, said that 'it was the Church's duty to stand in the gap against puritanism and popery, the middle way that Andrewes stood. He was a great scholar who brought to his study a deep knowledge of the Fathers. And he has left us an incomparable collection of sermons. So too his *Preces Privatae*—his manual of Private Devotions—have had great influence on the Church, demonstrating his own deep devotion and encouraging us to pray.

But in many ways it was his contribution to worship—the result of his own devotion—that has had the most lasting influence on the Church. He loved everything pertaining to worship from the smallest prayer to the last candle, as J W C Wand put it. And Histories of Liturgy make constant reference to him. Andrewes liked seemly worship, the due externals, the form and the liturgy, the sober reverence. In his own chapel he used the mixed chalice, incense and altar lights and the dignified ceremonial became a pattern for Cathedrals. No doubt he would approve of good self-effacing serving. In fact that was his understanding of all Christian Office from door-keeper to Archbishop, it was all service, it was all diaconal, it was all waiting on tables and waiting on God.

We celebrate Lancelot Andrewes' memory today. We give thanks for all that he has left us. And we give particular thanks for the privilege we share in service, the privilege of waiting on the Lord's table, ministering to the Lord's people,

helping Christ's priests to make Jesus real in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar. And we pray that in this Service we may come to know more clearly, love more dearly and follow more nearly our most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, day by day.

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## WHO'S WHO?

### **Paul Durrant, Membership Secretary**

I was born at a very early age in the wilds of Norfolk at a place called Coltishall. After confirmation, I began to serve at my village church. Shortly after this, in the late 60's I became a member of the chapter of S William of Norwich. On establishing ourselves in Coventry in 1977, we began attending the local church where we all became fully involved—my wife and two girls in the choir and myself as a server. The local chapter of S Chad and I soon became acquainted and since then I have served in many ways including MC, Secretary and Chairman; as well as being nominated for Councillor. For the past two years I have been Head Server at our church (despite the fact that over five years ago we moved out of the Parish).



All of my working life has been spent in the computer industry (having clocked up over twenty years) and I have experienced quite a number of changes! During a recent spell of unemployment, I decide to study for a Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Software Engineering at Coventry University. As part of this successful course, I developed the computer software which will form the basis of the Guild's central membership record system.

### **Kenneth Jennings, Councillor PG13**

As a young boy of 12½ I started as organist of Alresford church, during an interregnum, when the organist was called up for War service. Shortly afterwards a Catholic priest was appointed to the parish who prepared me for confirmation and taught me to serve.

In 1951 I moved to S Paul, Colchester, and joined the Guild and introduced the servers there to the Guild. I have played the organ for the chapter for 35 years and have been secretary for about the same length of time. In 1963 I became organist for Brightlingsea. I am a member of the PCC and have served on the Deanery Synod for 13 years. I did not seek re-election after being elected Councillor.

I play the organ alternate weeks at two Crematoria.

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## AUTUMN FESTIVAL SERMON

Canon Roger Greenacre

It was Charles Williams—novelist, poet, dramatist and brilliant lay theologian of the Church of England, whom Dr Eric Mascall in his memoirs described as one of the most invigorating and stimulating men it had been his good fortune to encounter—who made the memorable comment: "The ritual of the Church is a game that must be played with great delight and high seriousness".

"Great delight and high seriousness". Let's take the first half of that definition first, since I want to begin by wishing you all a most heartfelt welcome to this Cathedral church in the name of its Dean and Chapter. And if I say—and I do say—that I hope it is an enjoyable day for you all and that you have a lot of fun, I am not being frivolous. We call the solemn act in which we are now engaging a "celebration" and the very word celebration implies joy, delight and happiness. One of the reasons why I am proud to call myself a Catholic Christian is that our religion combines very tough demands with a great deal of fun and laughter. There is very little fun, it seems to me, in Calvinism, and that is one reason why I could never be a Calvinist for all the gin in Geneva or all the whisky in Scotland. If Dante could entitle his sublime vision of Hell, Purgatory and Paradise 'the Divine Comedy' (and if the Gospel is Good News it is not Tragedy), then Charles Williams could call the ritual of the Church—even the formal dance of a Solemn Mass—a "game" without the faintest hint of mockery.

"Great delight and high seriousness". Yes, both of these and at the same time. For in this celebration, as in every Mass, we come to lay our lives upon the Altar together with our offerings of bread and wine and to let them be consecrated and broken and given away, as our mean and inadequate self-offering is taken up into, and identified with, the priestly self-offering of Jesus Christ made once and for all in his Paschal Sacrifice of the Cross and made sacramentally present to us in every Eucharist. And in this Particular Eucharist, a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, we solemnly invoke the guidance and inspiration of the Spirit, the Spirit of Peace indeed but also the Spirit of Flame and Wind and Fire. It is a risky business to ask for the guidance of the Spirit; there is just a chance that our prayer may be answered and that we may find ourselves being led where we do not particularly want to go! Perhaps you will allow me to link our prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit with the prayer attributed to S Richard of Chichester, to whose shrine this afternoon's procession will go in pilgrimage. In this prayer we ask Our Lord Jesus Christ that we may know him more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly.

Knowing, loving and following: let me comment briefly on these three.

1. *Knowing* One would need to have a more than ostrich like propensity for burying one's head in the sand to ignore the fact that there is a grave crisis in Catholic Anglicanism today and indeed that the central tenets of mainstream Christian and biblical orthodoxy are under attack from (among others) many who would call themselves Christians. Now I am well aware that knowing about God and about the things of God is not the same as knowing God and that the simple faith of the illiterate charcoal-burner will bring him straight to God—but most of

us are not illiterate and are only charcoal-burners when it's our turn to act as thurifer.

At its best theology is about knowing God, not just knowing *about* God and is an exercise that demands prayer and requires faith—"faith seeking understanding", as S Anselm put it.

In today's Church more than ever there is a need for an educated laity, for men and women who are not afraid of theology ("leave that to the clergy") and who seek to enter more deeply by the way of understanding (one important way but not the only way) into the mystery of God. And for those whose ministry is to be Servants of the Sanctuary there is surely a special call to study and understand better the great mystery of the Eucharist, which alone gives meaning to our ministry. To take just one example. It is not enough to know that at the Offertory, first of all the gifts of bread and wine are censed and then the ministers of the altar and then the whole assembly: it is not enough to know how it should be done—necessary as that is. It is important to understand *why* it is done; that it shews that our offering of bread and wine includes the self-offering of those joining in the Eucharist; that it shews not only that we all offer but also that we are all being offered.

2. To follow more clearly leads to *loving* more dearly. If it is true of human love that the test of authentic love is that the more we come to know the beloved the more we come to love that person, then how much truer is that of God. Love needs to be fuelled; like charcoal it needs to be kept alive and glowing; so to know God better is to love him better and to love him better is to know him better, for if knowledge leads to greater love, love in turn leads to deeper knowledge. Our vocation as Servants of the Sanctuary is to love not only the Altar but even more to love him whose throne the Altar is. "Blessed be God on his Throne of Glory and in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar".

3. *Following* If you are Servants of the Sanctuary you are Servants of the Eucharistic Christ, and our service, our discipleship, our "following" cannot end when the Mass is over. For in the dismissal we are sent out through the church doors in the power of the Spirit to live and work to God's praise and glory, taking the Christ whom we have received in the Blessed Sacrament into the world outside. And those who do not share our faith will be scrutinizing us very carefully to see what difference, if any, our Christian and sacramental commitment makes to the kind of people we are. That's a sobering (even an alarming) thought, but we can't just make ourselves the kind of people we would want to be and our neighbours expect us to be by our own moral efforts. It is only if we are trying to know God more clearly and so to love him more dearly that we will be enabled to follow him more nearly. The mystery we celebrate and receive at the Altar has to shine through and transfigure our lives. That is a matter of high seriousness. But it can and will do just that. And that is a matter of great delight.

Amen

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS



### **ALL SOULS, Canterbury**

On Saturday, 16th October 1993 the chapter celebrated, in S Mildred's church, Canterbury, the 80th Anniversary of its formation with a Solemn Mass, celebrated by Fr David Hayes, the rector, assisted by Fr Dudley Heryet, the chapter's chaplain. It was appropriate that the celebration was at S Mildred's as it was in All Saints chapel in S Mildred's, in October 1913, that the chapter was formed by servers from local churches.

Servers from the All Souls and adjoining East Kent chapters robed in the nearby S John Ambulance Hall and processed to S Mildred's. Fr Hayes gave an address on the history of the chapter from information supplied by a former long-time secretary of the chapter, Iain Taylor. After Mass refreshments were served in the S John Ambulance Hall. The chaplain cut the Birthday cake, made by Mrs D Fish. Councillor Fred Palmer, on behalf of the visitors, gave a vote of thanks and wished the chapter every success for the future.

### **S CHAD, Coventry**

The final mid-week meeting of the summer session was in the southern suburbs of Coventry, when we visited S Martin-in-the-Fields, Finham, towards the end of October. The Officiant for the unaccompanied Office was the Chaplain, Fr Graeme Hands, and the vicar Fr David Pettifor preached. Prior to the Service it was pleasing to admit three probationers, one only 13 years old. The chaplain's encouraging welcome to them made it a memorable occasion. Afterwards we enjoyed refreshments and a warm welcome, from the vicar and his people. Our thoughts and prayers were very much for Sister Sue Archer whose parents had recently died within a few days of each other.

Early in November we made the second visit of the year to S Leonard, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, this time for the Annual Requiem Mass. The chaplain presided and the vicar Fr Trevor Sykes gave the address. Among the exceptionally large congregation we were pleased to welcome members of St Johns Society for the Blind. Our chaplain is also theirs and National Warden in addition. Afterwards we sat down to a splendid tea, payment for which was given to COF as usual.

The Advent Meeting was in S Thomas, Longford, where the vicar is Fr David Bruce a former chaplain. For the Office the chaplain officiated and, following a procession, Fr Bruce led us in prayers and devotions before the exposed Sacrament on the Nave Altar, after which he presided for Benediction. Once again there was a very good congregation and joining us were Fr Wilf Poultney deputy chaplain, and Fr Fred Lancaster now happily recovering from an eye operation. During some splendid refreshments in the hall afterwards, the Treasurer Bro Keith Sherwood reported that over £50 had been collected through the Offertory and COF donations at the November Meeting.

### **S HUGH & BLESSED EDWARD KING, Great Grimsby**

Our November meeting was a concelebrated Requiem Mass held at S Augustine of Hippo, Grimsby. The concelebrants were Fr Malcolm King, OGS and Fr

Malcolm Jones. Departed members of our chapter were recalled by name. Our AGM followed. Fr Malcolm Jones, who is team vicar of S Peter, Cleethorpes, was elected as our chaplain, and Bros David Goldberg and Donald Locking were re-elected as secretary and treasurer respectively.

December saw us at Bishop Edward King Church, Grimsby, to sing the Guild Office. The officiant was Fr Malcolm Jones and the address was given by Fr Christopher Woadden the vicar. After the meeting we adjourned to the hall for seasonal refreshments. Our first meeting of 1994 saw us for the first time for many years at S Peter, Cleethorpes, for Guild Office. The officiant and preacher was our chaplain Fr Malcolm Jones. Our secretary commented that this was the largest turn out of members he could remember in almost thirty years, thirty-four members being present. Our chapter continues to support COF. We now have eight Priest associates, five of who attend our meetings regularly.

### **S JOHN BAPTIST, Torbay**

In October we met, for the Guild Office and the admission of two Probationers, at S John, Torquay. During the office we remembered Howard Gadd. The preacher, Fr Robert Thorp, reminded us all that, no member of the Church had any rights but only responsibilities. We are only members of the Church by the call of God who has offered us this privilege. The responsibilities which are placed upon us should be carried out to the greater glory of God and for the benefit of the community.

In December we met for a sung eucharist at Churston church. The vicar, Fr Andrew Allen was the celebrant and preacher. He reminded us of the notable Saints day which occurred during December—S Nicholas, Bishop of Myra; S Ambrose, a great teacher; the Conception of the BVM; S Lucy, a young martyr; and S John of the Cross, monk, poet and mystic. All these examples of service should inspire and guide christians. He ended: "We must spend ourselves in God's service at his altar so that, when he comes in glory at the end of time, we may not be found wanting".

### **S LAURENCE the DEACON, Reading**

In November about 20 of us sang the Guild Office in S Laurence, Reading. Fr E Fiddamen officiated and preached, warning us 'that everyone should watch and pray. The whole world is in too much of a rush—we need to pause awhile, even if only briefly'.

In December 12 of us met at the municipal church of S Laurence the Deacon and the Guild Office was said, after which Bro Chris Tilin talked about the various serving duties for the Office.

In January we held our AGM at S Birinus, Tilehurst, Reading, after saying the Office. Bro L Adler was elected as chapter Secretary to replace Bro L Canterbury who, after 25 years as Secretary, did not seek re-election.

Unfortunately the chapter is in urgent need of a permanent chaplain although Fr Bernard Dagnell is willing to stand in as and when required. Sister Lynn Terrell is shortly taking her vows at the Convent at Ham Common and we offer our prayers for her and her family.

Our new Group 9 Councillor, Paul Wharam, was present, together with 17 members and friends.

### **S MARK, W Cornwall**

The chapter and friends have met at Holy Trinity, Penponds; S Andrew, Redruth; Agnes, Perranzabuloe and All Saints, Tuckingmill. We held a widely attended Advent Carol Service at All Saints, Tuckingmill.

The special guest at our annual dinner at the Regal Hotel, Camborne, organised by the secretary was Preb A J Vincent of Chacewater. At the AGM at S Andrew, Redruth, we received a healthy financial and chapter report which was followed by Compline.

### **OUR LADY & S GEORGE, Plymouth**

The chapter has had a varied and exciting year to mark its 75th Anniversary, and has been able to promote itself and the Guild in local and Diocesan newspapers and on BBC 'Radio Devon'.

There were three main events during the year. The first was a Eucharist and 'Agape' at the former church of the 'Ever Blessed Virgin and S Mary Magdalen, Cattedown. *Now being converted into a church hall and community centre, this was one of the first churches where the local chapter met 75 years ago.* We met there on 29th January—the date the chapter was founded. The second 'great' event was a solemn Guild Office, Procession and Te Deum at S Gabriel, Plymouth where the Bishop of Exeter preached and the Deputy Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress attended. The third 'special' event was a Eucharist in the morning and Guild Office in the afternoon at S Mary and All Saints, Plymstock on 11th September. Here the Bishop of Plymouth was the Celebrant and Fr Eric Ford, COF Chaplain, preached. The service at S Gabriel's took place on S George's Day and that at Plymstock was in honour of Our Lady.

*All three churches were prominent in the formation of the chapter and enabled us to honour Our Lady and S George on or near their appropriate days and to display chapter records, scrolls etc. Former members as well as friends from other local chapters attended on both occasions. At Plymstock Fr Ford was presented appropriately with a cheque for £75 for the Candidates Ordination Fund. Gifts to the chapter included a banner of S George made by Bro Fred Mitchell and a reversible stole with Guild badges to mark the 60th and 40th year of Guild membership of Bros Don Rice and Michael Bennett respectively.*

The chapter seeks to vary its programme each year and has this year included Compline, Stations of the Cross, visits to Glastonbury and Buckfast Abbey with neighbouring chapters and a visit to the chapel of S Katherine in the Royal Citadel, ending the year with carol singing around the parish of Fr Brian Lay, our chaplain. Fr Brian has been chaplain for 18 years—is this a modern record?

On a note of sadness we report the passing to greater glory of Bro Frank Knight who collapsed and died near the font just after arriving to serve in his beloved church of S John the Evangelist, Sutton-on-Plym on the morning of 12th December. His serving days reach back pre-war to Colchester. Frank fully upheld the objects of the Guild and has set us a fine example to follow; he was just short of his 80th birthday.



### **THE RESURRECTION, Weston-super-Mare**

The chapter continues to grow in strength of numbers and in its spirit. Monthly meetings continue their peripatetic way through the churches of the locality, such as Mark, All Saints, Weston-super-Mare and Banwell. At Banwell Dinah and Douglas were welcomed as probationers. The Weston-super-Mare visit was a rare occasion to savour, with "Cantamus" (a choir based at the church) singing liturgically the "St Cecilia Mass" of a youthful Charles Gounod.

After the contemplative meeting at Banwell where the Guild Office was sung, the normal business meeting took place at which within the twinkling of Alan Cook's eye, the meetings for 1994 had been mapped out! It is hoped to visit Bleadon in February for the AGM; Berrow in March; All Saints', Clevedon in June; Mark in July; East Brent after a well earned break, in September; Banwell in October; Berrow for a Requiem in November and Walton-in Gordano in December. It is hoped that the chapter continues to grow and attract more servers to its friendly, spiritual and catholic bosom.

### **THE SACRED HEART, Birmingham**

Since our last round-up of the news the chapter was well represented at S Andrew, Handsworth, for the Patronal Festival at which the Bishop of Aston preached. The Advent eucharist at S Gabriel, Weoley Castle, was a great success and two Probationers were admitted as Full Members. We learned with sorrow that our chaplain, Fr Reuben Preston, would be leaving the parish in the summer but would keep in touch.

The chapter has heard that the chapter of The Holy Grail is folding up and the remaining members are being invited to join us. At our AGM we shall discuss whether to incorporate The Holy Grail into our chapter title. It appears that, as a result of some remarks which were made in our last chapter news, about the Bishop of Lichfield and the non-attendance of some churches at the Lichfield Festival, the Secretary-General received several phone calls. No hurt was meant—but you just cannot bury your head in the sand and ignore the hurt and anguish that the Anglican Church is no longer part of the universal Catholic Church, particularly when GSS is a Catholic Guild. For those people who genuinely believe that Bishops who have voted for and will ordain women to the priesthood have betrayed their vows—then the offering of the eucharist by such a Bishop becomes, for them, a blasphemy in which they are unwilling to participate. Martin Luther once said: "Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise".

### **S STEPHEN HARDING, Blandford Forum & District**

We are sorry to have to inform our brethren of the deaths of our two Priest Associates here at the Blandford chapter. First, Fr Andrew Babington, who had been our chaplain for several years, died on July 18th, the day he was retiring from the parish, after seven years battling against cancer. Then, on August 23rd, Fr Valentine Fletcher died peacefully. Fr Fletcher had served as both chaplain and assistant chaplain but had retired and left the area some 15 years ago with health problems. He was a devout and outspoken Catholic with a caring personality. They are both greatly missed and leave us without a chaplain or any priest associates.

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