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EDITORIAL

ONE MAN'S VIEW

As you will see, there has been no rush by Academic Theologians to answer Nigel's letter in the winter issue but a letter from Alan Canterbury raises some interesting points and thoughts.

His feeling of desertion must be felt by many who have watched their friends, bishops, priests and even their parish priest leave the Church of England. Obviously controversy about Women Priests was the spur but there must be more to it than that, which is why I have asked a friend of mine to explain why he has become a Roman Catholic. He may not be representative of all who have taken that course but his article, when I receive it, may help to clarify the situation.

If Bro Canterbury is right in suggesting that candidates for ordination who are openly against the ordination of women are discriminated against, this would seem to indicate that ABM and/or Diocesan Directors of Ordination are attempting to destroy the two integrities by attrition. Perhaps asking questions of candidates on this subject should be forbidden.

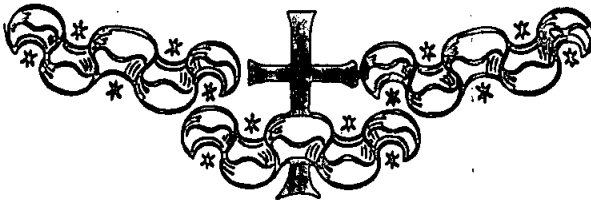
It seems to me that Bro Canterbury's most valuable point is where he talks about the early Anglo-Catholic mission to the poor and disadvantaged; that was where the Leaders and Teachers worked and taught the faith which, so often, lost its fervour and message as it was adopted by the more well-off and middle classes.

Perhaps this is an area where the Anglo-Catholic movement could renew itself and bring to a profitable fruition 'The Decade of Evangelism/Evangelisation'.

The Report of the Young Servers Groups I find most heartening. Here, it seems, Fr Squire is following, what seems to be, a long forgotten path in the Church of England, of teaching, entertaining and inspiring young people into the Church of God and, although there seem to be prospects of a wider clientele, we can claim that GSS started it, as a result of Fr Squire's vision. Long may it flourish.

Raymund JM WAKER

The following chapters were wrongly listed in the Winter issue as not paying their 1995 subscriptions: PG6/65, PG14/234, PG18/164 and PG21/152. We apologise for this error.



FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

GROUP COUNCILLORS - TRAVEL EXPENSES

Chapters are requested to assist their Group Councillor with the Travelling Expenses for visiting the chapters within the Group by donating a yearly amount.



Roy Cresswell

1996 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

These became due on 1st January and should be forwarded to the Secretary-General by Mid-Lent - please include Membership Numbers.

APPLICATIONS FOR INITIATION AND FULL MEMBERSHIP

A Fee of £1 should be included in all Applications for Initiation.

A Fee of £1.50 should be included in all Applications for Full Membership.

Both to be sent to the Secretary-General - NOT to the Membership Secretary.

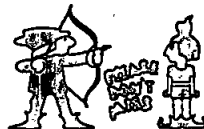
COUNCIL ELECTIONS - EASTER 1996

LG 2	London West	John Cairns (unopposed)
LG 4	City of London, Westminster, Parts of Essex	No Nominations
PG 4	Portsmouth area	Vacant through death of Clinton Albrow
PG 9	Berks, Oxford, S Bucks	Paul S Wharam (")
PG 10	Herts, Beds	No Nominations
PG 13	Essex	Kenneth Jennings (")
PG 14	Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambs	Peter Dicken (")
PG 15	Warks, Northants, Leics	Election taking place
PG 16	Notts, Derby	Roland F Hudson (")

LG 4 & PG 10, therefore, are not represented on the Council. Will someone come forward to fill these vacancies?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, April 13th, 1996 at S Stephen, Gloucester Road
in Hall at 3.00pm.



Opening Prayers

Apologies

Minutes of AGM of April 22nd, 1995
(to be taken as read having been
printed in The Server)

Matters Arising

Annual Report for 1995

Financial Statements - General & COF

Candidates Ordination Fund Report

The Server Report

The Warden's Address

Agenda

To confirm the General Council's
Elections

- a. The Warden
- b. Chaplain-General
- c. COF Chaplain
- d. Secretary-General
- e. Treasurer-General

Appointments: Membership

Secretary, COF Secretary

The Server Editor, Distributor

Group Elections Statement

Festivals 1996 (not yet in The Server)

AOB

The Blessing

A 2 course meal is available at £5 per head if booked no later than 25/3/96. Bookings to Verger/Hall Manager S Stephen's Vestry, Gloucester Road, London, SW7 4RL. Cheques to accompany booking to be made payable to S STEPHEN'S HALL. No meals provided without prior booking. Tickets sent when payment received.

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MINUTES OF THE 1995 AGM

The Annual General Meeting held at 3pm on Saturday, 22nd April 1995 at S Pancras church, Euston Road, London.

There were towards 200 members present.

1. *Apologies* were received from around the country.
2. *The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting* held on 9th April 1994 having been printed in "The Server" Magazine were taken as read.
3. *Matters Arising*: A member asked if any Guild money invested in CBF was used for the Ordination of Women and the Treasurer-General replied in the negative.
4. *Secretary-General's Report for 1994*: As this had been published in "The Server" Magazine, it was agreed that it be taken as read. The Warden thanked Councillor Cresswell for his report, which was a valuable account of the life of the Guild.
5. *Financial Statements*: Counc Louis Lewis said that the General Fund showed an increase of £8548 and the COF an increase of £12,453. He reminded members that, as with Howard Gadd, Roy Cresswell does not claim any money for his almost full-time job as Secretary-General, for which we are very grateful. The accounts were accepted with many thanks to Bro Louis.
6. *Candidates Ordination Fund Report*: A Report had been received from Counc Stanley Wilcox and would be printed in the next issue of "The Server" Magazine. Bro Stanley did not enjoy the best of health but is ably supported by his wife, Nora, to whom we are very grateful.
7. *"The Server" Magazine Report*: This had been printed in "The Server" Magazine and was accepted with many thanks to Councils Raymund Waker (Editor), Nigel Makepeace (Distributor) and Roland Hudson (Transporter).
8. *The Warden's Address*: Fr Moore gave his address which will be printed in "The Server" Magazine. He wished to thank Fr Brendan Clover, the Churchwardens and the Organist of S Pancras for the first Easter Festival to be held there and also congratulated the Altar Party. He announced the retirement of Fr Treadwell who had been Chaplain-General for the past 32 years - the Council had decided to confer on him the title of Chaplain-General Emeritus, with grateful thanks for his loyal service. After a very moving reply from Fr Treadwell, the Warden presented him with a card from members, together with a cheque for £250.
9. *Confirmation of the General Council Elections*:

The meeting confirmed the General Council's Election of Officers and Appointments.

The Warden: Revd JD Moore

Chaplain-General: Revd M Brain

A number of priests had been interested in this post and the Officers of the Guild had decided to nominate the Revd Michael Brain, from the Worcester Diocese, who has been vicar of S Edmund, Dudley, in the West Midlands for the past 18 years. He has also been chaplain of the Wednesbury chapter of S Mary Magdalene for 18 years. Many who attend the Annual Servers' Festival in Lichfield Cathedral would have seen him officiating.

Chaplain COF:	Revd EC Ford	COF Secretary:	Stanley Wilcox
Secretary-General:	Roy ST Cresswell	Membership Secretary:	Paul Durrant
Treasurer-General:	Louis A Lewis	"The Server" Magazine:	
		Editor:	Raymund Waker
		Distributor:	Nigel Makepeace

10. Group Elections Statement:

The Secretary-General reported that the following Councillors had been returned unopposed:-

LG 1	Terry Delaney	PG 3	Raymond Packham	PG 4	Clinton Albrow
PG 11	Raymund Waker	PG 12	Donald Hoare	PG 19	J Trevor Theaker
PG 20C	Brewis Wellock				
PG 25	" "				
PG 10	Herts & Bedford (No nominations received)				
PG 18	Lincs and N & S Humberside - Ballot taking place due to the death of Councillor Fred Whelbourn				
LG 4	City of London, Westminster, parts of Essex - Ballot taking place due to the resignation of Councillor Colin Doe.				

11. *1995 Festivals:* The Warden gave notice of various Festivals around the country.

12. *Roll Call:* The Roll Call indicated that there were in attendance members from Barnstaple, Blackburn, Brighton, Cambridge, Canterbury, Chelmsford, Cheltenham, Chichester, Coventry, Dudley, Grimsby, Ipswich, Kettering, Lincoln, Liverpool, Oxford, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Reading, Southend, Stockport, Tipton, Tunbridge Wells and Yorkshire.

13. Any Other Business:

(a). The Young Servers' Report would be published in the next issue of "The Server" Magazine. A special vote of thanks was offered to Fr Geoffrey Squire of Barnstaple for all the work he does amongst young people.

(b). Harper Broom Roberts were once again appointed Auditors.

This completed the business of the Meeting and Members adjourned to sing the Guild Office in S Pancras church.



ANNUAL REPORT 1995

Roy ST Cresswell

I am pleased to report that, during the year, we have received into the Guild almost 200 new members - many under the age of 18.

Most chapters are now recorded on the computer, with the exception of a few who have failed to return their Stage 2 Chapter Roll Forms to the Membership Secretary.

The Annual Subscriptions, which become due on 1st January, have been rather slow in being remitted - even after several reminders. Nine chapters have yet to send their 1995 Subscriptions.

A very successful Easter Festival and Annual General Meeting was held at S Pancras, London, by the kind invitation of the Parish Priest, Fr Brendan Clover. At the meeting, a presentation of a cheque for 250 was made to Fr Treadwell on his retirement as Chaplain-General for the past 32 years and as Guild Organist and Master of the Guild Choir for 50 years. He was immediately appointed Chaplain-General Emeritus, an honour which gave him a great deal of pleasure. He is succeeded as Chaplain-General by Fr Michael Brain, vicar of S Edmund, Dudley, West Midlands (Diocese of Worcester).

A very pleasant day was had by all who attended the Autumn Festival at Peterborough Cathedral in October. The Celebrant was the Warden, assisted by Fr Brain and Fr Ford. The preacher was the Archdeacon of Colchester, the Ven Ernest Stroud. The Festival continued in the afternoon with Solemn Guild Office and Procession.

Many of us attended the Annual Servers' Festival at Lichfield Cathedral when the Celebrant was the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, Rt Revd John Richards, who also preached in the afternoon at the Solemn Guild Office and Procession. The preacher at the Eucharist was Canon Peter McCrory, vicar of Kew.

The Southwark Diocesan Chapters Epiphany Festival was held in Southwark Cathedral and was very well supported. The preacher was the Bishop of Ebbsfleet.

We now look forward to our 1996 Festivals - the Easter Festival and AGM at S Stephen, Gloucester Road, London (by kind permission of the vicar, Canon CV Colvin) on Saturday, 13th April and the Autumn Festival at Worcester Cathedral on Saturday, 12th October.

It is with regret that we record the deaths of Fr Albert Treadwell and Clinton Albrow, Councillor for PG 4 (Hants, E Wilts, W Sussex).

We offer our sincere sympathy to the friends and relatives of all Priest-Associates and members who have passed on to higher service during the year, namely:

Priest-Associates: ALLSOPP, Edmund; COOPER, Kenneth Roland; GORDON, Alan Rex; MASON, Walter Cecil; MOSS, Barrie; ROGERS, Phillip; THORP, Robert Penfold; TREADWELL, Albert Frederick;

Members: ALBROW, Clinton (Coun); BAMBER, Harry; BARRETT, Rex Stanley George; BARTHOLOMEW, Michael; BIGGS, Betty; BISSELL, George; BRAIN, H; BROCKWAY, Ernest Edward James; BROWN, Fred; CHAPMAN, Charles L; CLARKI, Albert; COLYER, Jim; DEAN, CG; DRACUP, Ronald; DUNNET Alf H; EASTON, John; FAIRFIELD, Stuart;

FEATHERSTONE, Freddie; FORBER, Jack; GIBSON, David; GREEN, Alan; GRIGGS, Edmund; HARVEY, N; HAWKINS, Michael; HENDY, Stewart; HEBBORN, Philip W; HOMER, Tony; HOUSE, Cyril Ernest; HYDE, Richard; JACKSON, Bill; JUDGE, TW (Bill); LITHERLAND, Albert; MOULE, William; PALMER, Bertie Frederick; PRATLEY, Arthur; RUFFLE, Denis Herbert; SHACKERLEY, Peter E (Hon Coun); SKILLERN, William Joseph; SLATER, James; SMALL, W Herbert; SMITH, L; SPALDING, Derek; SPENCER-HARDING, Herbert; SPRING, W Frank; UTTLEY, A; WAGSTAFF, NR; WARREN, Stuart; WEDGE, E; WHELBOURN, Frederick Hubert Rhodes; WHENMOUTH, Ronald; WILCOX, Stanley M; WRIGHT, E Victor; YOUNG, Harley.

We record our thanks to the Officers of the Guild - Fr David Moore, Fr Eric Ford and Fr Michael Brain for their valued visits to Festivals around the country and to Louis Lewis, our Treasurer-General for continuing to 'balance the books', to Stanley Wilcox for his dedicated work for COF who has now reluctantly had to resign due to continued ill health, to Raymund Waker, the Editor of "The Server" Magazine, who tries to please everyone when compiling the magazine, to Nigel Makepeace for the efficient way he despatches the magazines and also Guild Publications etc and to Paul Durrant who has struggled for 2 years to provide a revised National Guild Roll and to all Councillors, Priest-Associates and Members for their loyal support to the Guild.

YOUNG SERVERS GROUPS REPORT for 1995

Fr Geof Squire

Thirty-six enquiries about the Young Servers Groups were received in 1995. As far as could be ascertained, 24 of these were from young servers, 2 from chapter secretaries, 2 from clergy and 8 from youngsters who were not servers but were interested in joining in. Leaflets were sent to all but only 6 'new boys' joined events during 1995. To begin with, only 2 were servers and 2 were not Christians but, as anticipated, there are now 5 Christian servers and one preparing for baptism who also wishes to be a server later.

The groups seem to fluctuate between several new participants during one year and very few the next, so, if the pattern is followed, we should see an influx of several 'new boys' during 1996.

Events during 1995 included a weekend in London for the Guild's Easter Festival and the Russian Easter Vigil, and then on to Canterbury; 3 days in Walsingham for the 'National'; the Glastonbury Pilgrimage; a 3-day July trip to London, staying on Hackney camp site and visiting churches etc; a longer journey up to Western Scotland; and an Autumn weekend in West Cornwall (where some of the boys may have broken the swimming speed record when they spotted some sharks!) With the exception of the Easter Festival trip all events were full, or near-full, to capacity.

1996 will see a similar pattern of events except that a group will make a two-week journey to Northern Ireland and the Republic where contacts will be established with Roman Catholics, Anglicans and Protestants with a view to encouraging exchanges between

young Christians from Northern Ireland, the Republic and mainland Britain. The climax will be a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Knock.

I believe that all who have participated in the groups have benefited in some way, and some very considerably so. Very interesting things are happening in the groups in the fields of evangelising the young and pastoral care, and the falling away of youngsters from church attendance is very considerably reduced. Many clergy and others have taken note of this and there have been numerous requests for similar groups for all young people. Hopefully, such groups will be available very shortly. Funding is always the problem but, after considerable effort by a group of helpers, such funding may soon be afforded and the Young Servers Groups will also benefit from this.

HELP! In an effort to keep costs as low as possible, we are seeking the loan of church halls, schoolrooms etc for our groups to camp-in for one or two nights. Groups are of a maximum of 9 and are under constant and experienced supervision. Main areas required are: Central or Outer London, Wales, Cornwall and the various venues of the Autumn Festival. Please contact The Revd Geof Squire, Little Cross, Northleigh Hill, Goodleigh, BARNSTAPLE, Devon, EX32 7NR (01271 44035) if you think you may be able to help.

THE SERVER REPORT

You will all know by now that we have, reluctantly, found it necessary to increase the charges for The Server from January 1996. This is the first increase since 1990 so I do not think we have managed badly. I am currently investigating further measures to keep the costs down.

The contents over the years do not differ very much. There is a firm base of Guild material together with some regular features and occasional articles and sermons. I am always willing to consider articles for inclusion, or even a series, if anyone is prepared to offer them - they may, of course, be rejected.

Two of our advertisers have withdrawn this year so we are seeking more advertising. Is there no server who owns a business which would benefit from advertising in our rather limited field? I understand our rates are very reasonable.

CHANTRY BOOK

JULY

L Smith

OCTOBER

Philip W Hebborn
Stuart Warren

NOVEMBER

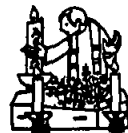
Harry Bamber
Edmund Griggs
Richard Hyde
Tony Homer
E Wedge

DECEMBER

Clinton Albrow (Coun)
Betty Biggs
Denis H Ruffle
Herbert Spencer-Harding

FEBRUARY

Stanley M Wilcox (G Coun)




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

WISDOM 2-1

ALBERT FREDERICK TREADWELL, priest

David Jewell & Fr Trevor Southgate

Father Treadwell, as he was always known, joined Eton Choir School just after the First World War and became Head Boy in due course. He learned to play the organ under Henry Ley and played at both Clewer churches and then at All Saints.

During the Second World War he was an officer in the Navy and then the RNVR.

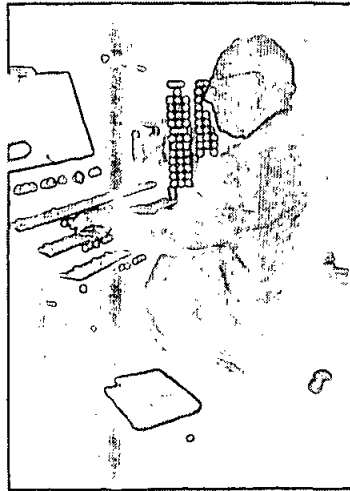
Fr Claude Williams persuaded him to come to S Mary, Slough, as organist in 1945 where he surprised the congregation by starting his first week with a full choir of boys whom he had secretly trained. The choir numbered usually about 22 boys and 12 men, including a son, father, uncle and grandfather. Matins, Sung Eucharist and Evensong were sung each Sunday and there were two boys' practices and one joint practice each week. Sung weekday Eucharists started at 6.30am and were always well supported by the choir. At this time he was a company secretary but changed career to teach at the Licensed Victuallers' School.

His one ambition was to be a priest and his vocation was fostered by Canon Williams. In 1954 the Bishop of Oxford accepted him as an ordinand. He trained at King's College, London, under Eric Abbott (later to be Dean of Westminster) and then at Warminster, being made Deacon at Petertide in 1957. He served his title at S Andrew, Clewer, his family church and, in 1960, was invited back to the LV school to be its first chaplain. Here he established a regular Sunday Mass and, once a term, one for the whole school. Many pupils owe their faith to his strong teaching.

In 1965, the Bishop of Southwark, Dr Mervyn Stockwood, persuaded him to take his only incumbency in the faltering parish of S Michael and All Angels, Barnes. For the next 20 years the parish was developed under his kindly eye, the congregation grew to treble its size and the daily Mass congregation came to average about ten. The Anglo-Catholic faith was taught without fear or compromise and Sunday Evensong was always followed by Benediction. He was very proud that, not once in his time there, was he ever prevented from celebrating because he had no congregation. Twice during this period he had retired bishops as curates, causing the Diocesan to say that they could cope with anything except an Ordination on their own!

He retired to Langley in 1985 and, after working there at S Mary with Fr George Farmer, he went with him to Wexham to become organist and Honorary Curate.

He was taken seriously ill while on holiday in 1992 and fell into a coma. Wexham Hospital rated his recovery chances at 30% but, after a visit by the Bishop of Buckingham and anointing by a local priest, he gradually revived and resumed his duties at Wexham. In June 1995 he began to feel unwell and was forced to cancel his holiday on the new cruise



liner Oriana but only became seriously ill in October. He died peacefully in Upton Hospital on Tuesday, November 14th, aged 88.

Here was a true servant of the Guild. He was Guild Organist for 50 years and, in this capacity, played the organs of most of the Cathedrals in the country, notably Canterbury, York and S Paul's, London, as well as many major parish churches. He had a flair for improvisation using snatches of well-known hymn tunes and could sit and play for half an hour whilst exploring the registration of a huge organ he had never seen before. He was chosen as Chaplain-General of the Guild at Easter 1963, an office which he held for 32 years, assisting many chapter chaplains in their work, until he resigned at Easter last. His Requiem at Clewer was attended by many friends and former associates. He possessed the gift of 'holy humour' and many will miss his joyful optimism. He will be remembered with affection by many in whom he inspired the Catholic faith. We send our sympathy to his sister and to Alec.

May he rest in peace and rejoice with the choirs of heaven.

R.I.P.

Clinton Albrow (Councillor)

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Brother Clinton. He passed away peacefully at home on 5th December 1995 after a very brave and courageous struggle against cancer. He will be sadly missed, not only by the local chapter but also by the whole Guild. He was a Guild Councillor and also a member of the Guild Choir. His leadership as secretary of our local chapter showed his great commitment to the Ministry of Serving and it was very much appreciated by all. Clinton was made a full member of the Guild in February 1955 whilst he was living in Fareham and has served the chapter as sometime treasurer and more lately as secretary.

When he was younger Clinton was involved in Scouting and was enrolled as one of the last Rover Scouts. Here it may be as well to remember the Rover Scout motto

"Service". I can think of no better way to sum up Clinton's life than that one word:- SERVICE.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to his wife, Diane, his mother, his children and all his family and we assure them of our love, prayers and support, now and at all times. We will all miss a really true friend and colleague.

Harry Bamber

Harry was born in Manchester in 1911 and first worked for ICI. In 1933 he joined the Church Army and worked in mission caravans in Maidstone and in Wales and was also involved in running a hostel for homeless men in Liverpool. He had a special interest and skill in dealing with young men in trouble.

After the Second World War he trained as a pharmacist and worked for Boots for 25 years at Stevenage where the shop became known not just as Boots' but as Harry Bamber's

shop. He was interested in amateur dramatics - especially Gilbert & Sullivan - old time music hall, swimming (he was a qualified instructor) and gardening.

He retired to Torbay in 1979 and soon became closely associated with S Martin, Barton, where he served both on Sundays and weekdays and was deeply involved in the life and work of the parish. His funeral and Requiem, at which many members of the chapter were present, were held there on Monday, December 4th.

Denis Herbert Ruffle

Brother Denis, a server at the church of the Holy Trinity with S Paul, Hounslow, and one of the longest serving members of the Guild and chapter, died on 16th December, aged 80. Whilst I have no record of the date of his admission to the Guild, it will be noted from his Roll No. 20297 that he had been a member for some 60 years.

Denis and his wife Ruth were well loved at Holy Trinity and performed much pastoral work in the parish. This was exemplified by the number of people, including chapter members, who attended the funeral service at Holy Trinity on 22nd December.

Stuart Warren

Stuart passed peacefully to his rest on Saturday, 14th October after many years suffering from diabetes. The 55 year old father of three had been associated with the S Chad chapter, latterly as organist, since he moved to the Nuneaton area in 1980. He was organist and choirmaster at S Nicolas, Nuneaton. Recently he had been appointed organist at the chapel at the George Eliot hospital and the new Heart of England crematorium in Nuneaton. He was also a member of the Coventry & District Royal School of Church Music Committee.

A member of the choir at S Nicolas said: "Stuart was a brilliant musician and was well informed when it came to other organists in the country. When he listened to Radio 2's 'The Organist Entertains' broadcasts, not only could he quickly identify the make of instrument but also the player. His first paid job, as a young man, was playing the organ at the Ritz cinema in Epsom. His knowledge of cinema organs and their present location was amazing - for instance - the Compton organ from the Nuneaton Ritz is now at a religious house in Finchley".

His funeral was at S Margaret, Stoke Golding, his village church on October 20th. A memorial service was held at S Nicolas, Nuneaton on 12th November. Both services were attended by members of the chapters of S Chad, Coventry, and S John the Divine, Leicester.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For Your Diary

1996

APRIL

- 13 **EASTER FESTIVAL & AGM**
S Stephen, Gloucester Road, South Kensington SW7 Noon - High Mass
3.00pm - Annual General Meeting in church hall
4.15pm - Guild Office, Procession & Benediction
- 17 Chapter of SS Osmund & Swithun
Salisbury Cathedral, Holy Trinity chapel
7.30pm - Service of Thanksgiving

MAY

- 18 Group 9 Festival
S Mary in the Butts, 11.30am - Mass
3.00pm - Guild Office - S Giles, Southampton St
Hosted by the chapter of S Laurence the Deacon, Reading
- 21 Group 16 Festival
S Laurence, Long Eaton (FIF)
7.30pm - Solemn Guild Office, Procession of OLW and Benediction
Preacher: Fr JD Moore (Warden of the Guild)
- 27 **WALSINGHAM NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE**
1.00pm Concelebrated Mass in the Abbey Grounds
Principal celebrant and preacher: The Archbishop of York,
the Most Rev'd and Rt Hon David Hope (Guardian of the Holy House)
- 31 Chapter of SS Osmund & Swithun
May Festival of Our Lady
S Stephen, Bournemouth
7.30pm - High Mass. Celebrant: Rt Revd Edwin Barnes
(Bishop of Richborough)
Preacher: Very Revd Michael Mayne, (Dean of Westminster Abbey)

JUNE

- 29 **GLASTONBURY ABBEY PILGRIMAGE**
Noon - Solemn Eucharist with Bishop John of Ebbfleet
as Principal Concelebrant and Preacher
3.30pm - Procession and Solemn Evensong
Preacher: Bp Colin James (former Bp of Winchester)

AUGUST

- 24 Chapter of SS Osmund & Swithun
Winchester Cathedral
6.00pm - Service of Thanksgiving in the presence of
the Lord Bishop of Winchester (Rt Revd Michael Scott-Joynt)

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Lichfield Diocesan & Midlands Area Festival
Lichfield Cathedral, Noon - Solemn Eucharist
Celebrant: Rt Revd Michael Bourke (Bishop of Wolverhampton)
3.00pm - Solemn Guild Office & Procession
Preacher: The Bishop of Wolverhampton

OCTOBER

- 12 **AUTUMN FESTIVAL**
Worcester Cathedral, Noon - Solemn Eucharist
3.00pm - Solemn Guild Office
Preacher: Fr David Moore (Warden of the Guild)
- 18 Chapter of SS Osmund & Swithun Autumn Festival
S Stephen, Bournemouth
7.30pm - High Mass
Celebrant: Rt Revd Jim Thompson (Bishop of Bath & Wells)
Preacher: Very Revd John Southgate (Dean Emeritus of York)

SOME OF MY FAVOURITE THINGS

THE BOOK OF DANIEL Part I

Fr Howard Cocks

Some of the stories in Daniel have been part of my religious background since I was a junior member of our local Sunday School. We are all familiar with Daniel in the lion's den; Belshazzar's Feast and the fiery furnace. They are wonderful stories, highly original and still fire the imagination some two and a half thousand years since they were written. But really to appreciate the originality of the Book of Daniel (and therefore these stories), it is essential to put them in a context; and over two articles, I hope to do just this. I think that of all the books of the Old Testament, the Book of Daniel has a special place in my affection.

Firstly – "Daniel". The name means "God has judged". Who was he? We do not know! But it would appear that Daniel was regarded as an ancient Wise Man, and is linked with Noah and Job in Ezekiel (14:14) and the writer of Daniel used this ancient folk hero and the legends surrounding him to preach to and encourage his fellow Jews in the difficult times of the second century BC. The date of the Book is the second century before Christ.

The Book of Daniel needs to be read in conjunction with the first and second books of the Maccabees as they reveal the desperate political realities and social conditions in which the Jews had to live and for which the Book of Daniel was written.

In the book, Daniel becomes a young Jew loyal to his ancestral religion who is made, by divine inspiration, wiser than all the sages of Mesopotamia. The combination of wisdom and righteousness enable him to receive the visionary revelations which form the later part of the book.

Immediate Background

In 168 BC Antiochus Epiphanes, ruler of Syria and overlord of Judah, who was an avowed Hellenist, marched on Jerusalem determined to stamp out the Jewish faith. He quartered his troops in the Temple and a strict law was enforced forbidding all Jewish practices, viz. circumcision, Sabbath observance and the worship of Yahweh. The Scriptures were publicly burnt and possession of the Torah was punishable by death. The Temple was given over to worship of Olympian Zeus, and pagan altars were erected, not only in the Temple but throughout the land.

The altar to Zeus in the Temple described in Daniel as "the abomination of desolation" (Daniel 8:13; 9:27; 11:29-31; cf Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14) was consecrated by the sacrifice of swine, and priests and people were forced to drink broth made of the swines' flesh (cf 1 Maccabees 6).

In the eyes of devout and patriotic Jews nothing so frightful as this had ever happened since Creation. Revolt broke out in 167 BC, led by Mattathias and his five sons, known as the Maccabees (1 Macc.2; 2 Macc.8) which developed into a fullscale war of independence. The war was successful. By 164 BC guerilla fighters had cleared Jerusalem of foreign troops, and the Temple was similarly cleared and rededicated to Yahweh (1 Macc.4:36-61).

The Book

It was probably at the beginning of the revolt in 167 BC that our Book of Daniel appears. Strongly patriotic in tone, the first half contains tales of the heroic past, recounting how Jews of old bore themselves in similar circumstances, and is set in the time of Nebuchadnezzar who reigned in Babylon from 605-562 BC. The second half ends with a prediction of the speedy end of the oppressive rule of Antiochus. The whole book is thus to be understood as a summons to action, a clarion call to men of the times to acquit themselves like heroes of old, who though threatened with fire and slaughter kept the faith pure, together with a promise of a catastrophic end to the dynasty that held them all in thrall.

To be continued

ABOUT GOD-(28)-"HE..SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY."

Revd Canon Wm H Bamard

We have tried to get the history and meaning of Christ's Ascension clear. What is the moral? A 17th century priest, the French Père Clugny, said that the Ascension was his favourite mystery of Our Lord's life because it was so lovely for Jesus. We rejoice in the Nativity but for Our Lord it meant a cold cave. His Passion and Crucifixion brought Him anguish and pain to make us 'at-one' with God again; even Easter is more joyful to us than to Our Lord, with our fear of death dispelled. But the Ascension, thought Père Clugny, is an opportunity for quite unselfish rejoicing, for although we shall never see or hear Jesus as the Apostles did, yet, far from being sad, we rejoice with them that Our Lord is 'back home' again in all His glory and "sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty."



Here we are again having to use metaphors; back where we began with "God the Father Almighty" and in this space age we just can't imagine God 'sitting up there', when 'ascending' doesn't get you to heaven! And didn't Stephen, the first martyr, see Our Lord 'standing' at God's right hand? All very confusing. Yet we have to use human terms to try and express divine truth. The point is that Our Lord is now alive and exalted above all created things.

For some reason, we seat the most important person at a banquet in the place of honour at the right hand of the host. In such a place now, close to God with a closeness you and I cannot imagine, reigns eternally "one who is a man of our flesh and blood, who knows what it feels like to suffer and be tempted, who is proud of us because we belong to Him, who wants us to follow Him to heaven and be near Him; near, through Him, to His heavenly Father". We have to use some preposition to express the relation of heaven and earth. "Heaven is above earth as a morally and spiritually higher state of life; it is below earth as the spiritual groundwork of human existence; it is around earth as the spiritual atmosphere which encompasses us; it is within earth as its most inner source of being". (Bp Blunt)

So, before we write off this old picture language of 'going-up' or 'down', 'sitting' or 'standing', let us ask "What is it trying to tell us?" Surely this: that the Ascension and exaltation of Our Lord are the vindication of all He claimed to be. The day our best Friend was taken away from us is a day of rejoicing (not of mourning) because in Him "humanity has stormed the citadels of heaven and He, who once beckoned us to share in His suffering, beckons us now to share in His glory". An era has ended and there are to be no more localised appearances until the end of time. Christ is now found wherever He is loved, needed and served; high up in an aircraft; deep down in a submarine. We can experience His Real Presence in Jerusalem, or in Sydney, far away there, but not from heaven. The 'sitting on the right hand' is our guarantee that our human lot will never be far from God's heart. God will never forget us so long as "He (Jesus) pleads our cause at God's right hand".

SCOTTISH GUILD OF SERVERS AGM

Malcolm Perkins, Hon Councillor

The Scottish Guild annual meeting was held in the Isle of Cumbrae, based on the lovely Cathedral of the Isles. For those who do not know of the Cathedral, it is the smallest Cathedral in the British Isles. It was designed by William Butterfield and completed in 1851.

The Festival started with a Mass of the Holy Spirit sung by the assembled brethren, the celebrant was the Chaplain General (Revd Donald Strachan) assisted by the Warden of the Cathedral (Revd Dale Gray).

The Annual meeting took place in the library of the College and was chaired by the Chaplain General. The Warden of the Guild (Fr Duff) had died a few days earlier. After a silence in his memory the meeting took the usual form.

Bro Couper, the Almoner, reported on the progress of the Fr & Mrs Wood Memorial window. There was a possibility that the window would be finished by October 14th, 1995. This is the last day of the ferry on the short route. If not the dedication would have to wait until the spring. The Secretary General (Bro Nesbit) would be kept informed.

The Chaplain General then relinquished the Chair, which was taken by the Secretary General, for the election of Chaplain General for the next three years. The only nomination was for Fr Donald Strachan who was declared re-elected.

An offer had been received to hold the 1996 AGM at the church of S Michael, Inverness on Saturday, 14th September, 1996. This was accepted with thanks. The meeting finished with votes of thanks to all who had made the gathering possible, to the Warden of the College who had made all the arrangements for the Mass, meeting, the tea and the Guild Office.

After an excellent tea the Guild Office was sung in the Cathedral.

I stayed in the College for a week and I can recommend it to Groups or individuals for a relaxing stay or retreat. With the marvellous church next door and a daily Mass provided I enjoyed my stay on the Isle of Cumbrae. (Across the water from Largs).

GENERAL COUNCIL, October 1995

Although, in March, the Council had been persuaded not to increase the charge for The Server, it was now persuaded, as a result of deeper investigation into the costings and anticipated increases in postal charges, to increase the price to 65p per copy for copies purchased by chapters in bulk - £2.60 per year or £3.00 per year for copies being supplied to individuals. Even these prices will barely cover our costs.

The Secretary-General told us that, although only re-elected at Easter, Terry Delaney had resigned as Councillor for London Group 1 and thought was being given to amalgamating LG1 and LG2.

We heard from the Membership Secretary that he had still been unable to get any information from 4 chapters that were, supposedly, active.

It was agreed to see whether we could have the Easter Festival and AGM in 1996 & 1997 at S Stephen, Gloucester Road. There were problems with repairs at S Pancras.

4 venues were considered for the 1996 Autumn Festival with Worcester and Hereford Cathedrals being nominated as first and second choices. Winchester Cathedral was suggested as a possible venue for the 1997 Autumn Festival.

On considering the Guild Centenary Celebrations we were reminded that there was to be a Festival in Exeter Cathedral in June 1998 and in Wakefield Cathedral in October 1998. It was also proposed that there should be a Guild Pilgrimage to Walsingham in early September 1998. We had been informed that our chapel at Walsingham was in very good shape, better than many others. We agreed to support Walsingham's appeal for money for vestments and to raise this matter at the Easter Festival.

We agreed to send £100 towards the cost of Bishops attending the International Bishops Faith and Order Conference.

It was agreed to send £500 to the parish of Swinton and Pendlebury towards the costs of setting up a placement scheme for Ordinands in the parish. The candidates would be drawn from those recommended by the Bishops of Beverley, Ebbsfleet and Richborough.

It was also agreed to send £100 to 'Forward in Faith' to cover one months postage of 'New Directions' to General Synod members. In return the Guild will be advertised free in one 2½" column in the magazine.

It was restated that Readers Scarves should not be worn at Guild meetings since the Readers, generally, are attending not as Readers but as Servers and should, therefore, only need to wear their Guild Medal.

It was agreed to advertise the post of Guild Organist in The Server.

Since the resignation of Stan Wilcox, Louis Lewis the Treasurer-General had agreed to take on the job of COF Secretary on a temporary basis.

We decided to meet again on March 9th and November 16th 1996.



**Glastonbury
Pilgrimage**

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE SATURDAY 29th JUNE 1996

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NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

S BARNABAS, Caerdydd

On the eve of the Assumption the Office was solemnly sung in S Augustine, Penarth, where Fr Michael Bowie spoke of devotion to Our Lady and regaled us with tales of a recent visit to Marian shrines in Sicily. He also presided at Benediction. In September the chapter visited S Dochdwy, Llandough, for Solemn Mass at which the Chancellor of the Cathedral reminded us that the Cathedral owed its rise as a centre of devotion to the demise of the 'Llan' where he is now the rector! October saw us back in town for the winter months with Solemn Guild Office and Benediction at S Augustine, Rumney, actually in the Diocese of Monmouth and so in the Gwent chapter area but, geographically, in the eastern suburbs of Cardiff. The chaplain preached about the joys of a parochial harvest!! Fr Bowie again presided at Benediction. Afterwards the vicar welcomed us back to the vicarage for a sumptuous repast.



It is always a great joy to visit the Theological College, and particularly so when the visit coincides with the Solemn Requiem. S Michael's was founded by the Talbot family, Theodore Talbot having been much influenced by the Fr Stanton of S Alban's, Holborn fame. Fr Bruce Davies, who preached on the hope of immortality, the hope of all the faithful, began by saying how good it was to see faces from so many places where he had served in his ministry.

After Mass the students served refreshments in the Ollivant room which now houses the Cathedral's Antiquarian Library.

The year was rounded off with a visit to Canton, S Catherine, where our chaplain served his title.

Visitors to Cardiff are always welcome and details are available from the writer on Cardiff 563248.

S BIRINUS, Oxford

During November we held our Requiem Mass at the parish church of S John, North Hinksey. The Mass was celebrated by the vicar, Fr John Davis, who also preached. He was assisted by our chaplain, Fr Denis Mason, as Deacon and Bro Philip Purves as Sub-deacon.

The last meeting of the year was our Patronal Mass at the church of S Barnabas, with a good attendance in spite of the weather. The chaplain celebrated with Fr Chris Walker as Deacon and preacher and Bro John Stack as Sub-deacon. We processed round the church singing the hymn of S Birinus.

A coach party attended the Autumn Festival at Peterborough and much appreciated the extra viewing time which the later start of the Guild Office afforded.

S CHAD, Coventry

The final mid-week meeting of the summer session was held at S Michael, Stoke, on Tuesday 3rd October. The Guild Office was sung with Meditations and Readings in place of an address, led by our chaplain, Fr Graeme Hands.

The Annual Requiem Mass was celebrated at S Nicholas, Radford, on 2nd November. The chaplain presided and preached and was assisted by Dss Monica Obee (CA). It was good to see Bro Syd Harris, the longest serving member of our chapter with us after his recent illness.

A number of our members attended the memorial service for our chapter organist for the last three years, Bro Stuart Warren, at S Nicolas, Nuneaton, on Sunday 12th November.

The Advent meeting was at S James, Bulkington, one of 5 in the Nuneaton Deanery without a parish priest at present, on 9th December. The Guild Office was sung by the chaplain, with Meditations. This meeting was well supported and we were pleased to welcome Fr John Twistleton and his group of young servers from S Luke, Holbrooks, Coventry. We hope to initiate them at our Epiphany meeting.

SS GWYNNO & TYFODWG, Rhondda

On September 21st we met at Christchurch, Ynysybwl. Fr Paul Bennett (vicar of Llanwynno with Ynysybwl) presided at the eucharist. After a short meeting with refreshments we finished the evening with prayer.

Our last meeting of the year was on November 14th at S John the Evangelist, The Graig, Pontypridd. Fr Charles Clark presided and preached. During the eucharist the chapter chaplain admitted 5 new members.

HOLY CROSS, South Somerset

On Wednesday, September 13th (the eve of Holy Cross day) the chapter, which includes Bridport, Chard, Crewkerne and Yeovil, kept its Feast of Title in the lovely and impressive church of S Bartholomew, Crewkerne with a procession and Sung Mass. The Mass was celebrated by our chaplain, Fr Roger Shambrook SSC, who also preached on the importance of the Cross in our lives. This event was supported by about 25 of our members.

S JOHN BAPTIST, Torbay

In November we celebrated a Requiem Mass for departed members of the Guild. The Mass, at All Saints, Torre, was celebrated by one of our joint chaplains, Fr Roger McDowall, vicar of Tor. The sermon was by Canon Ron Newton from Hove, Sussex.

On Tuesday, December 12th we met at S John, Torquay for the Guild Office and Benediction at which Fr Gorran Chapman, joint chaplain and vicar of S Martin, Barton, Torquay, officiated. The address was given by the resident priest of S John, Fr Eric Manley-Harris.

Our January meeting, on Tuesday 16th, was an Epiphanytide Sung Mass at S Andrew, Paignton, celebrated by the curate-in-charge, Fr Simon Stephens who also preached.

In his sermon Fr Simon said we must not be content with a "baby religion". For many people the story of the birth of Christ had an appeal that the stories of His Death, Resurrection and Ascension did not have. There is something in the helplessness of the very young that reaches people's hearts but the Christchild grew and we must grow with Him. The wonderful miracle of Bethlehem does not stand alone. It was as a man that Jesus redeemed us. Pray that you may grow towards Him, with Him and like Him.

S JOHN the DIVINE, Leicester

Our meeting on October 11th was at S Paul, Leicester, where we sang the Guild Office, admitted 2 members and held our AGM.

In November Fr Lawrence King, our chaplain, celebrated, at S Nicholas, Fleckney, a sung Requiem Mass for departed members. The address was given by Canon Brian Glover, vicar of Fleckney. Both these meetings were attended by about 30 members and friends.

S JOSEPH OF ARIMATHAEA, Portsmouth

On September 27th the chapter proudly celebrated its 94th anniversary with a Concelebrated High Mass in the church of the Holy Trinity, Gosport. The service was conducted by Fr John Capper, incumbent of the parish, who was assisted by the acting chapter chaplain, Fr Henry Theobald, and the parish NSM, Fr Albert Millard. Mass started with the Asperges and Fr Capper wore his 17th century vestments and used the Roman Missal. During the service the chapter banner, which is believed to be the oldest in the Guild, was on display. We now eagerly look forward to a celebration each year until a proposed festival in the year 2001 to mark the centenary.

The October meeting was quiet in comparison, when the chapter met in the church of S Margaret of Scotland in Southsea to sing the Guild Office. November was the annual Requiem for the departed and was held this year in the church of S George the Martyr where the celebrant and preacher was a visiting priest from Australia. December saw our Christmass Celebration of readings and carols followed by an American Supper and Compline. This was held in the church of the Holy Trinity in Fareham. The service was written and arranged by Bro John Franks. January sees our annual Mass for the sick which, this year, will be conducted by the acting chaplain in the chapel of the Convent of the Sisters of Bethany, by the kind permission of the Mother Superior.

S LAURENCE THE DEACON, Reading

Once again the chapter has returned to its winter quarters, in the ancient church of S Laurence the Deacon, next to Reading Town Hall. The October meeting was a quiet evening which concluded with Compline led by a Reader-member. Only 8 members attended.

In November the Guild Office was conducted by the lay-chairman, in the absence of the chaplain. In the intercessions we prayed for the repose of Yitzhak Rabin, recently assassinated. Only about 12 members and friends attended. We look forward to better attendances, after all S Laurence is right in the centre of town with plenty of near-by parking.

In December 12 regular stalwarts attended our Mass celebrated by Fr Julian Dunn NSM.

The AGM preceded by the Guild Office was on Monday, 8th January, in Christchurch, Reading and its church room. Fr Julian Dunn NSM was elected chapter chaplain.

S MARK, West Cornwall

Our annual Advent Carol service was held in SS Martin & Meriadoc church in Camborne, by kind permission of the rector, Canon NJ Pocock. A long procession of choir, servers and clergy carrying lighted candles processed round the candle-lit church. After the service the annual chapter dinner took place in the Regal Hotel with Prebendary Fr James Vincent as the guest speaker.

SS OSMUND & SWITHUN, Bournemouth

We have begun our jubilee year and will have held our AGM by the time this is published.

We had to cancel our last meeting of the year but we held our chapter Requiem at S John the Baptist, Burley Ville, in the New Forest, where the Archdeacon of Winchester is the vicar.

In the forthcoming year we will be holding two services of thanksgiving, one in Salisbury Cathedral and one in Winchester. We are hoping that the new Bishop of Winchester will be able to be with us at our meeting in his Cathedral in August. Also during the year we shall be visiting Wimborne St Giles, a Comper church on the borders of the New Forest and Cranbourne Chase. This will be our first visit to this church, built by the Earls of Shaftesbury.

The local members of the Archconfraternity of S Stephen (the Roman Catholic equivalent of our Guild) have been invited to visit us at any of our meetings, especially at the two Festivals.

Any member of the Guild who is in Bournemouth during the year will be made very welcome at our meetings.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Raymund,

I should be very grateful to hear from any member of the Guild who could inform me when the chapter of S Benedict, Uxbridge, Middlesex, (LG2/21) ceased to function. My enquiry is purely personal, my late father was a member of the chapter before the outbreak of the Second World War.

With anticipated thanks,

Yours sincerely,

David L Gillman

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Dear Raymund,

I have just received the winter Server and read Bro Makepeace's letter regarding the Anglo-Catholic Church.

As a member of the Anglo-Catholic faith, but by no means an academic theologian, I feel that what has happened is that the faith has been deserted. Many Anglo-Catholics, Priests, Bishops and Laity have fled to Rome or, to keep their living have moved to the middle of the road. There are so few leaders in the Anglo-Catholic movement today. Who, today, would go to prison to defend the faith?? No young person wishing to be ordained could openly admit that he is against women priests.

We must stand together and keep the faith alive, the faith taught us by our fathers of old. The Anglo-Catholic faith is the true faith of the Church of England. When groups of Catholics, such as GSS, CBS etc, are against the ordination of females why can't we all stand together and fight for the faith. The heresy of women priests cannot be upheld by any Catholic, be they Anglo or Roman.

Yes, I went to Rome with the rest who ran, but I returned. Going to Rome will not stop the ill.

Women Priests are only one of the problems in the Anglo-Catholic Movement of today. When the Oxford Movement rekindled the faith, the Church of England was in great need of discipline and order. Many great Anglo-Catholic churches were in poor slum areas where they had a mission. Have these needs gone?

We, as members of the Guild, are keeping alive a movement that, it must be said, was great and could be great again, if only we had the leaders that we had in the past. Together we must all uphold what we feel dear to us - the faith that we hold.

These few lines are just an outline of what I feel.

Yours in the faith,

Alan Canterbury

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