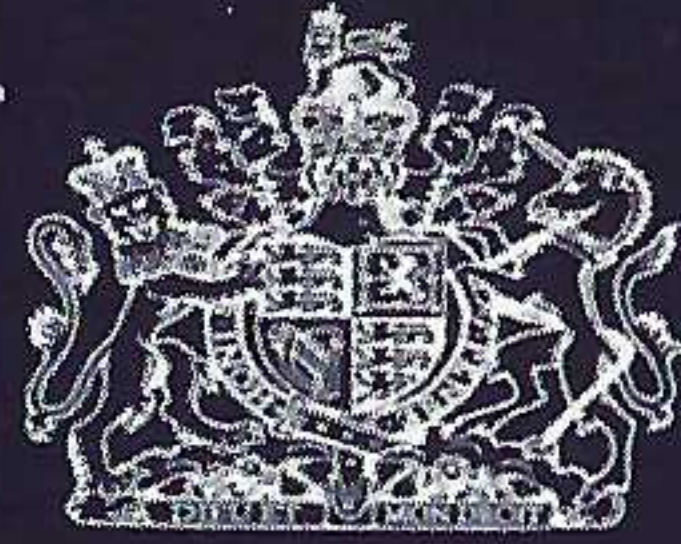




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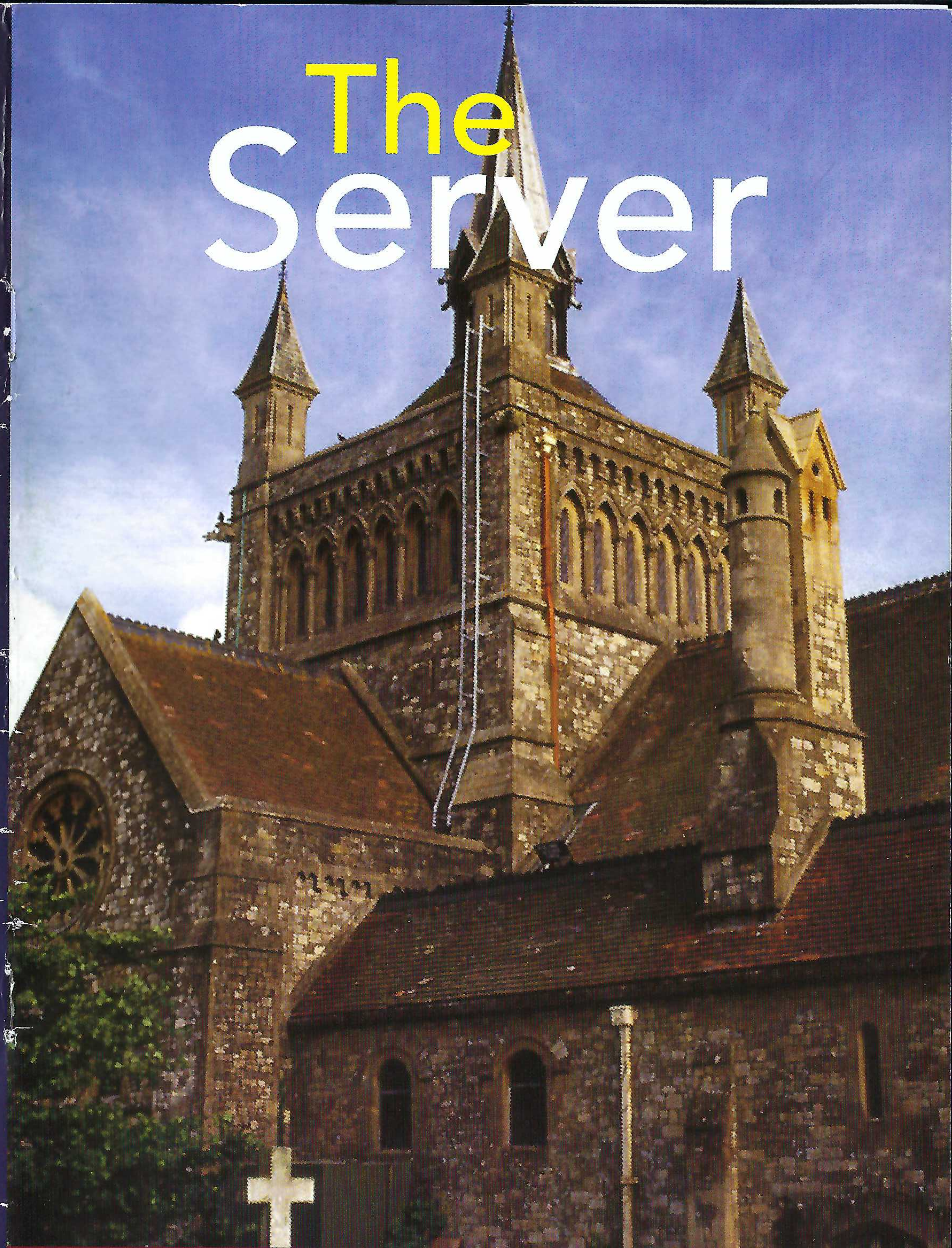
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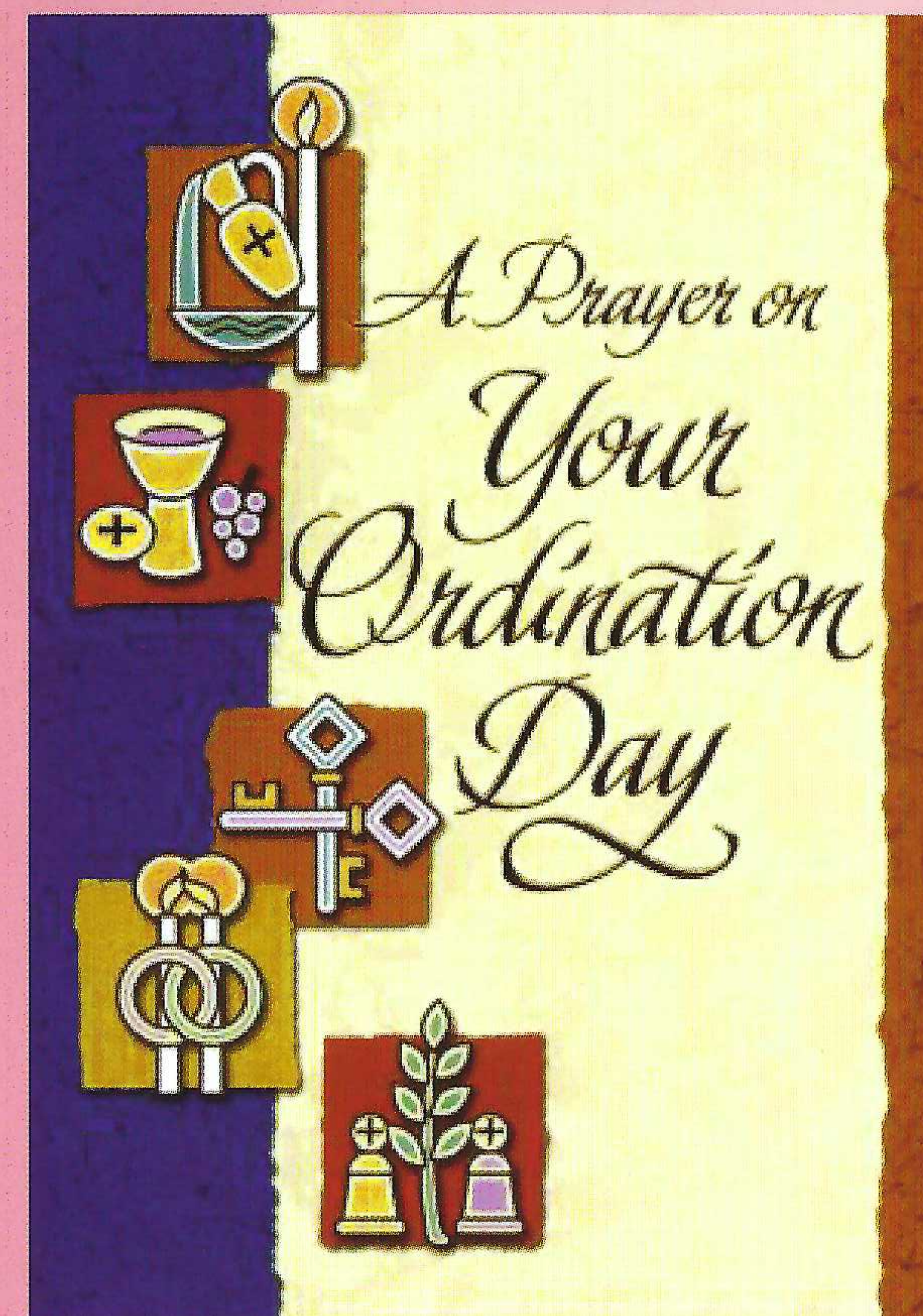
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The day of the service arrives and the church is filled with flowers. People are bringing in their offerings of vegetables and in the middle of the display is a cricket wicket, a strip of turf with a set of wooden stumps at each end, on which people are laying their offerings. Everything is going well until one lady comes up to the front of the church and places a bag of frozen peas among the other vegetables. She is stopped by the vicar and returns to her seat still clutching her peas.

“What happened?” asks her neighbour in the pew.
She shrugs her shoulders: “It seems there’s no peas for the wicket.”

oOo

A Sunday School teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, “I’m drawing God.”
The teacher paused and said, “But no one knows what God looks like.”
Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, “They will in a minute.”

THE GUILD COLLECT

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

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"A week is a long time in politics," Harold Wilson once said, but I would like you to follow that thought through into daily life, because when you think deeply about it a week is also a long time without God. How do **you** feel about it? I know that I need 'spiritual sustenance' and prayer every day of my life. William Temple who was the Archbishop of Canterbury during World War Two said, "When I stop praying, coincidences stop happening", in other words, prayer really makes a difference. The present Archbishop revealed on 'Desert Island Discs' that he found ironing very conducive to prayer and that it was very important to him. Archbishop Desmond Tutu puts his views on prayer quite bluntly: "A church that does not pray is quite useless. Christians who do not pray are of no earthly worth".

Each one of us should have a regular pattern of prayer at home so we can create our own small Christian powerhouses. Everyone can do this even those who can't get to church. If you feel concerned about the situations on the news every day or if you are suddenly faced with an unexpected illness or problem, you can do something about it immediately by taking the pain and the evil to God. Some people use daily Bible notes and add their own prayers and this can really help. Your decisions about time and place for prayer are vital but for some people this may be extremely difficult. We should all try to find a suitable gap in our day, whether you have a lively family, do a demanding job or if you have to structure your life round medications and treatments, you can find a spot for prayer somewhere! Most homes don't have a chapel but is there a little corner somewhere where a Christian picture or object could provide a focus? If we pray for our "daily bread" only weekly, we are going hungry six days a week. I know I need my diet of meeting, thanking, confessing and praying to God every day. How about you?

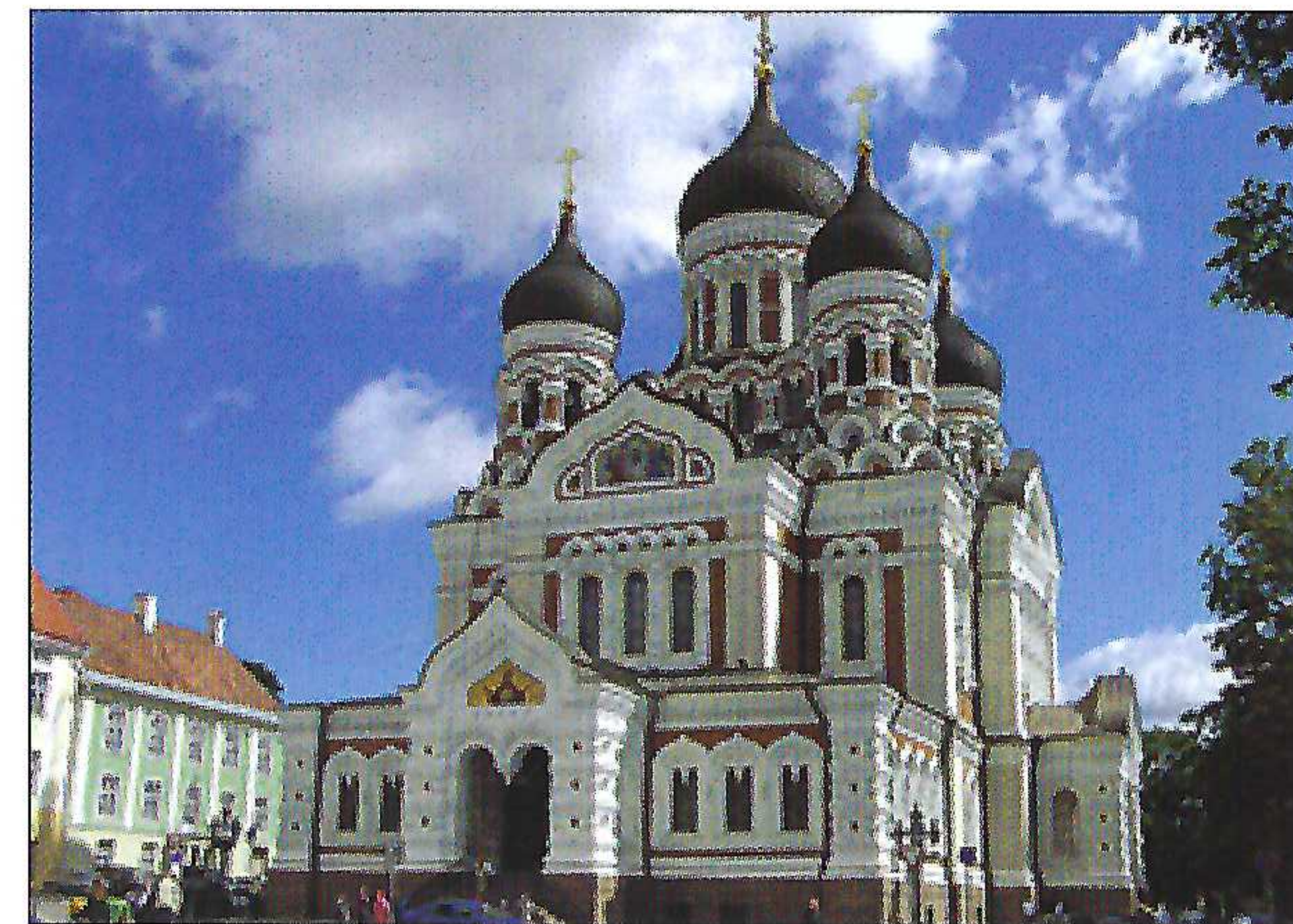
Whilst on the subject of prayer Sister Angela, who compiles the Cycle of Prayer would really appreciate your input, maybe you could suggest some relevant 'one liners' that she might use.

Yours

Peter

ALEXANDER NEVSKY CATHEDRAL, TALLINN

BY LESLIE AND ROGER TAYLOR



In May we were in Estonia and just a short bus ride away saw us outside the stunning Alexander Nevsky Byzantine Cathedral. The Cathedral boasts five Russian onion domes, once gilded gold which made them recognisable to Orthodox believers but only around 30% of the population adhere to this faith as the majority are Lutheran due to German influence. The domes are now blacked out as many Estonians thought them a symbol of oppression and although the cathedral is only 100 years old it was actually scheduled for demolition in 1924 but due to lack of funds this was never carried out. Since Estonia gained independence the cathedral has been restored and is very ornate inside with much gilding and mosaics. There are three altars.

We have visited this cathedral before and on this occasion there was a Service in progress. As is the custom there are no pews and the congregation stand for the whole Service, some people attending the entire Service some entering and departing during the Service. The main congregation seemed to be elderly ladies each one wearing headscarves. We heard a beautiful choir singing the entire time, but it took us some time to locate where the choir were as they were actually above and behind us and all that could be seen was the top of the head of the conductor. The Service was very moving and colourful and from the moment we entered the church we felt as though we just wanted to stand and cry, the atmosphere was that great. We stayed for about 30 minutes, said a few prayers and made our way silently out. Tallinn also has four other churches, The Dome Church originally constructed by Dominican Monks in 1229, S. Olaf's Church dating from 1267, close by the Holy Ghost Church was founded by Pope Innocentius III and S. Nicholas' Church is thought to have been established by German merchants at the invitation of the order of the Brethren of the Sword in 1240.

Prayer is active: Prayer involves action; namely being attentive to God's voice in your life. Listening for God means stopping and sitting still. It means paying close attention to what God may be saying to you and you alone and this can be at any point in your life.

Prayer should not be an afterthought: Prayer was the backbone of Jesus' ministry. We read that He often broke away from the company of his disciples to spend time with God. In the same way, prayer is essential to our individual lives and also to the life of the church. Always try to break away from your daily routine for quiet time in prayer.

Surround yourself with people who are seasoned at praying: People who've established prayer routines have much to teach those who are wanting to draw closer to God. Look around and seek out those who can help guide and encourage your prayer life.

God doesn't require eloquence: Don't worry if you fumble or stumble for words when you pray. God is not looking for perfection but sincerity. If the words won't come, God still knows what's in your heart. Lift up that desire.

Prayer need not involve words: The great Christian saints all write of prayer as a time of sitting quietly with God. Jesus even went off for forty days of prayerful solitude. Take a deep breath. Exhale slowly. Follow the breath as it flows in and out of your body. Think of it as the spirit of God breathing life into you.

Prayer is a time for conversation with a friend: Whether you talk to God routinely or just every once in a while, know that whenever you turn to Him, you're turning to someone who loves you.

Ask God for help if you get stuck: Maybe you've hit a dry spell. There's no shame in asking God to guide you to pray in a new way.

The three L's of prayer: Listen, listen, listen: Listening for God is central to prayer, according to the great saints. It's so critical that S. Benedict began his famous Rule with this command for monks: "Listen with the ear of your heart."

And remember, prayer can happen anywhere – it doesn't have to take place in a church.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

George Couzens, Leslie Haines, Philip Harland, John Horsnell, Beryl Kingston, Michael Lloyd, Frank Marsh, Richard Parker, Horace Tree, Oswald Watson, Ethel Webb, Derek Williams,

THE CHANTRY BOOK

Oswald "Ossie" Albert Watson's funeral took place at S. Saviour's church, Oxton on 13th July and the church was packed. He was born in April 1939 and died in June as a result of two major strokes. He lasted a couple of months and his death was a merciful release. He had been a most efficient treasurer and a keen member of the Chapter of Our Lady and S. John, Wirral and was faithful as both a Chapter member and a Committee member. He will be missed at S. Saviour's and by his family. He was the eldest of four brothers, had a Christian upbringing at S. Margaret's, Princes Road, Liverpool but spent virtually the rest of his life at S. Saviour's. He was in the RAF Regiment and served in Cyprus. His working life was in banking beginning at Martin's and continuing in its takeovers. Family life occupied the rest of his time especially his grandchildren. Taking early retirement he spent his time gardening, watching football and cricket and had an on-going involvement in Wirral Narrow Boats. He had been a churchwarden, sidesman, head server, sacristy team member, school governor, auditor and home communion minister. At the funeral service his brother John gave a beautiful tribute and the address was by the associate minister Glynn Lautenbach who linked Ossie's personal life with that of a Christian. To Sandra and the family we send our sympathy.



THE BISHOP'S BRIDLE

Among the many unwritten laws of the Manx Church on the Isle of Man was the following:-

"That he or she that call a man a 'Dog' or a woman a 'Bitch' shall wear the Bridle at the Market Cross or make seven Sundays penance in several Parish Churches."

This law was freely put in force by Bishop Wilson, who wrote in June, 1714, "I ordered a bridle to be made as a terror to people of evil tongues."

He went on to say that "If any person be convicted of uttering a scandalous report and cannot make good the assertion, instead of being fined or imprisoned, they are sentenced to stand in the Market-place on a sort of scaffold especially erected for that purpose, with their tongue in a noose of leather, which they call a bridle, and having been thus exposed to the view of the people for some time be released. On the taking off this correction machine the perpetrator is then obliged to say three times as loud as can be managed, "Tongue thou hast lied!"



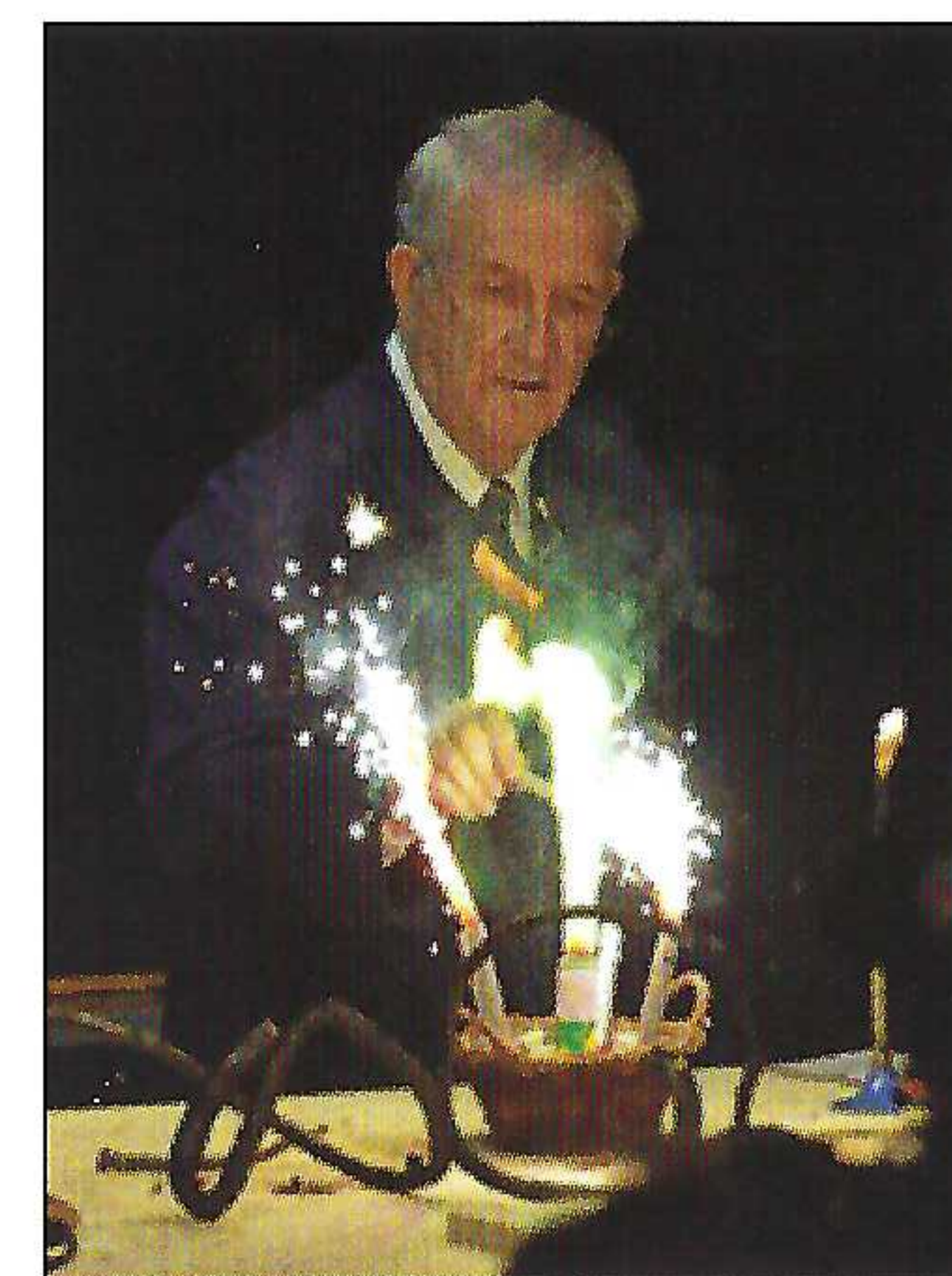
A Scold's Bridle or Brank

A somewhat similar instrument was used in various parts of England, where it was called "the bridle" or "the brank". In Scotland too, this instrument was used for the correction of scolds and gossips. Most commonly it was made of a thin strip of iron, which passed over and round the head and then was firmly fastened behind by a padlock. The bit was a flat piece of iron which was about two inches long and one inch broad and this went into the mouth and kept the tongue down by its pressure.

In Walton on Thames a scold's bridle, dated 1633, is displayed in the vestry of the church, with the inscription "Chester presents Walton with a bridle, to curb women's tongues that talk too idle." The story is that someone named Chester lost a fortune due to a woman's gossip, and presented the town with the instrument of torture out of anger and spite. I believe that as late as 1856 a bridle was still in use at Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire.

contributed widely to both the technical and professional development of his field, by giving popular lectures and authorising the only standard text book on the topic.

Throughout his busy business working life, he remained a faithful priest, often preparing Chapel services early on a Sunday morning after returning from a



display. He is now retired and lives in Kimbolton; throughout his life, he has exercised his skills across the sciences, in his work as a Priest and as a schoolmaster.

Today Kimbolton Fireworks remain a family-owned business with a commitment to deliver the highest quality products and services. The original company motto was 'Ex luce lucellum – out of light a little profit', now it is 'Unrivalled in quality and service'.

Left: The Revd Ronald Lancaster lecturing on pyrotechnics.

TEN WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR PRAYER LIFE

Moses went to a mountaintop to hear God. Jesus fled to the desert. But for many Christians, their most regular place for praying is whatever pew they sit in on Sundays. Work, children, chores and other duties make stopping for prayer sometimes seem a luxury. That's not the way it's supposed to be. Souls, like vines, tend to grow wild and weak when untended. No matter what the season is on the church calendar – Advent, Lent, Easter and Pentecost – or all of the times in between, prayer is what fuels Christians. Prayer is the catalyst, Prayer, like tennis, takes practice to become accomplished. Here's some pointers condensed into ten tips about prayer:

You are worthy: Do not feel guilty about the quality of your prayer life, or fall victim to doubts and despair about your worthiness to talk to God. Each of us has a spiritual gift.

The more you pray, the richer your prayers become: To deepen your prayer life, don't be a slacker. Like anything in life, to become good at prayer you must be disciplined. Just as running is an exercise in fitness, prayer is a spiritual discipline.

fireworks well before November 5th. He went on family excursions to watch the regular displays at the Belle Vue Arena in Manchester. But his true career as a pyro technician began in the 1940's when, with his cousin, he saved his pocket money and bought sulphur and potassium nitrate from the local chemist's shop. Even in those days, Ronald had a nose for business and realised that to spend 6d on potassium chlorate was excessive, as the same amount of money would buy two fish suppers. So he put his knowledge of re-crystallization into making the substance himself at home.

Success in A level and Scholarship level exams in Sciences brought Ronald to Saint John's College in 1950. After some discussion with the Principal he enrolled for the General Arts Degree with an intention of eventually studying Medicine. This intention changed, however, and after National Service he went to Cuddesdon to train for Ordination.

After training, some Parish work and an exploration of two University Chaplaincies, he went to Kimbolton School in Huntingdonshire in 1963 to serve as both Chaplain and Chemistry teacher, posts he held for 25 years. The school occupies the Castle, which was where Katharine of Aragon died. It had also been the home of Sir John Popham, the presiding judge at the trial of Guy Fawkes.

Having obtained official permission, Ronald set up a small laboratory at the School and despite difficulties with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company and a strong anti-fireworks sentiment at the time, the Kimbolton Fireworks company factory was eventually established, mainly producing exciting new fireworks for display.

Ronald's achievements in this field are legendary, including celebrations of the Silver Jubilee, the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain and VJ day, the Hong Kong Handover, Trafalgar 200, the opening of the Thames Barrier and many, many more. The Royal Family always enjoyed his Cowes Week demonstrations and he became their favourite pyro technician and was awarded the MBE for his services to the industry.

Over the years he has invented many new types of firework and his company remains the only independent one in the UK, winning many industrial awards and providing displays that give pleasure to millions each year. He has



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THE MAN WITH TWO TOMBS

William Canynges (c.1399–1474) was a merchant and shipper from Bristol and one of the wealthiest men of his day; he was even, on occasions, a royal financier. He served as Mayor of Bristol five times and as Bristol's MP three times. He was a patron of the arts and in particular his local church S. Mary Redcliffe. At an unknown date before 1429 William married Joan Burton, who was from a prominent Bristol family, but following her death in 1467, he renounced all civic and commercial life and was ordained a priest in 1468, in which capacity he remained until his death six years later.

Before the Dissolution of the Monasteries, Bristol was within the Diocese of Worcester, being under the care of Bishop John Carpenter. William Canynges first obtained the post of rector of S. Alban's, Worcester and was installed by the bishop on 19th September 1467 to the order of acolyte and ordained priest by him on 16th April 1468. He was appointed a canon of the Collegiate Church of Westbury-on-Trym and Prebendary of Goodringhill. He said Mass for the first time in S. Mary Redcliffe, (the church to which he had been a generous patron). The following Whitsuntide he moved his residence from Redcliffe to Westbury where he became Dean in June 1469, and where he remained until his death five years later in 1474.

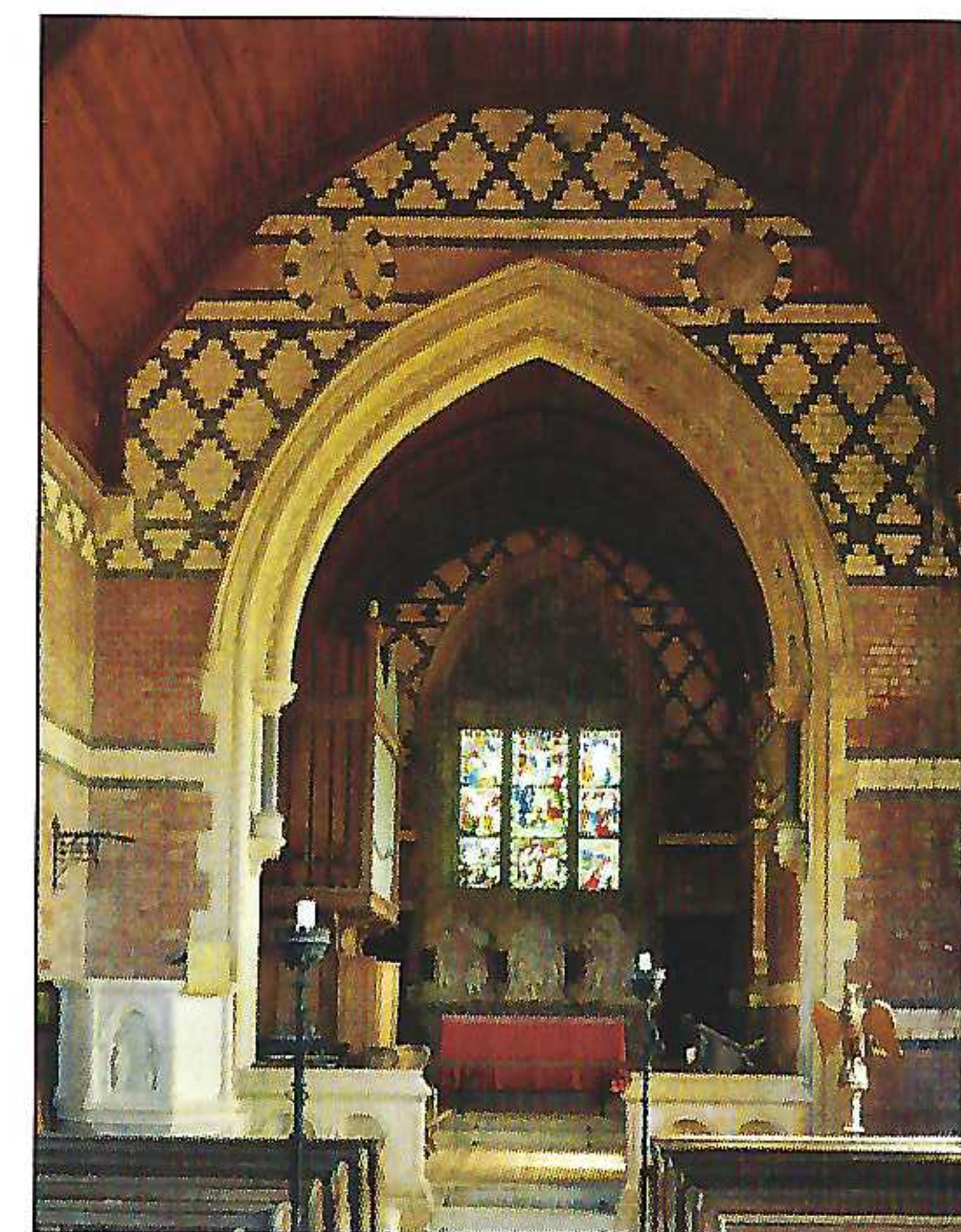


Two different monuments to William exist, and they are both now in the church of S. Mary Redcliffe and the two monuments are sited next to each other and they can be found beside the south wall of the south aisle.

William died either on 17th or 19th November 1474 and was buried in the elaborate tomb in S. Mary Redcliffe alongside his wife Joan. William is dressed in his mayoral robes lying with his head on a cushion being supported by angels as can be seen above.

The interior walls are of polychrome brick, red with black and white bands. The chancel arch is of moulded stone. The reredos is arched on Purbeck marble with alabaster carving depicting the Last Supper. The east window and rose window at the west end contain stained glass.

Other features of the church include a piscina and sedilia, an altar rail with wrought iron standards, a low stone screen, carved stone pulpit and a square font. There are ornate wrought iron lamp brackets on the north and south walls of the nave and a pipe organ on the south side of the chancel. It is furnished with benches, which include choir stalls, and a carved wooden eagle lectern.



A ring of eight bells installed in 1897 cost an additional £425/18/6d. From the late 1920s the bells became unsafe and fell into disuse; in the 1950s they were removed from the tower and stored in the porch. They were eventually refurbished and restored to the tower in working order in July 1994.

S. Helena's is an "extra parochial place", meaning that Lundy Island does not fall within the boundaries of any ecclesiastical parish (in similar manner, Lundy is not part of any civil parish); however the church and the island is in the care of the Hartland Coast Team Ministry.

THE FIREWORK PRIEST

The Master, Blaster, Pastor were three words often used to describe the Revd Ronald Lancaster, who has successfully combined the roles of school teacher, pyro technician, businessman and Parish Priest for many years, bringing to each commitment, insight, hard work and common sense often found in a Yorkshireman.

He was born in 1931 Huddersfield, where the Railway Station proudly carried the advertisement "Huddersfield, the Home of Standard Fireworks". Growing up in such a town, which was also the home of Lion Fireworks, it was almost inevitable that he would acquire a fascination with buying, watching and even making fireworks. The young Ronald saved up his pocket money to buy exotic

S. HELENA'S CHURCH, LUNDY ISLAND

The Church of S. Helena is an Anglican church on the island of Lundy, lying at the mouth of the Bristol Channel, 18km off the north coast and part of the county of Devon. There is no resident priest on the island and a permanent population of less than fifty souls. The church is only irregularly used to hold services, though it is open to visitors and is part of the Diocese of Exeter.

The church was preceded by earlier buildings with a similar dedication. A small chapel on the island, probably founded in the 12th or 13th century, was dedicated to S. Elena but it fell into disrepair by the 17th century, however it was noted that a temporary corrugated iron structure was dedicated to Saint Helena in 1885.

The present square-towered stone church was built in the mid-1890s by the Revd Hudson Grosset Heaven, financed by an 1895 bequest from Sarah Langworthy, born Sarah Heaven, of the Heaven family which owned Lundy from 1834 to 1918. The church was designed by eminent Victorian architect John Norton, completed in 1896 and consecrated on 17th June 1897 by Edward Bickersteth, the then Bishop of Exeter.

The NW-SE orientation of the church does not conform to the usual east-west alignment, possibly a result of a deep bed of clay found at the site when the foundations were laid. It is largely built of local granite blocks derived from ruined cottages on the island. The tower is 23m in height and the total cost of construction was £4104/5/7, with architect's fees of £286/0/8.



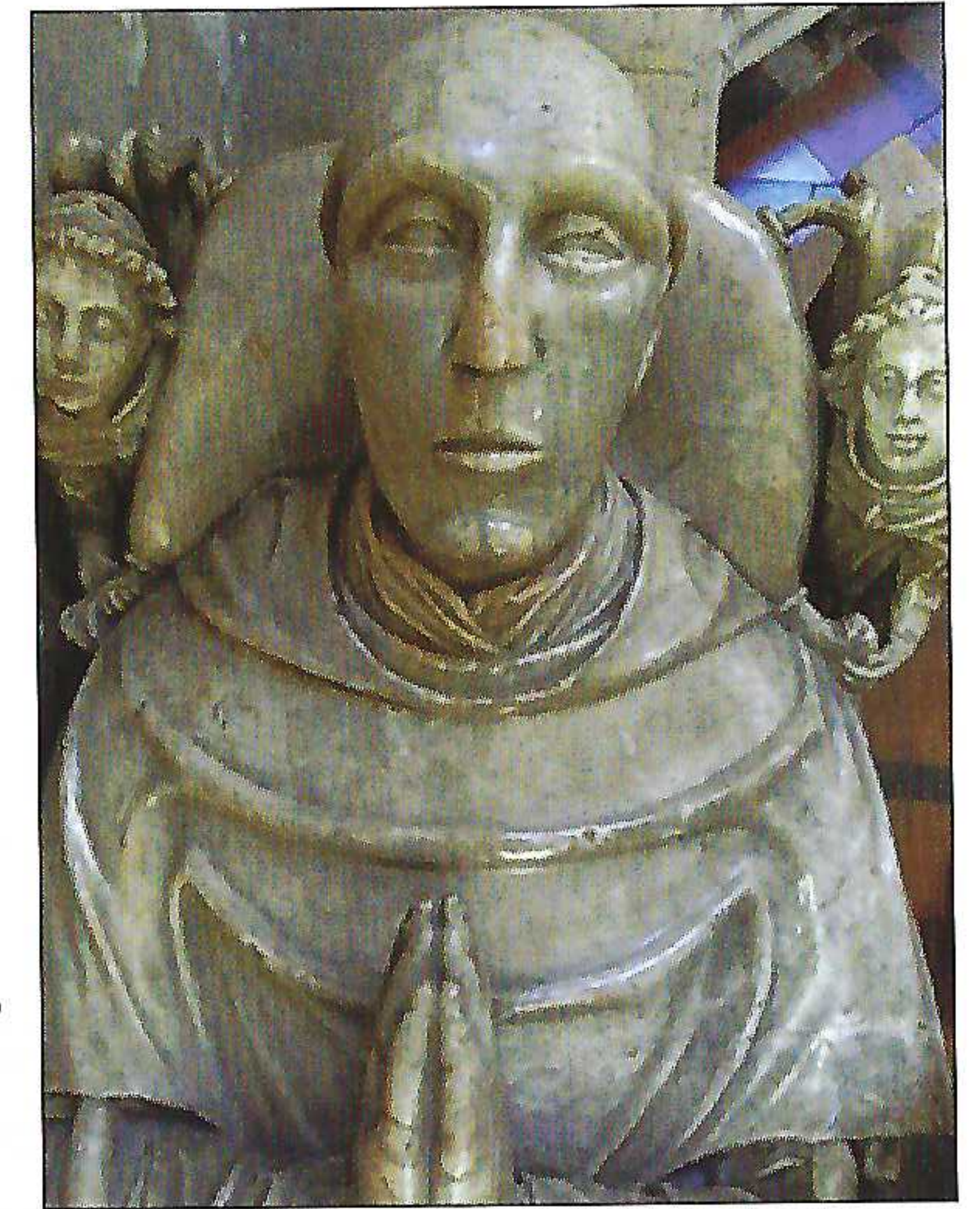
The slate roof has crested ridge tiles and stone coped gable ends. The tower, with an adjoining square stair turret, has battlements, gargoyles at the corners and lancet bell-openings with trefoil heads and slate louvres.

There is a clock face above a niche containing a figure of S. Helena, over the chamfered, wooden-gated, arch doorway to the porch.

The interior comprises a nave with a porch beneath the tower, and a chancel, with a transept vestry on the north side.

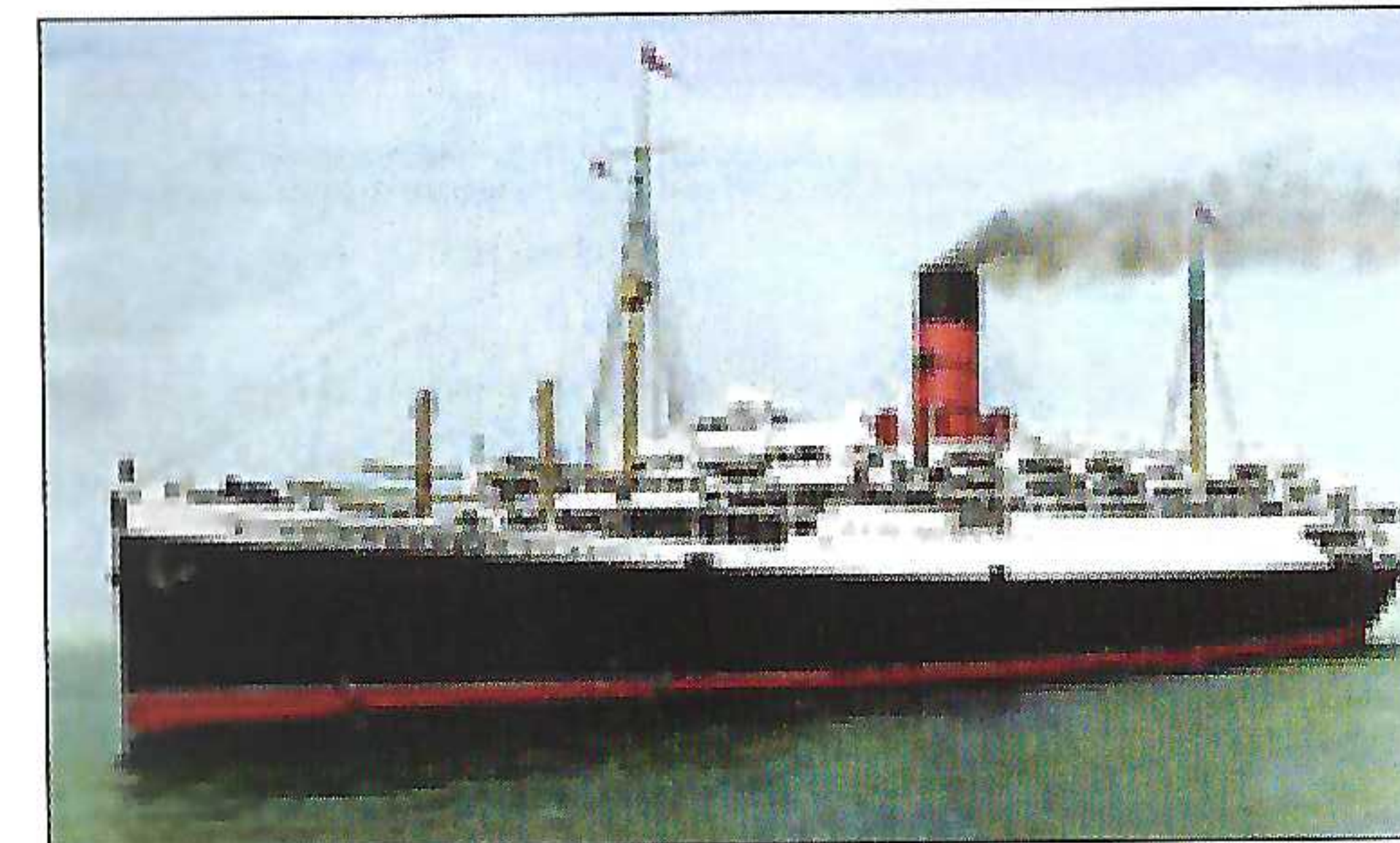
In the meantime a funeral service was also held at Westbury-on-Trym, where a very high quality sculpted alabaster effigy of William was installed. He is dressed in clerical attire of canonical vestments, The Westbury effigy is very plain and simple with no colour but here William's head is resting on a Bible which is supported by angels.

After the Dissolution of Monasteries including Westbury, the effigy was moved to S. Mary Redcliffe, where it is now situated adjacent to the original monument so making it appear that he is a man with two tombs.



75 YEARS SINCE HMT LANCASTRIA BOMBING

The Annual Memorial service was held in June to mark the 75 years since thousands of people lost their lives in, what was, Britain's worst maritime disaster.



The final numbers of fatalities have never actually been confirmed but there were thought to be more than 6,000 servicemen and civilians on board the HMT Lancastria – with some estimates being as high as 9,000 – when the Clyde-built ship was bombed and sank off the coast of France during the Second World

War. It is estimated that about 2,500 survived, representing a greater loss of life than both the Titanic and Lusitania disasters put together.

The service was held at the Lancastria Memorial in the grounds of the Golden Jubilee Hospital in Dumbartonshire. The hospital, which was opened in 1994, sits on the site of the former Beardmore and Son's Shipbuilding Yard, where the HMT Lancastria was built. There is also another memorial to the victims on the

seafront in St. Nazaire, the nearest French port to the disaster; this monument is inscribed in French on one side and English on the other.

The annual commemorative service provides support for survivors, their families and the families who lost loved ones during the sinking of this troopship. It has taken a long time to erect a major memorial to tell the story of this enormous sacrifice. However now the memorial is freely accessible to all at any time and hopefully will bring some comfort to so many of the families who have no known grave to visit in France. It is fitting that the memorial is situated, not only where the Lancastria was built, but also on the site of a national hospital that helps save lives on a daily basis.



A sculpture (Left) was unveiled in 2011 and is set on a granite block with a commemorative text. It was created by the Fife artist Marion Smith. The bronze represents the early steel sheet construction of the Lancastria.

The story of the ship is that the 16,243-ton

luxury liner was launched in 1917 for the Anchor Line as the cruise liner 'Tyrrhenia', then was taken over as a troop ship in 1939 and renamed 'Lancastria'. After evacuating troops from Norway, the Lancastria headed for France to rescue many of the 150,000 troops left behind after Dunkirk. The ship was sunk by a German Junkers 88 bomber off the French coast at St. Nazaire on 17th June 1940. Four bombs were dropped at 3.50pm, sinking her within 20 minutes. So serious and secret was this terrible disaster that the Prime Minister Winston Churchill banned all news coverage of the event with a 'D' notice, fearing that the immense scale of the tragedy and loss of life would drastically affect public morale and the details of this terrible event were kept from the general public for many years.

WHO? WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?

We are a group of singers coming together at S. Teilo's, Llantillo Pertholey, for the week immediately following Easter Sunday 2016 to sing daily Choral High Mass (according to the traditional language of the Prayer Book) and two other special events, a performance of Stainer's Crucifixion and an Easter Festival of Lessons and Anthems. Singers and non-singers are equally welcome to attend the festival, as are servers and clergy interested in participating.



The settings for the week will be Harris in F, Nicholson in G, Darke in F, Ireland in C, Harwood in A Flat and Mozart's Missa brevis in G (KV.140) – the "Pastoral" Mass. The anthems will be Rejoice in the Lord (George Rathbone), Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem (CV Stanford) and Te Deums: Stanford in C and B Flat, Harwood in A Flat, and Purcell in B Flat.

Rehearsal audio files will be sent out about late September. There will be several lengthy full choir rehearsals during the week, but it is anticipated that choristers will learn the notes in advance of arrival in Wales. There will be several free afternoons for all choristers, and several additional free afternoons for friends and partners, all of whom are most welcome.

Breakfast will be provided daily, as will post-event wine and soft drinks and nibbles and afternoon tea during rehearsal breaks. Twin occupancy en-suite accommodation is provided in the group hotel, as is all scheduled transportation from arrival at the hotel following registration until the return to the group hotel following the final service on Saturday.

Cost will be £495 per person, based on twin/double occupancy; the single room supplement will be £200. The non-residential day rate will be £295 per person, and will exclude breakfast, accommodations, and coach travel.

In order to register interest, please contact the Festival Director, James Reed, by email: JNMR84094@gmail.com

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NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

SS. Felix and Fursey, Bury St Edmunds

The New Year was welcomed in with the admission of a probationer, Stephen Roberts, prior to the singing of the Guild Office which was then followed by our 67th Annual General Meeting. For several years the Annual Meeting has been held in the lovely church of All Saints at the centre of the village of Fornham. This church has the advantage of good heating, a friendly welcome and lovely refreshments provided by the parishioners. About forty souls were in attendance for the Guild Office and at the AGM all the officers were re-elected back into their positions. The Chapter programme for 2015 was approved and it was noted that this included the singing of the Guild Office, the celebration of the Mass and the Stations of the Cross, sometimes at previously visited venues and occasionally at new ones. Thanks were particularly expressed to our Chaplain, Fr. Geoffrey Smith and to our organist Bro. Trevor Nichols, who was supported by his choir who faithfully led and enhanced our worship. Although our membership is small we are very fortunate to have a faithful group of Guild supporters as was illustrated in March when we visited S. Mary's church in Newmarket for the Stations of the Cross and where we were joined by some members of the neighbouring Chapter of S. Etheldreda in Cambridge. Our Eastertide Mass was held at St Edmundsbury Cathedral where our members and supporters enjoyed fine fellowship and refreshment.

S. John the Divine, Leicester

S. Nicholas, Fleckney was the venue for our March meeting when Fr. Colin Southall led us around the Stations of the Cross. Twenty one members were present and we were joined by several friends and supporters and some of the congregation of S. Nicholas. It was a really inspiring meditation on Our Lord's Way of the Cross. We adjourned to the church hall for light refreshments and fellowship after the service. Our April meeting was held at S. Andrew, Prestwold and was attended by fifteen members, friends and supporters. Fr. Walter Burleigh, our Chaplain, sang the Office and the Address was given by Fr. Simon Richardson. It is always a joy to visit this lovely small church in the grounds of the stately home, Prestwold Hall. We did not meet in May and our June meeting was the Corpus Christi Festival for the Catholic Societies in Leicester at S. Aidan's, New Parks. Here the Principal Celebrant and Preacher at the Sung Mass was the Rt. Revd John Salt, former Bishop of S. Helena. At the end of Mass there was an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction. Members of the chapter provided the serving team and others robed for the service. There were twenty one members present. We joined with the Coventry Chapter at S.

Catherine's Church, Burbage on July 2nd for Guild Office, Address, Procession and Benediction. Fr. Norman Stevens, the Coventry Chapter Chaplain, sang the Office and Fr. Terry Colling gave the Address and Benediction. At the beginning of the service Hayley Petts was admitted as a probationer member by Fr. Walter Burleigh, the Leicester Chapter Chaplain. Twenty four members of the Leicester Chapter were present together with some members, friends and supporters of both the Leicester and Coventry Chapters and some of the members of S. Catherine's congregation joined us. Our thanks were expressed for the much needed refreshments and for Nigel Allcoat, organist for the evening.

S. Etheldreda, Cambridge

Our April meeting saw a good attendance at S. Peter's in Ely for Guild Office and Benediction. We were made very welcome by this small but dedicated congregation. In May we held a slightly less well attended meeting in Holy Trinity Balsham where again the Guild Office was sung and Benediction given. Our highlight of the 2015 programme so far was a visit to S. Mary in Southery. This is a small but very faithful congregation on the edge of Norfolk where we were made very welcome by Joan Horan the parish priest and her flock. The Guild Office was sung and Benediction was given and Joan Horan preached very well on the Mystery of the Eucharist; we also managed to fill the church with incense. The Chapter has taken on a new lease of life with the introduction of new Priests Associate and servers.

S. Andrew, Romford

The Chapter continues with an active programme of monthly meetings, although our attendances remain on the low side. It was good to note that we were represented at both the Epiphany Festival and the Easter Festival and Annual General Meeting. At our own AGM in March the Committee were re-elected for a further term. In June we enjoyed our annual joint meeting in the City of London with the Chapter of S. Hugh of Lincoln, this year at S. Mary, Abchurch, with the singing at Mass boosted by an excellent small choir under the direction of our Chapter organist. Several members also took part in the Patronal Festival at S. Alban's, Romford, the church under the care of our Chaplain Father Hingley. The church is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

S. Joseph of Arimathaea, Portsmouth

For our May meeting we celebrated a BCP Mass in the ancient Saxon Church in Corhampton. Although this church is not of our tradition the people here are always very welcoming and we try to visit every other year. Unfortunately because of a series of problems and a number of people being unavailable on

Scripture does not reveal the name of the boy with the barley loaves and fish. Yet, it is known that his service was offered to and accepted by Our Lord. Similarly, servers offer to Our Lord their service at the Altar. As a result, servers have the privilege of being close to Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist and providing a service to him.

Servers are called to follow the example of the Patron Saint, Saint Tarcisus. Tarcisus was a devout server who loved the Holy Eucharist. He lived during the time of the Roman Emperor Valerian, who persecuted Christians harshly, forcing them to meet secretly in the catacombs and making dangerous the custom of bringing the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and the imprisoned.

One day after Mass, when the Priest asked who was willing to bring the Holy Eucharist to the Christians in prison, Tarcisus stood up and said, "Send me!" The Priest thought that Tarcisus was too young for such a dangerous assignment. "My youth," said Tarcisus, "will be the best protection for the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The guards will not suspect a boy."

Convinced, the Priest gave Tarcisus the Holy Eucharist but warned him, "Remember that a heavenly treasure is entrusted to your care. Do not forget that holy things must not be thrown to the dogs, nor gems before swine. Will you guard it faithfully?" "I will die," asserted Tarcisus, "rather than give it up."



Along the way to the prison, Tarcisus met some boys in the street. The pagan youth asked him to join them in a game. When he declined, they saw that he was clutching something to his chest and appeared to defend it. The boys became suspicious and insisted that he play. Then, they tried to tear the package from him. The struggle became more and more intense, especially when they learned that Tarcisus was a Christian. The group of boys kicked Tarcisus, and threw stones at him, but he did not let go. A passing soldier scared the boys away and took the beaten Tarcisus to the Priest. Tarcisus arrived dead with his hands still clutched tightly against his chest. The Blessed Sacrament, however, was nowhere to be found on the body of Tarcisus, nor was it in his hands, or in between the folds of his clothes.

He was buried in the Catacombs of Saint Callixtus. The date of the death of Saint Tarcisus is believed to be 15th August 257.

abandoned and left to fall into ruin. Mystery always surrounded the fate of the bell from the church tower and gave rise to one or two local legends.

The disappearance of the bell sparked many a rumour. Some claimed that it ended up in the church tower at the nearby village of Shapwick. Others say it found its way to Sturminster Marshall, a little further away. Local legend would have it that the Devil himself stole the bell and threw it into the River Allen. It is said that the villagers attempted to retrieve the bell but could not overcome the Devil's strength as he held on tightly to it. When a villager suggested they yoke a team of pure white oxen it seemed they were about to retrieve the precious bell. Pulling hard the oxen drew the bell close to the surface and the villagers cried, "Now we've got out the bell, in spite of all the devils in hell!" only to see the ropes part and release it. Their bell sank to the bottom once more and was never seen again. A more plausible story is that thieves took the bell with the intention of selling it abroad. They were chased as far as an old bridge crossing the River Stour, just downstream from White Mill. Realising they could not escape with their booty the thieves threw it into the river. Attempting to rescue the bell villagers found that every time they managed to secure it their ropes would mysteriously break, leaving the bell to rest in the river bed for ever. This story gave rise to the following rhyme:-

"Knowlton bell is stole
And thrown into White Mill hole,
Where all the devils in hell
could never pull up Knowlton Bell."

GUARDING THE HOLY SACRAMENT

Being Guild members we know that to serve at the Altar is a great privilege and ministry and that it is possible for servers to trace their lineage right back to a young boy who also offered himself to Our Lord.

The Gospel, according to S. John, relates the story of this boy:- *When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." So they sat down, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill they then filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves...*

Saturdays, our June meeting in a church in a National Trust Property site had to be cancelled as did our joint meeting with the Isle of Wight Chapter this year. This was due to availability problems at the proposed host church in Shanklin. We do not meet in the holiday month of August so our next Chapter meeting will not be until September at S. Edmund's Old Church, Crofton.

S. Luke, Northamptonshire

The Chapter met early in July at S. John the Baptist, Chelveston, after having to cancel our meeting in May. At S. John's we only had nine robed servers in this very pretty country church. The singing of the Guild Office here was simple but very satisfying. Fr. Alan Cole SSC officiated and gave Benediction and Fr. David Maudlin SSC, Associate Chaplain was also present. Several apologies for sickness or other enforced absence were received by the Secretary. We were accorded a kind welcome by two of the church's social committee members, who were thanked during a short business session which was held to discuss forward planning and our future programme. One probationer looks forward to admission at a future Guild Office in her own parish church. Organist, Bro. Adrian Smith, was welcomed on his return to the console after many weeks of hospitalisation and medical care. Lay Chairman, Bro. Ray Jackson, emphasised again the importance of being half an hour early in order to complete preparations. Mutual good wishes were shared for the summer period.

S. Chad, Coventry

Five of our members attended the Easter Festival and AGM in London this year. We were privileged to be invited to carry the statue of Our Lady in the outside procession around the parish of S. Andrew's, Leicester at the Annual May Festival. The procession included the Campus of the De Montfort University and the student accommodation buildings. Canon Barry Naylor was the Celebrant and Terry Drummond C.A. was the preacher for the Mass which followed the procession. We were welcomed in the Community Hall for hospitality after Mass. Our summer outing was held on Saturday 27th June when we attended the 86th Annual Summer Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Egmont. Our servers were again called upon to be involved in the serving team for the day's celebrations. The Principal Celebrant and preacher was Fr. Grant Naylor vicar of S. Matthew's, Sheffield. A service in honour of Our Lady followed in the afternoon culminating in Benediction given by Fr. Grant. Lunches and teas were provided all day in the village hall. We visited S. Catherine's, Burbage in July to sing the Guild Office, Address Procession and Benediction. This was a well-attended meeting with servers and friends from our own Chapter and our neighbouring Chapter of S. John the Divine in

Leicester. A total of fifty members including at least two officials of the Guild, the Secretary-General, the Treasurer-General plus also the Guild photographer Mary Attenborough. We thanked Fr. Norman Stevens for officiating at the Office and Fr. Terry Colling for preaching and giving Benediction. Sis. Hayley Petts was admitted as a Probationer member by Fr. Walter Burleigh, the Leicester Chapter Chaplain during the service. We also thanked the ladies of the parish who provided the superb refreshments.

SS. Osmund and Swithun, Bournemouth

Our first meeting in 2015 was held in February and was in the church of S. Francis, Charminster in Bournemouth. This was a joint Mass with our brothers and sisters from The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and the local Ward of The Stigmata of S. Francis. It was a great joy that these organisations, which are strongly committed to the Catholic Faith, worshipped together in unity and harmony. The Celebrant was Fr. Robin Nash from the Ward of the Stigmata of S. Francis. It was also very fitting that the Mass was celebrated in a church dedicated to that blessed saint of Assisi. Our next meeting was in March when we progressed around the Stations of the Cross in S. Katherine's church, Southbourne in Bournemouth. The Stations devotions were followed by our Annual General Meeting. Here Fr. Chris Lollidge was confirmed as our new Chaplain replacing our much loved former Chaplain Fr. Paul Hastrop who has had to resign because of ongoing health problems. Our thanks were passed to Fr. John White the parish priest of S. Katherine's for our warm welcome. In May we met in the church of S. Ambrose, Westbourne in Bournemouth where we sang the Guild Office led by our new Chaplain Fr. Chris Lollidge. The Office was followed by Benediction which was given by Fr. Adrian Pearce, the Priest-in-Charge of S. Ambrose's.

Chapter of S. Brannock

The Chapter of S. Brannock celebrated its 50th anniversary with a festival in Barnstaple Parish Church of S. Peter and S. Mary Magdalene on 4th July. The Chapter Chaplain, Fr. Geoffrey Squire presided at a concelebrated Mass of Christ the King at which Fr Darren Smith the new Guild Warden gave the address and the Secretary General read the second lesson. The Chapter were honoured with the presence of the Archdeacon of Barnstaple and the mayor. The Guild Office was sung and then followed a Procession of Our Lady through the streets. This included a statue of Our Lady on a flower-decked bier accompanied by two blazing fire torches and a pipes and drums band. The festival ended with Solemn Benediction during which the new hymn 'Jesus, we adore you' set to the tune of Land of hope and glory' and a sung version of the Divine Praises were sung.

KNOWLTON CHURCH

Not many parish churches stand in ruins and even fewer still occupy sites associated with prehistoric rituals. Four thousand years separate the main late Neolithic earthwork at Knowlton in Dorset and the Norman church that stands at its centre. The earthwork is one of the great Neolithic and Bronze Age ceremonial complexes in southern England.

The main earthwork at Knowlton is of a type known as a henge (shade of Flanders and Swann) dating from 3000 to 2000 BC. Luckily this Church Henge, as it is now known, which is in the middle of fields, has been protected from agricultural damage but the earthworks nearby have been less fortunate.



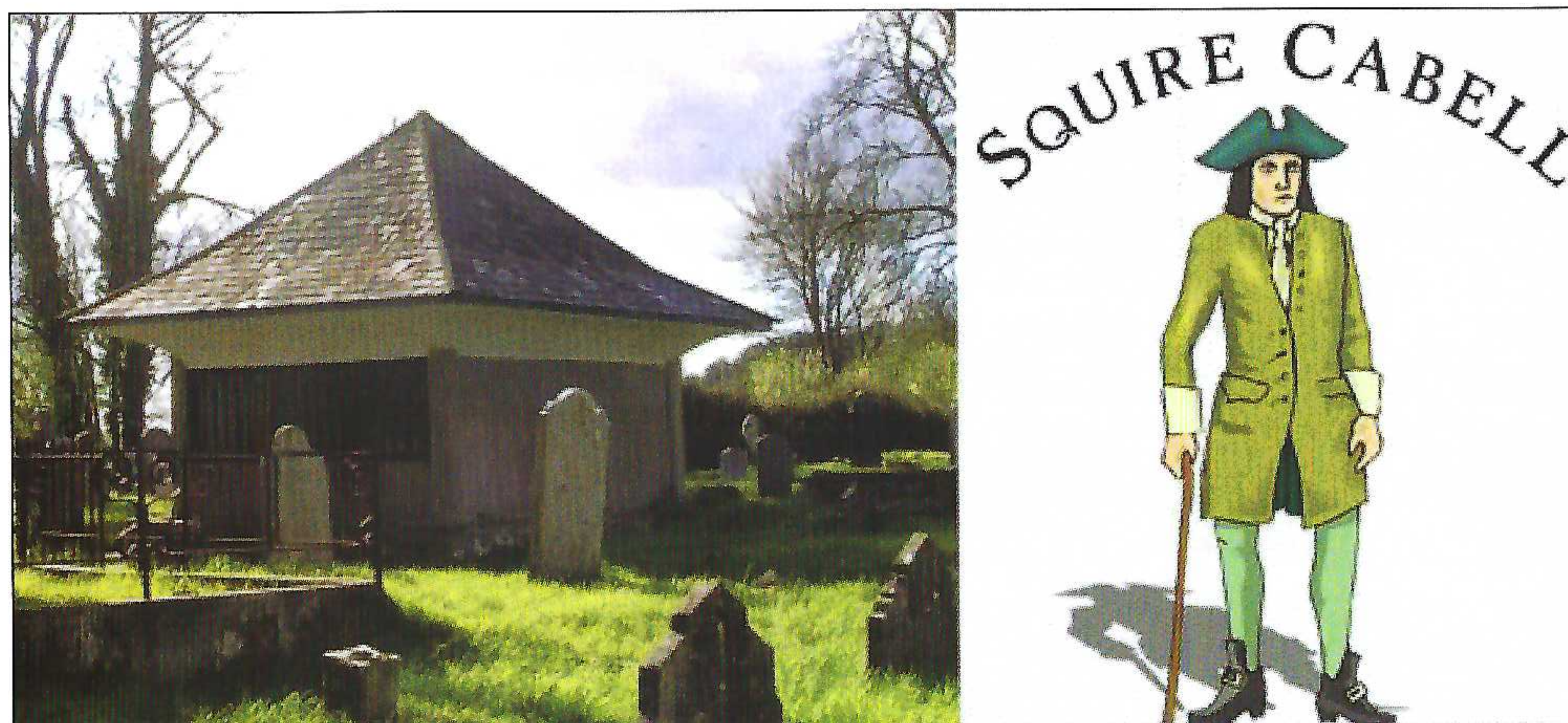
The church was built in the 12th century and was in use until the 17th century, serving a now vanished hamlet by the riverside. Its Norman origins are evident from the plain round arch leading into the east end or chancel, and from the round-headed arches of the arcade dividing the nave from the north aisle. The south door also looks Norman. The tower at the west end is 15th century, and is built of flint with bands of stone; the line of the church roof is clearly visible on its eastern face. At the east end of the north aisle there appears to have been a lady chapel. Whatever the reason for building a church within a Neolithic henge, it is certainly very curious.

Although the area these days is somewhat desolate, the village of Knowlton was once a thriving community, even holding its own annual fair. In 1485 the village suffered the fate of so many other villages and was almost wiped out by the Black Death. All that remains of the village today are the vague traces of foundations in a field near the church. Despite this epidemic the church continued in use until the early part of the eighteenth century. In or around 1747 the church was given a new roof which promptly fell in! The church was

a hint that we are not dealing with the normal family burial plot. It will strongly suggest that somebody is trying to contain something and there we have the legend.

Richard Cabell lived during the 1600's and was the local squire at Buckfastleigh. He had a passion for hunting and was in those days described as a 'monstrously evil man'. He gained this reputation for amongst other things immorality and having sold his soul to the Devil. There was also a rumour that he had murdered his wife.

On the 5th July 1677 he passed away and was laid to rest in 'the sepulchre' but that was only the beginning of the story. The night of his interment saw a phantom pack of hounds come baying across the moor to howl at his tomb. From that night onwards he could be found leading the phantom pack across the moor usually on the anniversary of his death. If the pack were not out hunting they could be found ranging around his grave howling and shrieking.



In an attempt to lay the soul to rest the villagers built a large building (above) around the tomb and to be doubly sure a huge slab was placed on top of the grave to stop the ghost of the squire ever escaping. Even after taking these drastic measures people still have reported, on occasions, a strange red glow emanating through the iron bars along the side of the tomb. Other folk have reported seeing a whole host of demonic creatures gathered around the grave trying to get the promised soul for their master.

A strange tale indeed.

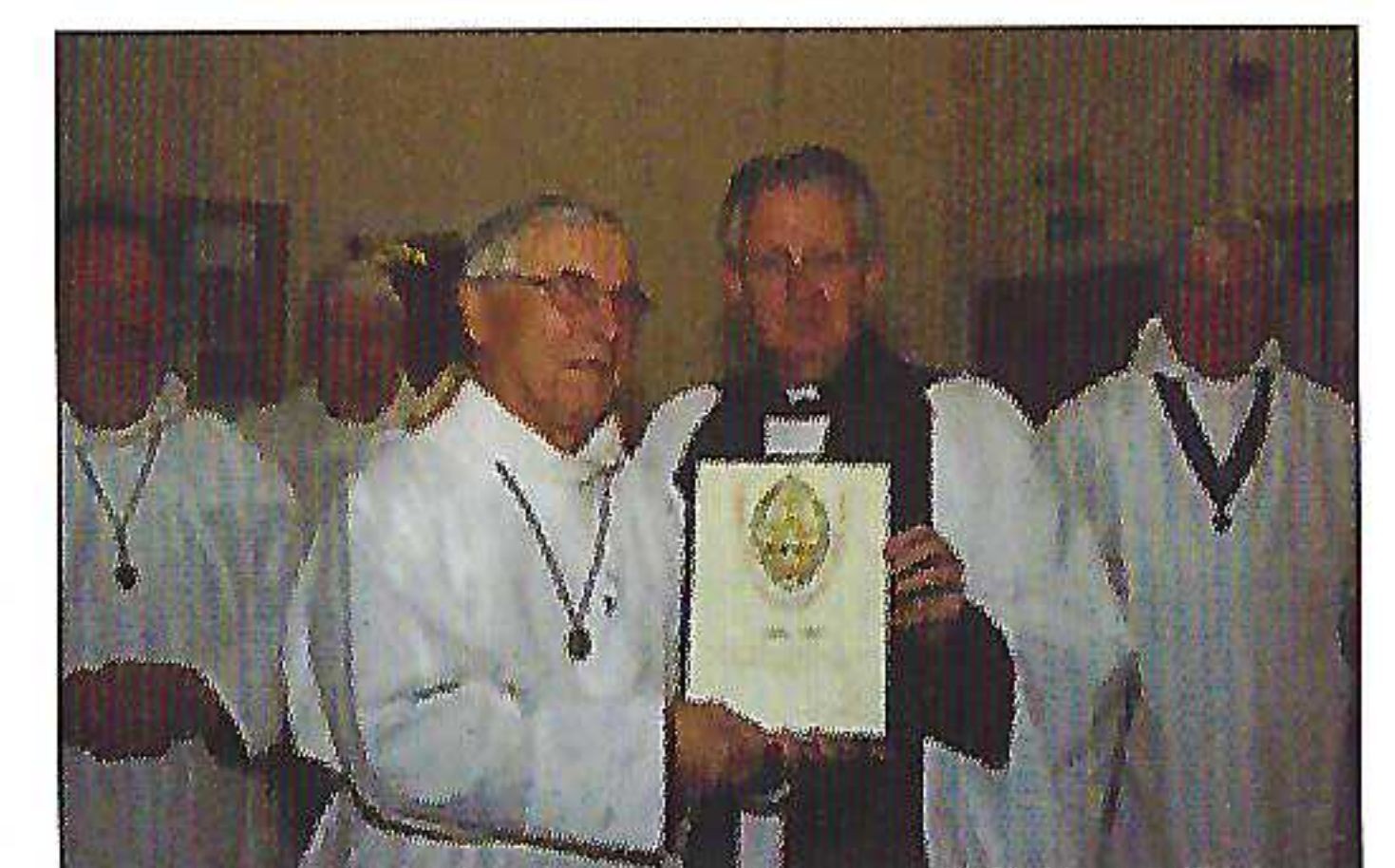
MIDLANDS AREA FESTIVAL

There were about One hundred and fifty present at Hereford Cathedral on Saturday June 27th for the Midlands Area Festival. The Celebrant at the Mass was The Warden, Fr. Darren Smith and the Dean of Hereford preached the Sermon. At the end of the Mass we gathered at the Shrine of S. Thomas of Hereford. We were supported at the Mass by a choir. The Guild Office was sung by Fr. Alan Roberts and Benediction was given by Fr. Darren and was held in the Lady Chapel. We were given a very warm welcome by the Dean and Precentor and the staff. A most uplifting day.



SEVENTY-EIGHT YEARS A SERVER

On 24th June the church of S. John the Baptist, Newcastle celebrated its Patronal festival and this was attended by members of the Chapter of S. Benet Biscop with S. Oswald's who were robed and included in the procession. Following the Service there was a presentation to Bro. John Bell a long time member of the S. Benet Biscop Chapter



who celebrated seventy eight years as a server! At the "tender" age of six John was boat boy to his uncle who was the Thurifer whilst his father was MC! John was presented with a plate, made by another server at S. John's, Glyn Thomas and Fr. Nicholas, Councillor Rolland Robins and Fr. Andrew Beeston, the Chapter Chaplain then presented John with a specially designed certificate, following which Canon Peter Strange said a few words and to this John made his thanks.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tin Tabernacles

Re your article about The Church in the Woods, in the Summer edition of *The Server*, there is a similar church still in use at Littlebury Green in my former Deanery of Saffron Walden in Essex and probably another still at Carshalton in Surrey, which I knew as a youth, where there was (and maybe still is) a congregation of "The Free Church of England".

Canon Father Brian J. Macdonald-Milne

Formerly Rural Dean of Saffron Walden and later Chaplain of the Chapter of S. Etheldreda, Cambridge (now retired).

S. FAITH

Here is a short piece for all those whose place of worship is dedicated to S. Faith (my own church is one. Ed).

A charm-divination on the 6th October, St. Faith's day, is still in use in the North of England. A cake of flour, spring water, salt and sugar, is made by three girls, each having an equal hand in the composition. It is then baked in a Dutch oven, silence being strictly preserved and turned thrice by each person. When it is well baked, it must be divided into three equal parts, and each girl must cut her share into nine pieces, drawing every piece through a wedding-ring which had been borrowed from a woman who has been married seven years. Each girl must eat her pieces of cake while she is undressing, and repeat the following verses:

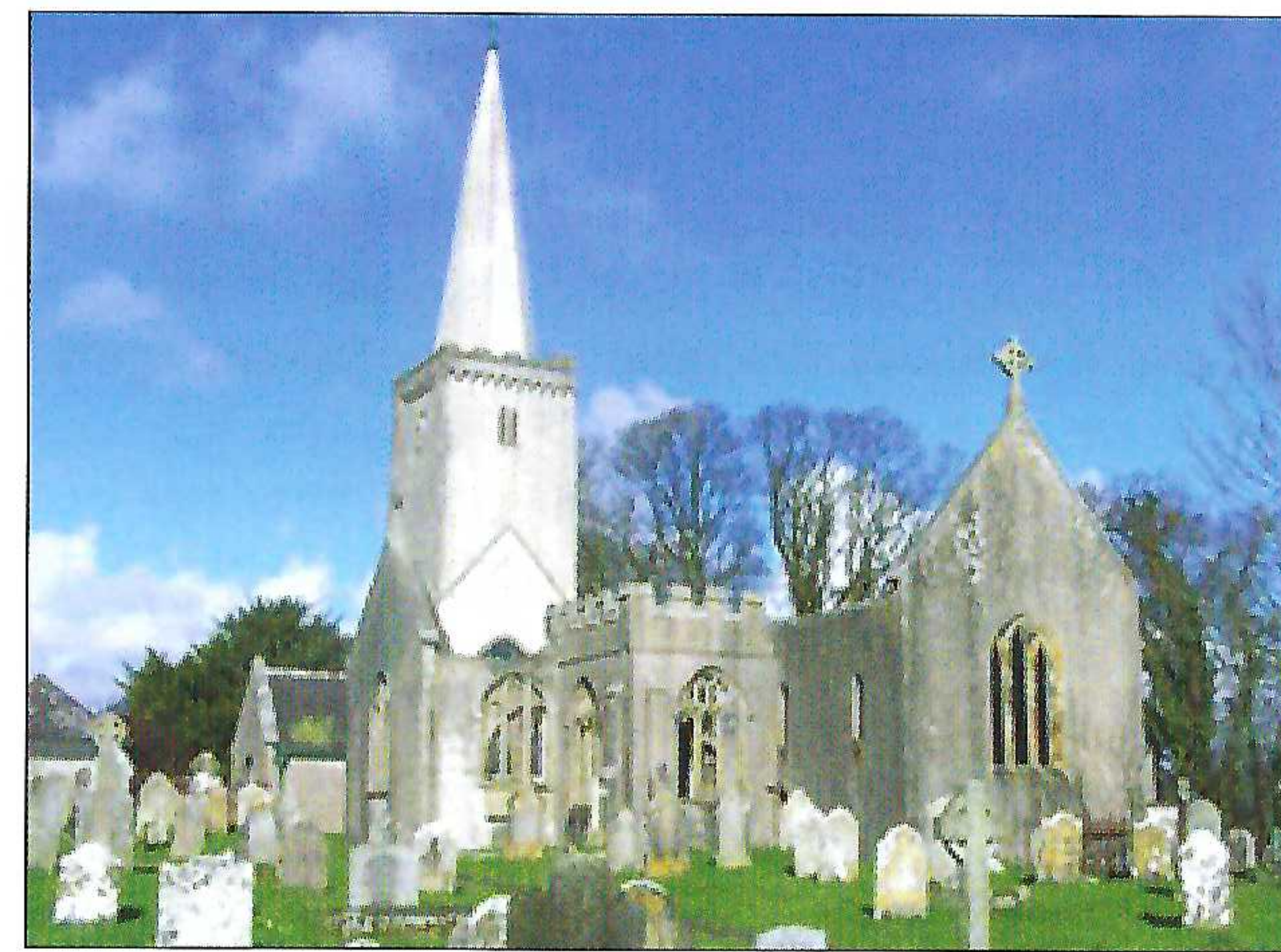
*O good St. Faith, be kind to-night,
And bring to me my heart's delight;
Let me my future husband view,
And be my visions chaste and true.*

All three must then get into one bed, with the ring suspended by a string to the head of the couch. They will then dream of their future husbands.

This does not happen in my church! (Ed)

STRANGE HAPPENINGS IN THE GRAVEYARD

Perched on an outcrop of rock overlooking Buckfast Abbey is the shell of what was once Holy Trinity Church. Visit here on a sunny day and you will find it one of the most serene and peaceful places. All you probably will have for company are the jackdaws who nest in the walls. Visit here after dark and you have another story.



This is a church, that when being built, for some reason saw the regular intervention of the Devil who desperately tried in vain to stop the local villagers constructing a place of Christian worship. In the case of this church the villagers defeated Satan by the building of a steep flight of 196 steps.

Holy Trinity, was the parish church for Buckfastleigh until it was reduced to a shell by an arson attack as recently as 1992. The decision was then made to redevelop the existing chapel of ease, St Luke's, in nearby Buckfastleigh and this is now the parish church. Holy Trinity remains a very attractive site, and the graveyard is still used for funerals from Buckfastleigh and the surrounding area. The bell tower and bells survive and the bells are still rung on a regular basis. Weather permitting the parish still uses the church on Trinity Sunday for an open-air service held within the ruins and there are also a few midweek services of Morning Prayer conducted during the summer months.

But as you walk up the main pathway through the graveyard, you will find a huge building that really defies description. Known locally as 'the sepulchre', this 'penthouse tomb' would probably be more suited to being sited in Colditz and not in the English countryside.

If it reminds you of a prison then you are not far wrong because in it are the incarcerated remains of the Cabell family and in particular Squire Richard Cabell. If you peer through the heavy metal bars you will see a tomb with a gigantic white slab on top of it. The building and the heavy slab will give you

THE GUILD DIARY



Leicester Chapter of the
Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary
40th anniversary
of the re-forming of the Leicester Chapter.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

**12 noon - Sung Eucharist
St. Mary de Castro**

**4 p.m. Procession, Guild Office &
Benediction
Leicester Cathedral**

All servers are invited to robe for both services

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SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2015 GUILD NATIONAL AUTUMN FESTIVAL

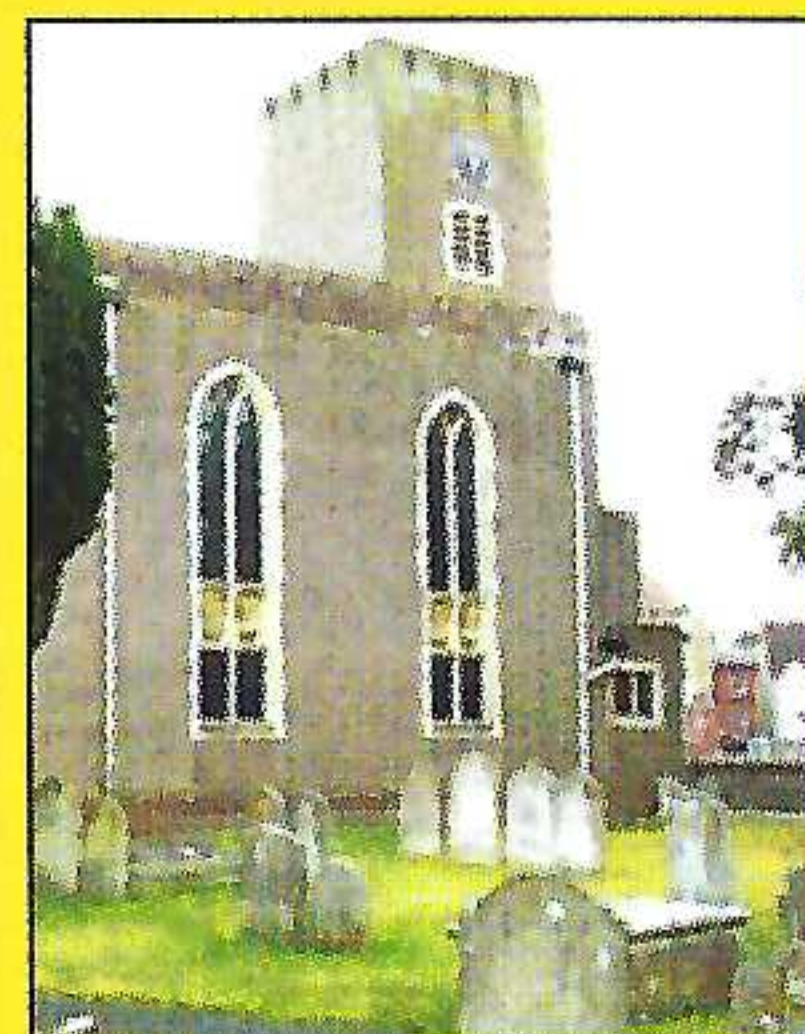
S. MARY'S, Church St., Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5EN

Five minutes' walk from Littlehampton Railway Station

12 noon The Angelus followed by Solemn Eucharist

Preacher: The Ven. Ian Wheatley QHC BTh. R N

3.00pm Guild Office, Procession and Benediction



A Pre booked buffet lunch will be available
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THE GUILD CYCLE OF PRAYER

OCTOBER 2015

- 1 Provincial Group 20 Northumberland/Durham/Tyneside/Cleveland. Cllr Roland Robbins.
- 2 Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 3 PG20/20 S. Benet Biscop, Newcastle/Gateshead and North East and adjoining areas.
- 4 **Trinity 18. Let us be sustained by your continual presence.**
- 5 PG20/57 S. Godric of Finchdale, Durham.
- 6 William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures. Martyr, 1536.
- 7 PG20/128 S. Oswin, Northumberland/North Tyneside.
- 8 PG20/307 S. Hilda of Whitby, Scarborough/Whitby.
- 9 Diocese of Newcastle.
- 10 AUTUMN FESTIVAL. S. MARY'S, LITTLEHAMPTON. Pray for all who attend and those unable to join in the festival.
- 11 **Trinity 19. For all concerned in the affairs and future of the world.**
- 12 Edith Cavell, Nurse 1915. For all in the nursing profession.
- 13 Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066. Help us to put our faith into practice.
- 14 Diocese of Sodor and Man.
- 15 Provincial Group 21. Cheshire, Lancashire, Cumbria. Cllr Jeremy Wood.
- 16 Diocese of Blackburn.
- 17 S. Ignatius of Antioch. Martyr c107.
- 18 **Trinity 20. For those called to the priesthood.**
- 19 S. Luke the Evangelist. For our own GP, Dentist, Surgeons and all medical staff.
- 20 Diocese of Manchester.
- 21 PG21/18 Our Lady and S. Barnabas, Lancashire and Furness area.
- 22 PG21/21 S. Francis and S. Chad, South and Mid Cheshire.
- 23 PG21/137 Our Lady of S. John, The Wirral.
- 24 General Council meeting in London. Our officers and councillors.
- 25 **Trinity 21. Bible Sunday. Openness to the word of God.**
- 26 S. Crispin and S. Crispinian. Brotherly love.
- 27 PG21/152 Our Lady and S. Nicholas, Liverpool district.
- 28 S. Simon and S. Jude. Lost causes.
- 29 Diocese of Chester.
- 30 Diocese of Liverpool.
- 31 For all involved with the production of *The Server*.

THE GUILD CYCLE OF PRAYER

NOVEMBER 2015

- 1 ALL SAINTS. May we follow them.
- 2 ALL SOULS. For all the Faithful Departed, whoever they may be may they rest in peace.
- 3 Diocese of Carlisle.
- 4 PG21/182 S. Werburgh, Stockport and district.
- 5 Diocese of Truro.
- 6 PG 22 Cornwall. Cllr Sandra Bennett.
- 7 PG22/14 S. Michael, Mounts Bay, Penzance.
- 8 3rd before Advent. Remembrance Sunday. Remembering all victims of war both service and civilian.
- 9 PG22/170 The Sacred Host, Falmouth, Penryn.
- 10 PG22/240 S. Mark, Camborne, Redruth.
- 11 Remember all the Armed and the Reserve Forces and their families both home and away.
- 12 PG22/247 S. Uni, S. Ia, S. Anta, S. Ives.
- 13 PG22/248 S. Michael and S. Petroc, Newquay, North and East Cornwall.
- 14 PG22/250 Holy Cross, Liskeard.
- 15 2nd before Advent. All past members of the Guild, their families and their dependants.
- 16 PG22/231 S. Wylow and All Cornish Saints.
- 17 Hugh Bishop of Lincoln. 1200.
- 18 The Saints and Martyrs of England.
- 19 For all Chapters in abeyance and all Chapters who are struggling to survive.
- 20 Edmund King of the East Angles. Martyr 870.
- 21 Hilda, Abbess of Whitby 680. All centres of spiritual learning.
- 22 Next before Advent. Christ the King. For all young people and especially young servers.
- 23 S. Clement, Bishop of Rome. Martyr c230. Patron Saint of Sailors.
- 24 Provincial Group 23 Birmingham. Cllr Philip Jarvis.
- 25 Isaac Watts. Hymn writer c1748.
- 26 PG23/186 S. Wulfstan, Redditch.
- 27 Diocese of Birmingham.
- 28 The Scottish Guild of Servers, its Council, its Warden Fr. Jeremy Pacey and its Officers.
- 29 1st Sunday of Advent. The Church's New Year.
- 30 S. Andrew the Apostle. Patron Saint of Scotland.

THE GUILD CYCLE OF PRAYER

DECEMBER 2015

- 1 PEV Ebbsfleet. Rt. Revd Dr Jonathan Goodall.
- 2 PEV Richborough. Rt. Revd Norman Banks.
- 3 PEV Beverley. Rt. Revd Glyn Webster.
- 4 The Church of Ireland and all its people.
- 5 The Anglican Church in Australia. All the servers and supporters.
- 6 2nd Sunday of Advent. Make us ready.
- 7 All Christian work in Africa.
- 8 The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.
- 9 Episcopal Church in USA. All Bishops, Clergy and people.
- 10 S. Francis Xavier. For the Church in Asia.
- 11 The Anglican Church in Canada. All servers and supporters.
- 12 AF2/100 The Sacred Heart, Harare, Zimbabwe.
- 13 3rd Sunday of Advent. Give us patience in all our dealings with others.
- 14 For the work of the Salvation Army.
- 15 For those who live alone.
- 16 For all in hospice, nursing and residential care.
- 17 All Catholic Societies.
- 18 For Deanery and Diocesan Synods.
- 19 For PCC's and their members.
- 20 4th Sunday of Advent. The Coming of the Christ Child.
- 21 For the bereaved.
- 22 We give thanks for all bell ringers, organists and choirs.
- 23 Give thanks for occasions when we are surprised by the generosity of others.
- 24 Christmas Eve. The Most Holy Night.
- 25 Nativity of Our Lord. The Most Holy & Blessed Festival.
- 26 S. Stephen the First Martyr. For all martyrs.
- 27 1st Sunday of Christmas. We seek your Church to be a place of welcome for all people.
- 28 Holy Innocents. For all God's Children.
- 29 S. John the Evangelist. Spread the Word. Tfr. from 27th.
- 30 The Holy Family. Blessings for friends and relations.
- 31 Give thanks and blessings for 2015.

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