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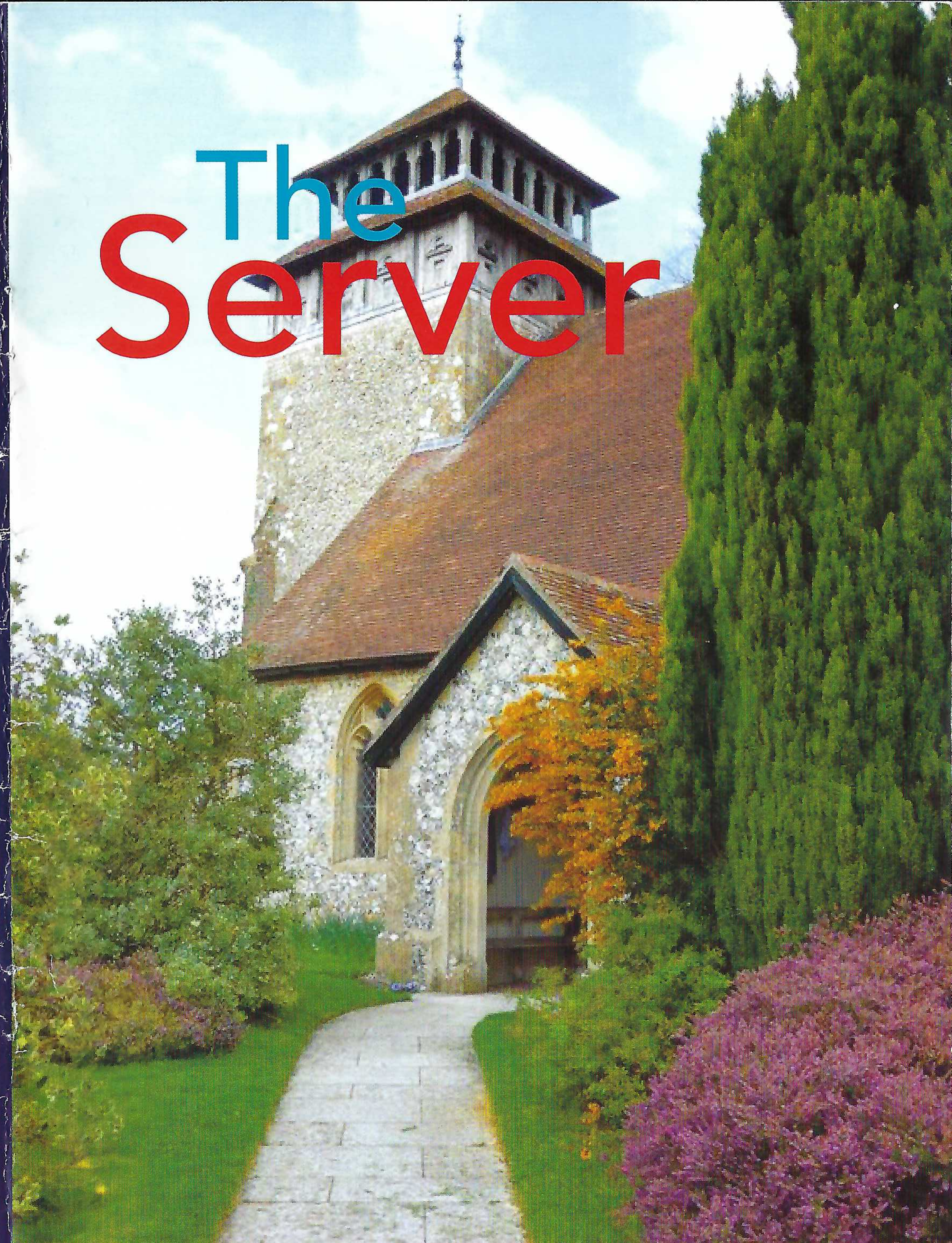
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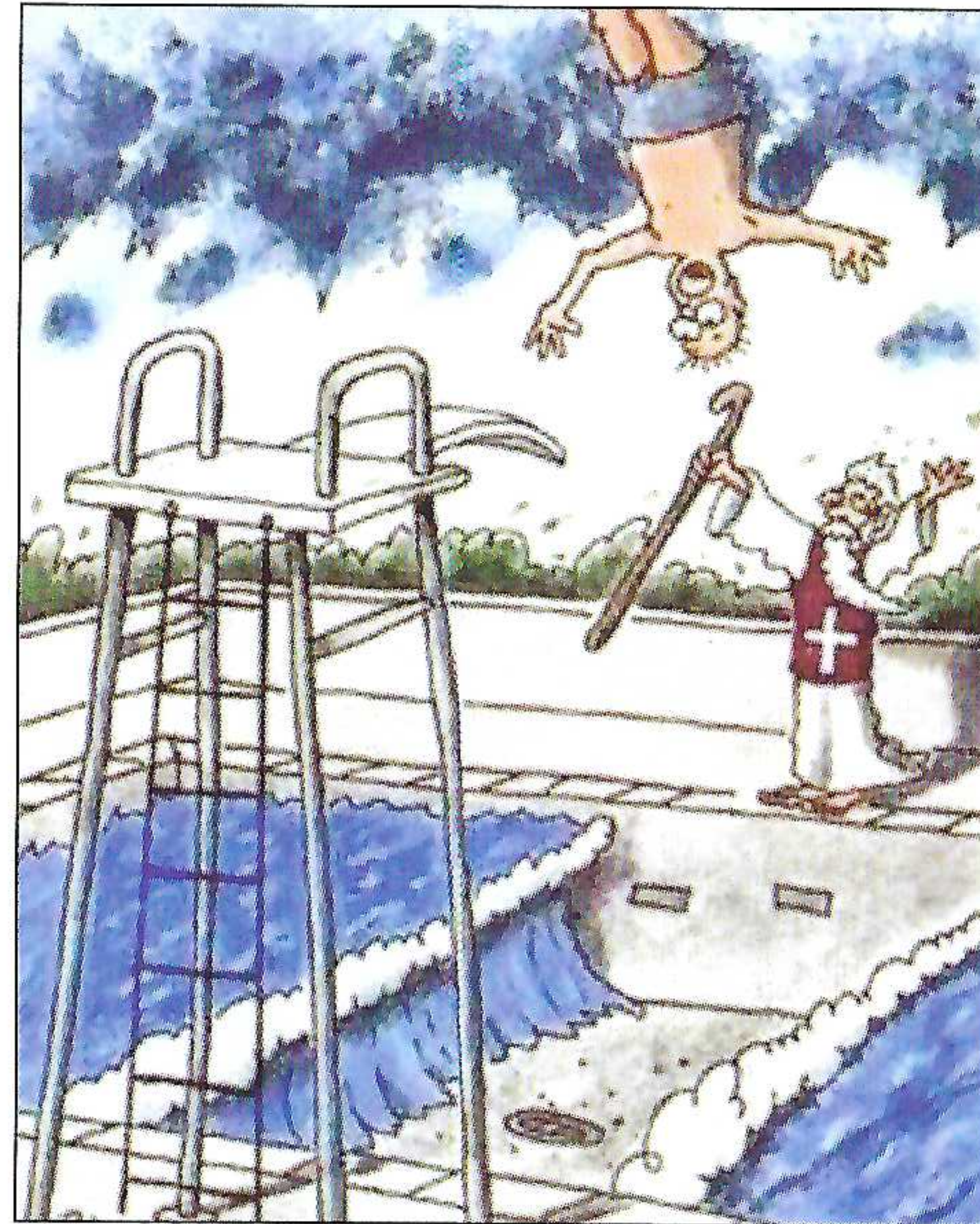


AND FINALLY ...

The Parish Treasurer was going through the church finances and found a receipt from a local ironmongers store signed by someone called Christian. He was not aware of anyone being authorised to buy anything from this store, so he rang the shop to point out its mistake. "I'm sorry" he said to the store manager, "I think you have the wrong number this is the parish church and there are no Christians here".

Right: Never employ Moses as a swimming pool attendant

S. Peter was at the Pearly Gates, waiting for the incoming. He saw Jesus walking by and caught his attention. "Jesus, could you mind the gate for a while, I need to do an errand?" "Certainly" replied Jesus. "What do I have to do?" S. Peter replied "Just find out about the people as they arrive. Ask about their life, their family and how they lived their lives. Then decide if they deserve entry or not."



"Sounds easy enough. OK." So Jesus waited at the gates while S. Peter went off on his errand. Soon an elderly man approached the reception table and sat down. Jesus leaned across the table and asked the old man what he did in life. He answered 'I was a carpenter' and Jesus said 'So was my father'. The old man said 'I had a son but lost him, he was a wonderful boy but had holes in his hands and feet'. At this point Jesus was amazed and lent further across to the old man and whispered 'Father', The old man looked up and cried 'Pinnochio!'

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

FAITH'.

First may I sincerely thank the many members who have contacted me re my observations in the last edition. So many of you are experiencing the same problems. It really is widespread, I really cannot respond to you all but I do thank you for your support. All I can say again is 'KEEP THE

WARNING: Below is not meant to be controversial, just informative.

A Catholic priest in a San Francisco parish has said only boys can be servers, a move that is sparking criticism and praise and comes amid a wider debate over concerns that the Catholic Church has become too "feminized". As media coverage grew at The Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church the Rev. Joseph Illo defended himself saying he decided to make the change last November citing two reasons. Boys usually end up losing interest because girls generally do a better job. Second and more importantly that "altar service is intrinsically tied to the priesthood and it serves as a feeder for the seminary. If the Catholic Church ordained women, altar girls would make sense, but the Catholic Church does not, he said. At the risk of generalizing, I suspect young men serving with young women might just distract them from the sacrifice of the Mass, and even from a priestly vocation."

The Star of the Sea is the only parish in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to bar altar girls, and Fr. Illo said Archbishop Cordileone had given him permission to take that step. Boys and girls are only allowed to serve at Masses for students at the parish school; girls currently trained as servers will continue to serve until they leave but no other girls will be added. Altar boys only will be used at the parish's regular Masses where only adults are allowed to assist the priest. Only one U.S. diocese, Lincoln, Nebraska, bars altar girls in all churches, though some parishes in other dioceses have a boys-only policy. A number of parishioners have told local media that they are upset with the decision and some said they are leaving The Star of the Sea.

*The only comment that I can make is that The Guild welcomes anyone who wishes to serve at the altar and that **without female servers our Guild and the Church of England would really be a much poorer place.** Ed.*

Peter

only publication that The Queen herself has ever written a preface for. It deals with her life and faith in words and pictures. If you have not seen it I really do urge you to try and see a copy.

It is well known that the Queen is a great supporter of the Book of Common Prayer which she regards as the foundation stone of the Church of England and she still insists that it is always used in the Royal Chapels and Peculiars. She attends church most Sundays often on her own and often driving herself and just slipping in through a side door so as not to cause a fuss.

May I say on behalf of the whole Guild, Happy Birthday Ma'am and thank you!

Peter Keat

The Servant Queen

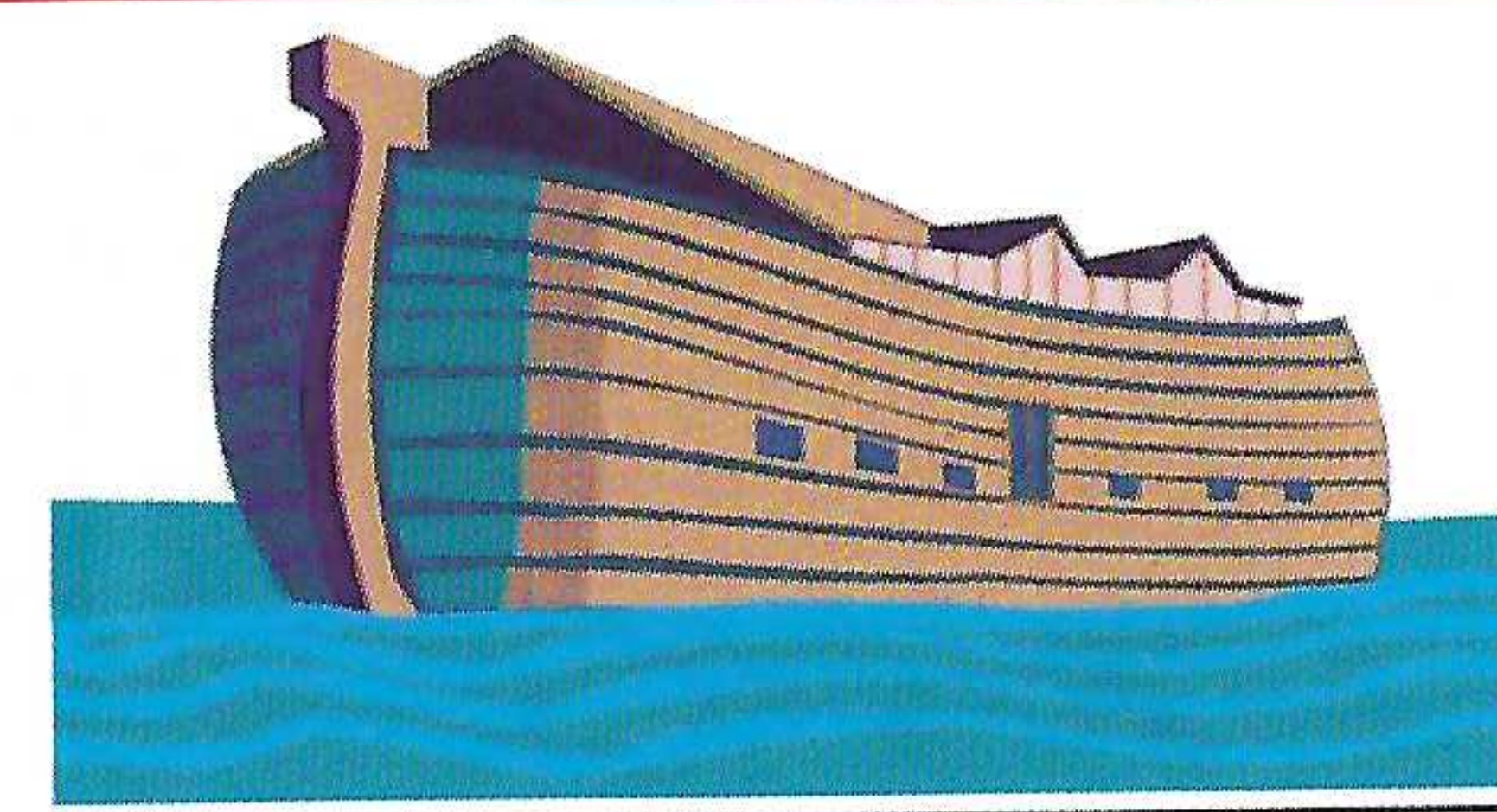
and the King she serves

Celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday

Special edition for schools



NOAH'S ARK



Ten things I have learned from Noah's Ark

- 1/ Don't miss the boat.
- 2/ Remember we are all in the same boat.
- 3/ Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- 4/ Stay fit. When you're 600 years old you may be asked to do something big.
- 5/ Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that has to be done.
- 6/ Build your future on high ground.
- 7/ For safety's sake travel in pairs.
- 8/ Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the Cheetahs.
- 9/ When you're stressed, float for a while.
- 10/ No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

HOW THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND HAS CHANGED DURING THE QUEEN'S REIGN

For the past 60+ years the Queen has been 'head' of the Church of England.

What changes have there been in our churches since June 1953?

A lot has happened in that time. For one thing, the population of the United Kingdom has grown, while the active church membership has shrunk. In 1953, church members were about a fifth of the population (19%), but by 1973 this had dropped to 15%, and by 1993 down to 11%, and to an estimated 8% in 2013, a decline not quite so rapid as previously, probably again because many of the immigrants are Christians according to a 2000 survey.

The number of churches has kept within the 50-55,000 range throughout the Queen's reign, declining from 1953 to 1993 but growing over the last 20 years, especially in England. For example, well over 700 new churches, of all persuasions, have started in London alone between 2005 and 2012.

In 1953 there was an average of 180 members per church; in 1983 the average was 140 per church and in 2013 the average was 110 members per church. There were just over 42,000 ministers of religion in 1953, dropping down to 36,000 by 1983 and staying at about that same level until 2003, since that time the number has grown to 37,000 in 2011, but it must also be born in mind that when the



Queen ascended to the throne, and for many years afterwards, all Anglican priests were male.

Regardless of the varying statistics over the past 60+ years, two facts have remained unchanged – the privileged position of the Church of England as the bedrock church of this nation and the inspiring unchanging, dedicated personal faith of our Sovereign Queen. I hope you have all

had a chance to read the commemorative book, 'The Servant Queen and the King she Serves', which has been distributed to most parishes to be given and shared free of charge to the congregations. It is a remarkable book as it is the

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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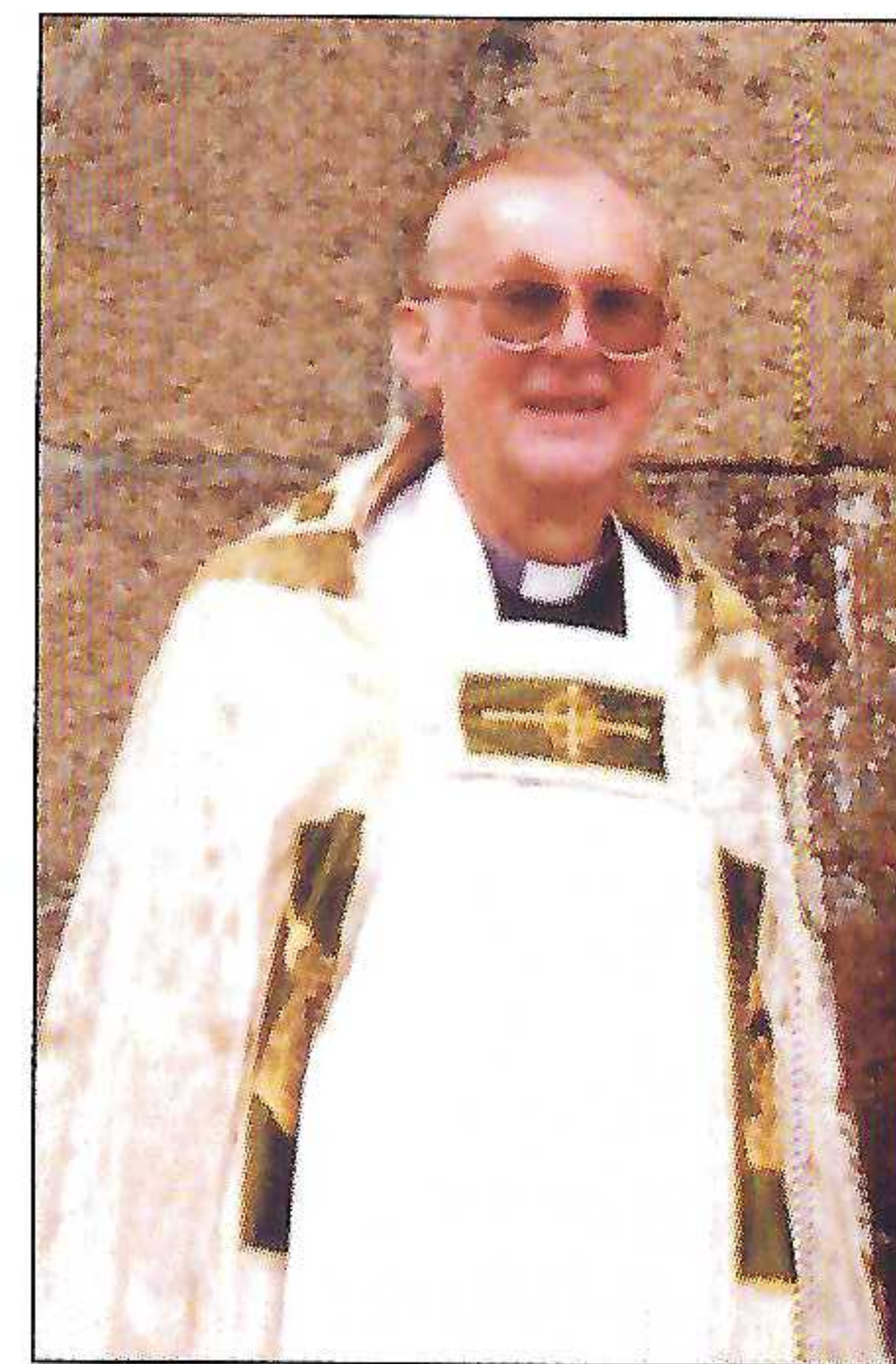
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THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Ian Brooks (Priest), Nick Fletcher, Robert Grove, Alan Kendrick, Alfred (Lawrie) Lloyd, Roger Shambrook (Priest), Graham Sillis (Priest).

THE CHANTRY BOOK

The Revd John Richard Astley Shaw died on 11th October 2015 at the age of 91. From 1965–1990 he was Rector of the parish of S. Marguerite de la Forêt in Guernsey, living a further 25 years in retirement at S. Martin, Guernsey, continuing to help out at Interregnums and holiday duty



for other clergy until 7-8 years ago. Before that he was Rector of Rearsby with Ratcliffe on the Wreake in Leicestershire for 8 years following a Curacy at Braunstone in Leicester where he met his wife. Since retirement he and his wife have worshipped at S. Stephen's, Guernsey – a thriving Tractarian church. Richard, whose father was also a priest, originated from Lancashire and was made Deacon in Liverpool Cathedral in 1951 prior to working in Australia for 4 years. He kept his faith firm to the end, and despite his great mental confusion, a few days before he died he spent a day repeating over and over again "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice". This was the theme of his funeral which took place at his old church in Forest, presided over by Fr. Moore of S. Stephen's, who wore the cope which his wife had made for him in 1963.

Barry Wallman. Although the Chapter knew that Barry had been diagnosed with prostate cancer it was confidently expected that he would receive treatment and recover. His sudden death from a massive heart attack came as a great shock to our members. Barry had been a faithful member of the Chapter of S. Etheldreda in Cambridge for many years and was a regular attender at Chapter meetings. Up until a year ago he had carried out the role of Chapter Treasurer in his own meticulous way and was looking forward to his new role as assistant MC. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Pat and his family. May he rest in peace and rise again in glory.

S. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MEONSTOKE

S. Andrew's Church, featured on the front cover of this edition, stands in an idyllic setting surrounded by its Churchyard near the River Meon. Church Green, a meadow bequeathed to the Church, lies between it and the river on the south side and a paddock, also bequeathed, lies on the north side. St Andrew's has always played an important part in the life of the community since it was built in 1230. It is an Early English church, Grade II listed, the roof and aisles were raised in the 18th century, followed by a distinguishingly attractive top to the tower, built in wood, the tower itself having been rebuilt in the 15th century of flint stones.



A LITTLE KNOWN FACT

It really is a little known fact that Queen Sofia, of Spain (pictured right in the photograph on the following page) and her sister, Queen Margrethe II of Denmark on the left, were brought up by the wife of a Royal Naval Chaplain, Mrs, Sheila Embleton, the wife of the Revd. Harold Embleton, who, at one time, had been the Rural Dean of Bognor Regis.

THE SENSE OF A GOOSE

When we look in the sky and see flocks of geese on their annual migrations flying southwards in their famous "V" formation, you might well wonder why they fly that way. Scientifically it relates to dynamics because as each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird flying immediately following, I am sure that the geese do not know that, they react totally on instinct because, believe it or not, flying in a "V" formation means that the whole flock can add at least 70% greater flying range in a group than if each bird flew individually.

What can we learn from this?

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going much quicker and more easily if they are travelling with the help of others. When a goose falls out of formation, it starts to feel the drag instantly and it feels the resistance of trying to go it alone and so very quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

But is it the same for us?

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stay in formation with those people who are heading the same way as we are. When the lead goose tires it drops back and another takes over. In life it is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs, whether we are talking about people or geese flying south.

Help, companionship and encouragement are essential. Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.



What message do we give when we honk from behind?

Finally when a goose gets sick or injured and falls out of the formation, two other geese fall out with it and follow it down to give help and protection. They stay until it is able to fly or until it dies; and only then do they launch out on their own or, with another formation, catch up with their own group. If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other and encourage each other just like the flying flock.

THE SAMARIAN WOMAN

The account of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well, (John 4) is a wonderful example of Our Lord's concern for everyone, regardless of who they were. Jesus demonstrates His priorities when it comes to sharing faith with the vulnerable. It is not a story of a big event, but of a simple meeting between Jesus and one woman. The woman was a Samaritan and a prostitute, she was looked down upon by the locals and outcast by society, probably the reason she was collecting her water at noon was to ensure she avoided other people; she probably felt isolated and lonely.

Today some young people in school or elderly people on their own can relate to those feelings. They may be part of an environment where there are other people but, being part of many does not always mean inclusion, friendship or popularity.



Jesus reached out to the Samaritan woman in love and friendship. He answered her questions and gave her options to change, making it clear that He knew who she was and what she had done in her life and yet He showed care, love and forgiveness.

Jesus approached the woman, without judgment or condemnation, but in love and is the model we should all try to adopt. Jesus spent time with her, talked to her and showed her God's love. He didn't judge, ostracize, but helped her examine her life style. He listened to her worries, encouraged her to change showing her a better way of life. He gave her hope and the knowledge that she was not alone. He offered her friendship and the reassurance of knowing that she could share all her anxieties with someone who really cared.

In this modern world life should be about caring for those all around us, we should be loving them for who they are, forgiving their shortcomings, providing for their various needs and in doing so hopefully pointing them towards Our Lord who is the source of all love.

It's about sharing the same love that Jesus poured out onto that Samaritan woman and sharing it with everyone we meet in our daily lives.

Your sister in Christ, Gloria Laseby. (Mrs.)

Mr Embleton had joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in London in 1952 and then transferred to the Royal Navy in 1953. Sheila in her younger days had a resident post with the Greek royal family in Athens and she had the special care of Princess Sophia which was to develop into a really strong friendship which lasted right up until the end of Sheila's life in 2003.



As an adult Princess Sophia married the King of Spain and as Queen (sitting in the centre of the picture below with her sister and the Embletons) she visited England frequently and always visited Harold and Sheila in London for many years.



The close contact between the Queens and the Embleton family lasted all their lives and it was not unusual for Princess Eirene of Greece to arrive at Bognor by train! But how thrilled the Embletons were to be offered the opportunity to fly to Australia and New Zealand with the King and Queen of Spain. The friendship lasted many, many years and Queen Sofia attended Sheila's funeral in Bognor in 2003. Harold was an expert on the Church in Greece and was a member of the Eastern Churches committee of the C of E Council and his personal friendship with the Greek Royal family was also important ecclesiastically. On his death in 2011 both Queen Sofia and Princess Eirene attended his funeral in Bognor.

Harold Embleton was well known for his lively sense of humour and one year he had several Christmas cards produced using the picture above that showed Queen Sofia and Queen Margrethe sitting on the floor beside his chair and next to Sheila. The card then proudly proclaimed inside that "even Royalty sit at my feet."

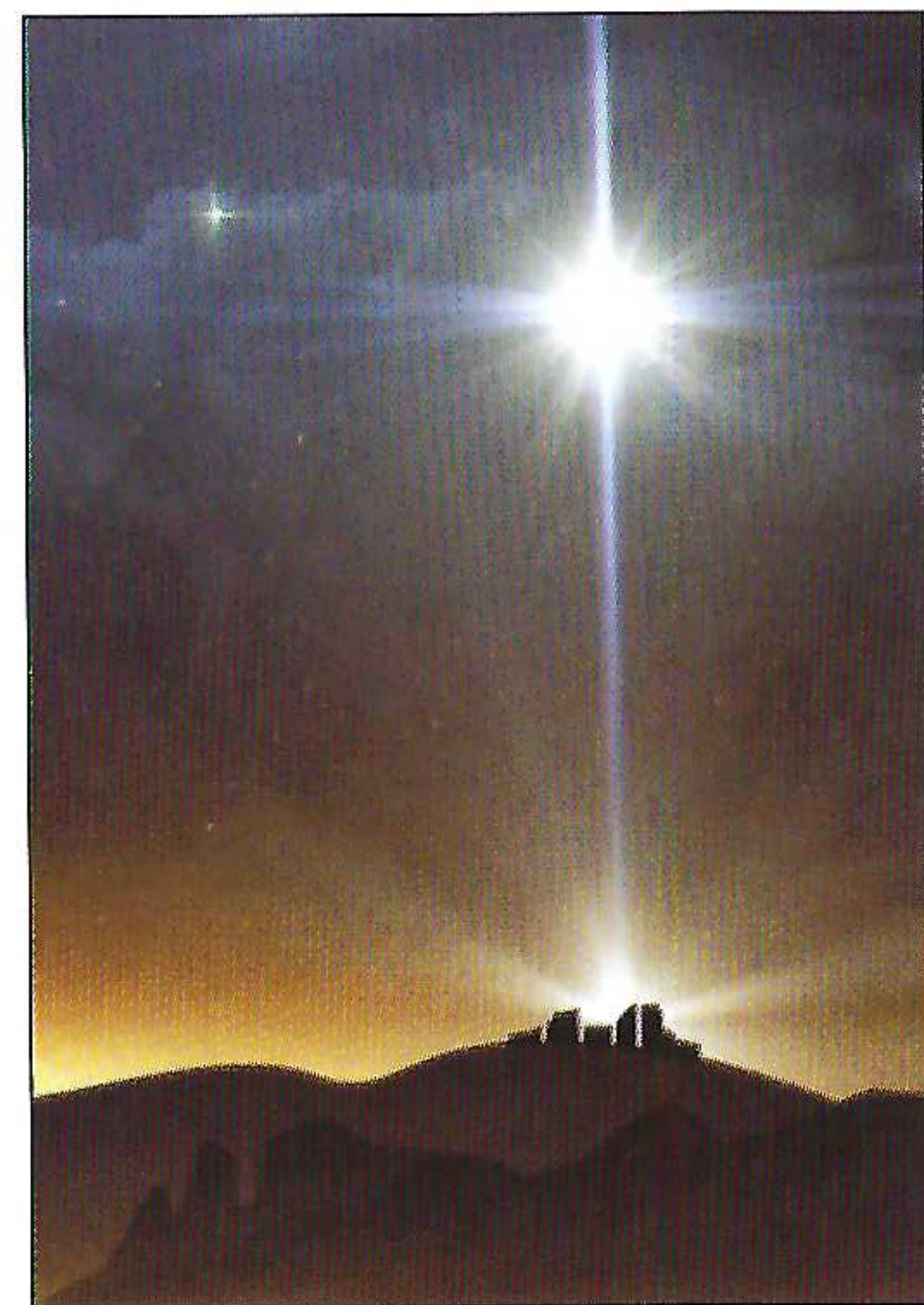
THE WARDEN'S WORDS

Fr Darren Smith



One of the comments I always hear from people as we approach the Holy Season of Christmas is "this is your busy time of the year". And whilst I would never want to suggest for a single second, that these words were not true, because inevitably amidst all the secular pressures around Christmas we all have lots of extra things to do, I would be as bold as to say most clergy wouldn't find Christmas any busier liturgically speaking than Easter.

Christmas does put pressure on us all and it never ceases to amaze me how early the shops fill with Christmas cards, paper and gifts. I am writing these words in July and already I have seen Christmas cards on sale, indeed here at the Additional Curates Society (ACS) we have been attempting to sell cards to parishes for two months! And because Christmas is such a commercial enterprise when most shops make their profit to sustain them throughout the year inevitably there will be more and more pressure to make it earlier and earlier. So amidst all the razz ma tazz of the giving of gifts, eating of meals and the buying and sending of cards it is easy to get distracted from the real purpose of this Holy Season, Jesus.



As Servers in the Sanctuary I am acutely aware that you will all be called upon to do a lot more than normal and it is for that reason I want to encourage everyone of us not to lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas and to make sure that we put Christ at the very heart of all that we do. From my life in the parish I used to be surprised and incredibly disappointed when regular members of the congregation would be missing on a Sunday with the excuse they needed to do their Christmas shopping. I am sure none of the Guild members would do such as this, especially now that we have such long opening hours and of course the Internet which provides us with 24/7 shopping.

From the Secretary-General

Young Servers: There has been some confusion recently about the age of young servers being admitted to the Guild. There is not any official lower age limit for admittance. I have sanctioned over recent years the application from servers as young as 8 or 9. It is important or should I say, essential, that we encourage the younger servers in our churches to join the Guild. In fact we would not be acting in accordance with Our Lord's teaching if we did not do so. For the Guild to continue we need the younger members. As our faithful members get older and less able to attend meetings we will need younger members if we are to continue and flourish.

Festivals: The attendances at Festivals has not been as high as we would expect. A lot of work go into the Festivals. The Easter Festival & AGM is held on the Saturday after Easter Sunday in London each year. (St. Stephen's, Gloucester Road in 2016 and 2017). The Autumn Festival is always in a different area of the country so that all members have the opportunity to attend a festival near to where they live. This year the Autumn Festival will be held at St. Matthew's, Carver Street, Sheffield. Please make every effort to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet and worship with other members. Why not organise a coach and invite non members to visit Sheffield.

Web site: We have our own web site – www.gssonline.org.uk – do visit it and join the e mailing list and you will receive regular news and information. There is the Chapter and National Events which features details of Chapter meetings throughout the country (check to see whether a chapter is meeting when and where you are on holiday). Let me know if your chapter's programme is not on the web site. The site was set up in 2000 and, needs revising. We hope to act on this in the near future.

Subscriptions: In May I sent reminders to members who were not up to date. This has resulted in £1,500 in revenue for the Guild. Thank you to all who have responded positively. If you have not replied, please do so ASAP.

Thanks: My thanks for the prayers and good wishes of members during my recent illness. I have to have dialysis 3 times a week (4-5 hours each day) so my available time is less than what it was. I have resigned from various local and national societies but I can assure you that my time and commitment to GSS will continue as in the past. I consider it a privilege to serve as your Secretary-General. Thanks to chapter officers without whom the Guild could not continue. It can be a difficult and thankless task running a chapter but you are doing God's work. God bless you all.

TERRY DOUGHTY

COULD THIS BE THE 'WRITING ON THE WALL' FOR CLASSIC BIBLE STORIES

It is a concern the lack of knowledge that children appear to have about the

Bible stories. Many parents think it is important for children to know Bible stories, but what happens these days in a lot of homes is quite different. A study, for The Bible Society, by YouGov found 29% of children could not identify The Nativity with the Bible. So The Bible Society called on parents to pass on Bible stories to their children. Here are some of the findings, for children aged 8–15 and for parents with children aged 3–16: Parents believe Bible stories are important; and children want to hear more.

43% of parents think Bible stories provide values for a good life, 40% think they are important to our history and culture.

12% said it was not important for children to know Bible stories.

28% of the children would like to know more Bible stories but about half never read or are read Bible stories.

54% of the children never or less than once a year read Bible stories at school or home whereas

86% of the parents had learned Bible stories as children.

45% of parents never read Bible stories to their child, even

30% of Christian parents said they never read the stories to their children. Many children have not read or heard classic Bible stories.

23% did not know of Noah's Ark or The Nativity

38% did not know of Adam & Eve

43% had heard of The Crucifixion.

63% had never heard of David & Goliath or the Creation story (63%).

It is all a little worrying!



May I, on behalf of all the Councillors the Trustees and of course myself, wish everyone of you a blessed, holy and peaceful Christmas. And amidst all the busyness of this season, the extra services and the secular pressure, may you be touched by the humble offering of God of His Son in the Manger of Bethlehem and upon the altar of your heart through the Blessed Sacrament. May 2017 bring to you all blessings and peace.

Thank you once again for your partnership in the Gospel, your faithfulness at the altar and your witness to the Child of Bethlehem.

Best wishes.

Fr. James



NEWS FROM THE CHAPTERS

S. Chad, Coventry. Unfortunately a small number attended the Guild Easter Festival this year but we were privileged to carry the statue of Our Lady in procession around the parish of S. Andrew, Leicester, at the Annual May Festival; this including the Campus of De Montfort University and student accommodation. Later that month we joined the Leicester Chapter for a Corpus Christi Festival Mass. For our Summer Pilgrimage we visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Egmont but due to illness and other commitments only a few could attend. The day culminated in Benediction and we were grateful for the lunches and teas provided in the village hall. We sang the Guild Office in July in S. Catherine's, Burbage where we were joined by members of the Chapter of S. John the Divine, Leicester. The service consisted of Guild Office, Procession and Benediction.

S. Joseph the Foster Father, Isle of Wight. Our post Easter meeting was held in April at S. Saviour on the Cliff, Shanklin, our usual meeting place. It is many months now since we have had a Chaplain but we still meet regularly and sing the Office. However this particular month our organist/choirmaster/cantor could not be with us but luckily our Councillor was present and he led us in the Office and a short session of prayer afterwards. We are a small Chapter as can be seen from the photograph but we have a faithful group of Associate members who bring our attendance up to 13 or 14 most meetings.



S. Joseph of Arimathaea, Portsmouth. In April we met in S. Mary within the Castle, Portchester on the outskirts of Portsmouth (see below). We were welcomed by Fr Ian Meredith, the incumbent (he moved from the Scottish Episcopal church three years ago). Fr. Ian celebrated a BCP Mass, as a Chapter we try to have a BCP once a year. We had a fair number attend and a couple of apologies. We then made for 'The Cormorant' in the village for some fellowship. In May we met to sing the Office in the church of S. Michael and All Angels in Chalton, a small village with only three houses, an old vicarage, three farms and a pub. We were made very welcome and our Chaplain Fr. Alan preached on



God's gift of the Holy Spirit as we were still in Pentecost. After the service we made use of the 'Snug Bar' in the local hostelry. In June we were lucky enough to engage the Venerable Gavin Collins again to conduct a Quiet Evening during which we discussed

the various names and titles by which Jesus was known. He always conducts a meaningful and moving evening and this was no exception. In July we joined with the Sisters of Bethany in Portsmouth Cathedral for their 150th Celebration in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

S. John the Divine, Leicester. Our January meeting was at S. Chad's, Coleman Road where Fr. Walter, our Chaplain, celebrated and Deacon Clare preached. 21 members attended. Our thanks go to Deacon Clare for her welcome and providing refreshments after the service. In February we visited S. Nicholas, Fleckney when Fr. Colin Southall led Stations of the Cross and grateful thanks go to Fr. Colin and people of Fleckney for their welcome and refreshments. We met in March for Guild Office, Address and Benediction at S. Mary De Castro, Fr. Walter sang the Office and gave Benediction. There were 16 present. Fr. Alan

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Peter

The story you tell about the appointment of a new priest for your parish resonates in many parts of the Church of England. All too often appointments are made irrespective of what the parish profile actually indicates as the parish's idea of a suitable priest. Of course, parish profiles are often very idealistic and ask for the Archangel Gabriel with 2.4 children, although any job specification for a parish priest has to take account of the fact that any candidate is a fellow human being who is a Christian and in Holy Orders. There will never be a 'perfect' candidate; however, there needs to be more than a glancing reference to the theological, doctrinal and liturgical tradition of the parish. Patently this has been totally ignored in this appointment.

This is why Catholic Societies in the Church of England must be forthright in not just maintaining the Faith received from the Fathers and the saints, but equally forthright in proclaiming the Faith. There is a way of ensuring that the Catholic voice is heard in the Church of England. First, we need parishes and equally importantly, lay and clerical individuals, to become members of *Forward in Faith*. Secondly, parishes must register with *The Society* as should the Clergy and thus provide authentic priestly ministry.

The Server appears to me seldom to make any reference to F.I.F or the Society and I believe, it could be an excellent way of teaching many people about the significance of the work of these two excellent bodies. From my youngest days one of my long-time ambitions, has been to try and encourage co-operation between Catholic Societies. It happens in a few dioceses, but we are still plagued by a culture in these societies almost bordering on exclusiveness. Surely, in these days, when we all know that the Catholic Faith in the Church of England is under considerable threat, coming together to share the faith not only with each other, but with the world around us should be an absolute priority. Leading catholic lay people in our dioceses really must bring our societies together to arrange a programme for a year and then give wholehearted support to the events.

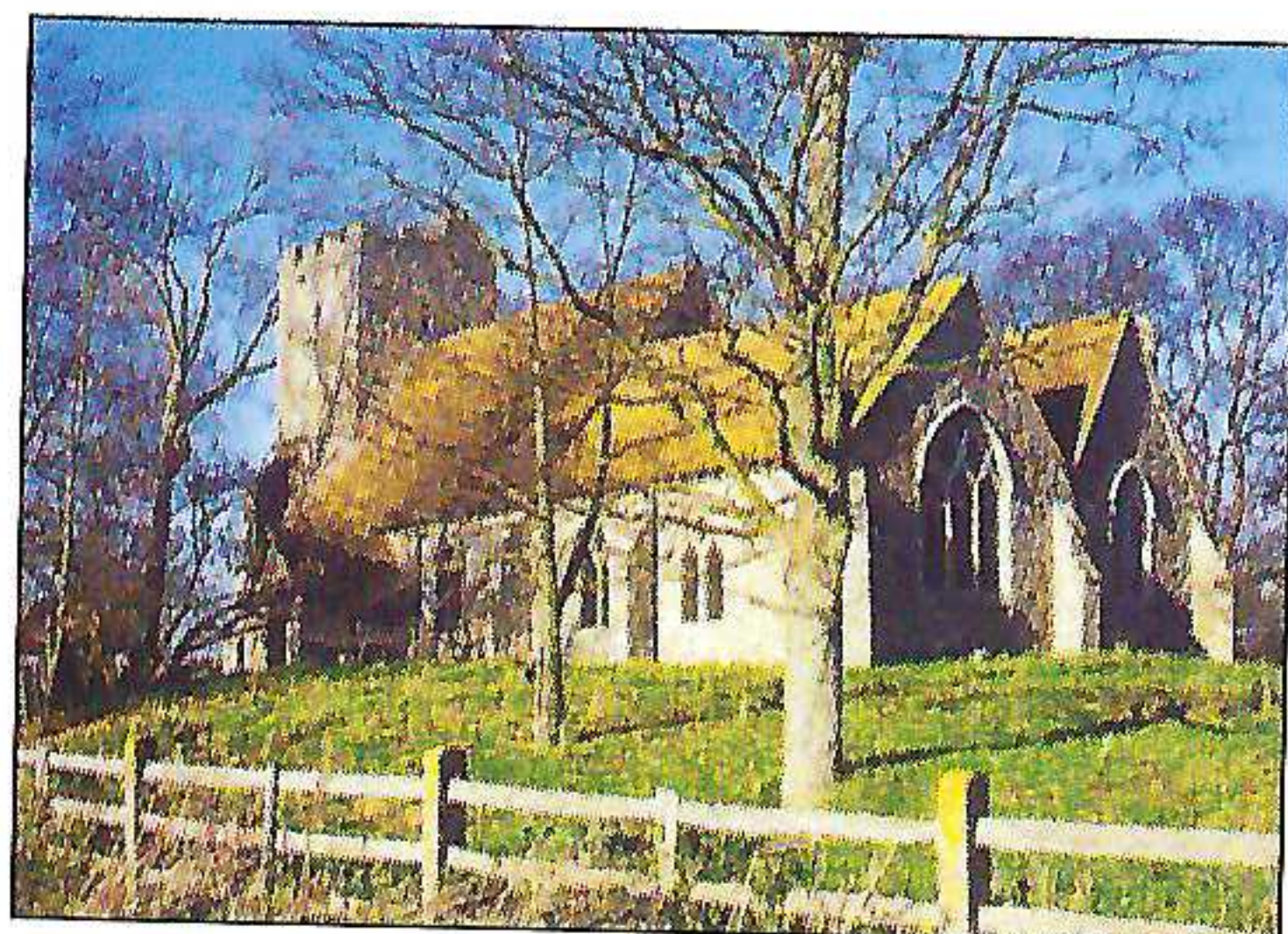
The late first Bishop of Ebbsfleet, John Richards, used to teach us that if we did not participate in the councils of the Church we would lose out – how right he was!

Yours sincerely,
Fr John Potter SSC

ROME RETURNS TO SNAVE

by Barry Kinnersley

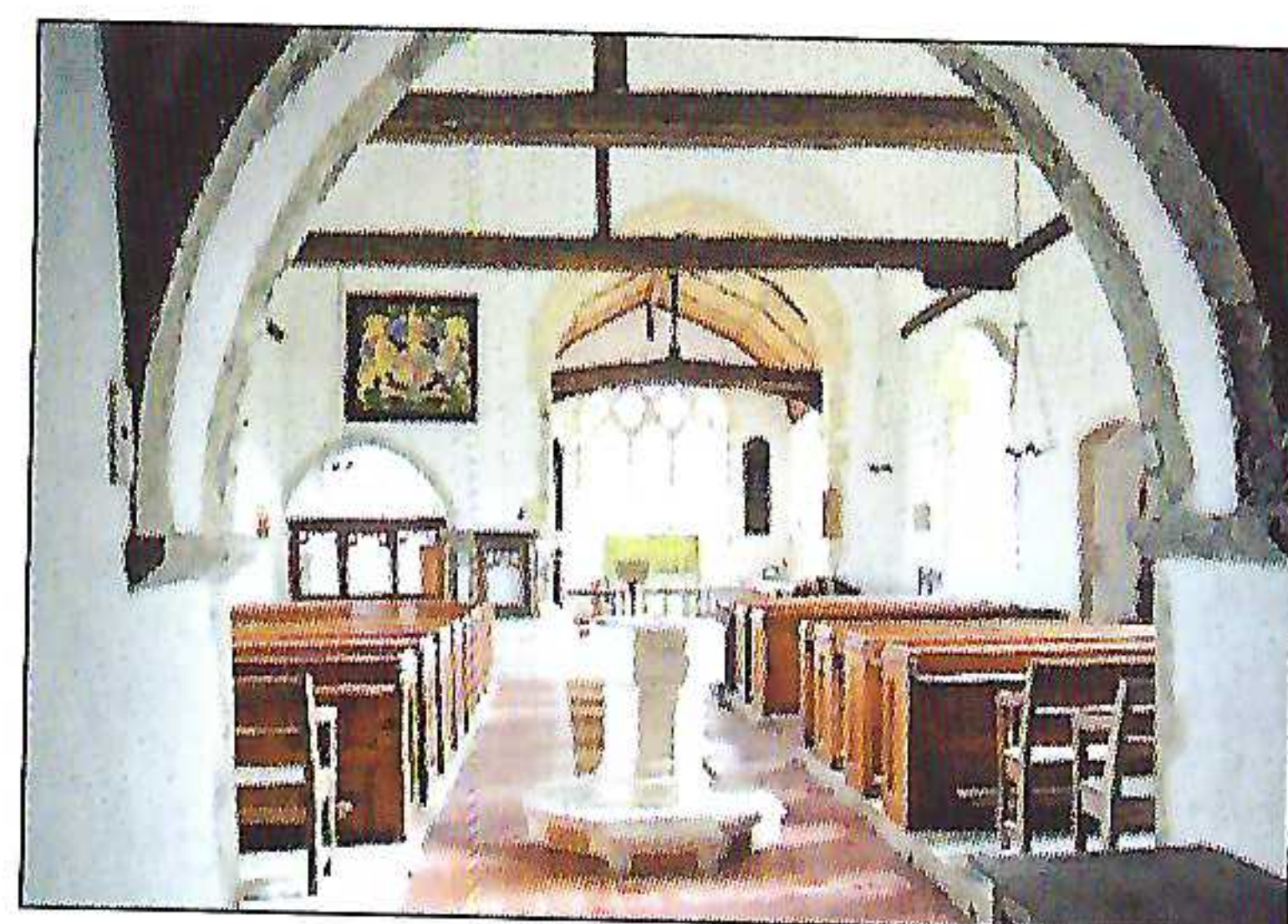
Back in the 1980s whilst carrying out my yearly endurance test, namely "a sponsored bike ride", I had previously visited S. Augustine's, Snave, one of the fourteen ancient churches under the Diocese of Canterbury and situated on



Romney Marsh. Feeling sorry for its bad state of repair I gave my choice 50% of the monies I raised to Snave and not our own parish church of S. Michaels. When he heard our vicar went spare! Eventually the dust settled.

Now over thirty years on, reading in our Diocesan Magazine 'Outlook', that the RMHCT, (the Romney Marsh Historic Churches Trust), which is under the patronage of the Archbishop of Canterbury, preserves and maintains all the churches on Romney Marsh. But what really filled me with warmth was they were to reinstate the church after what was probably the first catholic Mass held there for many a year or possibly since the Reformation.

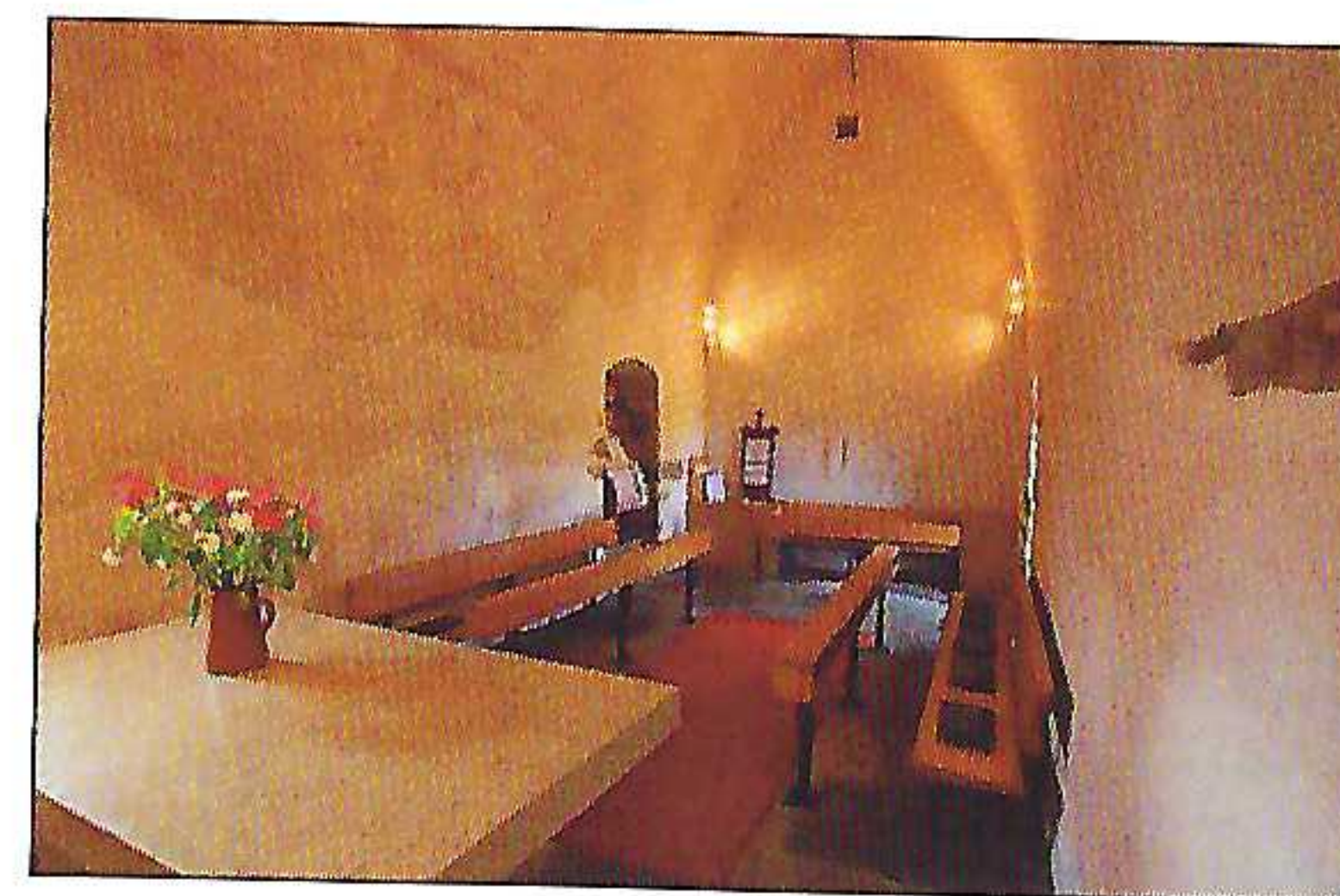
As a ground breaking occasion the Latin Mass Society went to Snave to celebrate a Missa Cantata (sung) Mass. To a church full to capacity the Mass was accompanied by six members of the Victoria Consort who sang William Byrd's moving four part Mass setting. Afterwards one member of the congregation said " It was a totally uplifting and an extremely spiritual occasion hearing the words of the Latin Mass, William Byrd's inspiring music, the ringing of the bells and the air which was filled with sweet smelling incense."



The celebrant at the Mass was Fr. Marcus Holden, a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark and a member of the clergy team of Ramsgate and Minster, he also cares for the recently installed Shrine of S. Augustine at AW Pugin's magnificent church in Ramsgate, a church our Chapter of S. Mildred visits each year. During his short address Fr Holden said how delighted he was to celebrate a Latin Mass with which the earliest congregations at Snave would have been so familiar. I now ask myself, albeit after such a long interval, did my contribution then actually fall on listening ears? The crunch now comes about the Mass, oh that I were there, oh that I were there!

Hawker was the Celebrant and Preacher at the Sung Mass at S. James, Huncote attended by 18 members in April. Stephen Popple was admitted as a probationer. After Mass we enjoyed fellowship and refreshments. Our May meeting was our first visit to S. Mary's, Wymeswold. Fr. Walter, our Chaplain, sang the Office and Fr. Simon Richardson gave the address. There were 13 present. Refreshments were provided after the Office. On Friday May 27th we hosted, with S. Aidan's, New Parks, the Leicester Traditional Catholic Societies Corpus Christi Festival. The Principal Celebrant was the Bishop of Ebbsfleet who preached an inspiring sermon. After Mass there was an outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction. 20 members were present. Refreshments were in the Church Hall and Terry Doughty was presented with a magnificent hamper as a thank you for his work on behalf of the Catholic cause in the Diocese.

The Holy Apostles, Guernsey; by Grand Councillor Peter Keat. I visited the

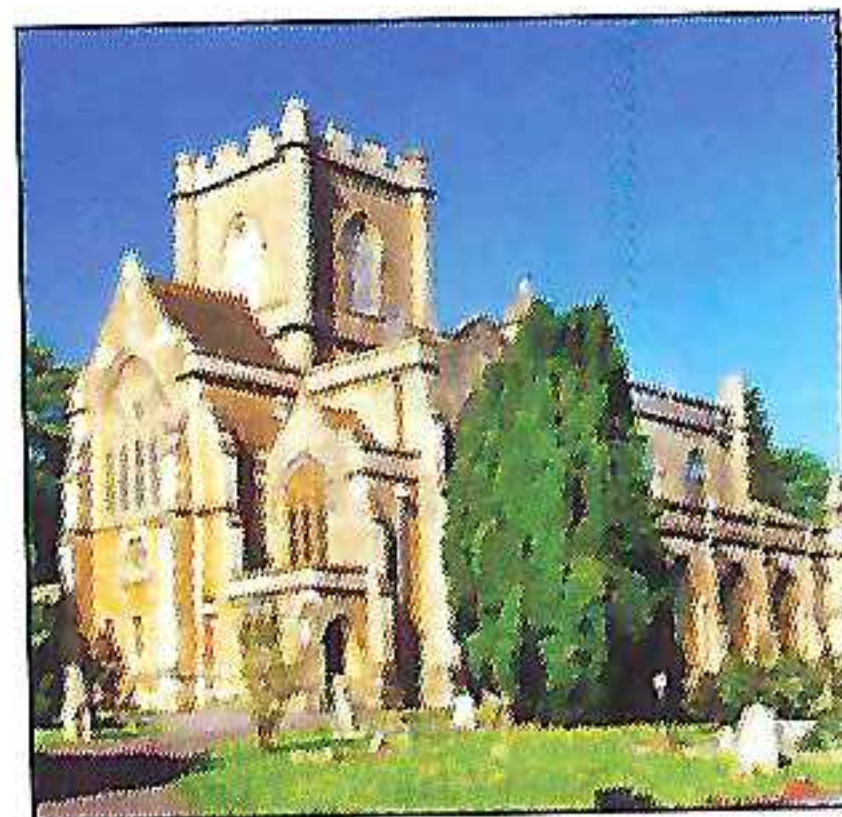


Chapter in May when they met in the tiny chapel of S. Apolline, the patron saint of dentists, in fact, one of the windows depicts an angel holding a tooth. The chapel also has amazing wall paintings. The service was led by the Chaplain the Very Revd. Can. Trickey who also preached. Although the attendance was small the chapter filled this chapel and the Office, unaccompanied sounded marvellous. The chapter is a dedicated group and are happy to welcome any Guild members who happen to be around when they have a Chapter meeting. As I left the Island the population were preparing to celebrate Liberation Day and many of the public buildings and private houses were already decorated with Guernsey and British flags.

S. Lawrence, North Norfolk. We began our 2016 programme on 4th April with Mass in the Shrine Church in Walsingham which was celebrated by the Chaplain, Fr John Burgess, who admitted a new Probationer, Ian Gallagher. The Mass was followed by our AGM held in the Conservatory of the Priory of Our Lady of the Society of S. Margaret. The meeting was chaired by the Chaplain and attended by five Priest Associates, twelve Brothers and two Associates – a further nine sent apologies. The Chaplain reported that two members were exploring ordination, and that the Bishop of Richborough would celebrate Mass at our Patronal Feast in August. The Secretary reported that five full members were admitted last year and that there were eight meetings. The results of a recent questionnaire were discussed and the new

programme reflects the result. The Officers for the year were elected: Joan Joyce as Secretary, Michael Lovatt as MC and Treasurer, and Elizabeth Iles-Hunt and Derek Buten as Deputy MCs. The Chaplain ended the meeting with thanks to the Sisters for their hospitality and we said the Grace together.

S. Julian, Frome and Midsomer Norton. For our March meeting we joined the congregation of Christ Church, Frome (Right) for Stations of the Cross and Compline led by Fr. Neil Maxted who is the Vicar and our Chaplain. In April we held a Chapter Easter Mass in S. John the Baptist, Midsomer Norton, the Celebrant being Fr. Christopher Chiplin, the intercessions were led by Fr. Eric Littler. In June we visited S. John the Baptist, Frome for a Chapter Mass in honour of Bishop Thomas Ken who is buried in the churchyard. Fr. Colin Alsbury celebrated and gave a short talk on the life of the Bishop.



Our Lady and S. Richard, Bognor/Chichester. Our May meeting was in S. Mary's, Sidlesham in the Sussex countryside and Stephen Blighton-Sande was admitted as a full member. The address was given by our Chaplain Fr Stephen Guise, it was a thought provoking address on fellowship and forgiveness. Afterwards there was an Extraordinary General Meeting and new officers were elected. There were various discussions concerning female celebrants and the Guild and our Counsellor gave us the Guilds lead on this matter. We now have CD copies of "The Office" which each member now has the chance to have at home to familiar themselves with the Office music. Our June meeting was attended by a few members as the railway system was having enormous problems, however the meeting was held in Littlehampton at the S. James the Great which will be our last service in this fine Victorian church as it is destined to close in the near future. Our next meeting will be in the church of S. Mary the Virgin, Felpham, a traditional Sussex church for over 900 years.

S Michael the Archangel. Ashford. S. Peter's Church, Folkestone has a long Anglo Catholic tradition and has been the Fisherman's Church since its foundation. These elements come together in the annual procession from



Church to the Harbour for The Blessing of the Fisheries, a service of thanksgiving for the sea, the fisheries and for the safety of those who work at sea. This year Councillor Barry Kinnersley and ten members of the Chapter of S. Michael the Archangel, including Secretary Dennis Garland, joined the procession alongside parishioners, the

included disendowment. Disestablishment meant the end of the church's special legal status and Welsh bishops were no longer entitled to sit in the House of Lords. As the Church in Wales became independent, tithes were no longer available to the church, leaving it without a major source of income.

Disendowment, which was even more controversial, meant that the endowments of the Church in Wales were partially confiscated and redistributed to the University of Wales and local authorities. Endowments before 1662 were to be confiscated; those of later date were to remain. This was justified by the theory that the pre-1662 endowments had been granted to the national church and hence belonged to the people as a whole rather than to the Church in Wales; understandably, this was hotly contested. 1662 was the date of the Act of Uniformity following the Restoration; it was after this point that Nonconformist congregations began to develop and the Church of England ceased to be a comprehensive national church. Although secularisation of the cathedrals had been suggested, The Church in Wales retained all the ancient church buildings and could conduct legal marriages without reference to the civil registrar.

In 1914, the Welsh Church Act 1914 was passed together with the Suspensory Act 1914, meaning that the Act would not be implemented for the duration of the war. Disestablishment finally came into effect in 1920. Parishes overlapping the border were allocated either to the Church in Wales or to the Church of England, with the result that the line of disestablishment is not the same as the border. Some districts in the former counties of Monmouthshire, Radnorshire and Flintshire remained attached to parishes in the Dioceses of Hereford and Chester and so part of the Church of England. Today, the Church in Wales is fully independent of both the state and the Church of England and is an independent member of the Anglican Communion as are the Church of Ireland and the Scottish Episcopal Church.

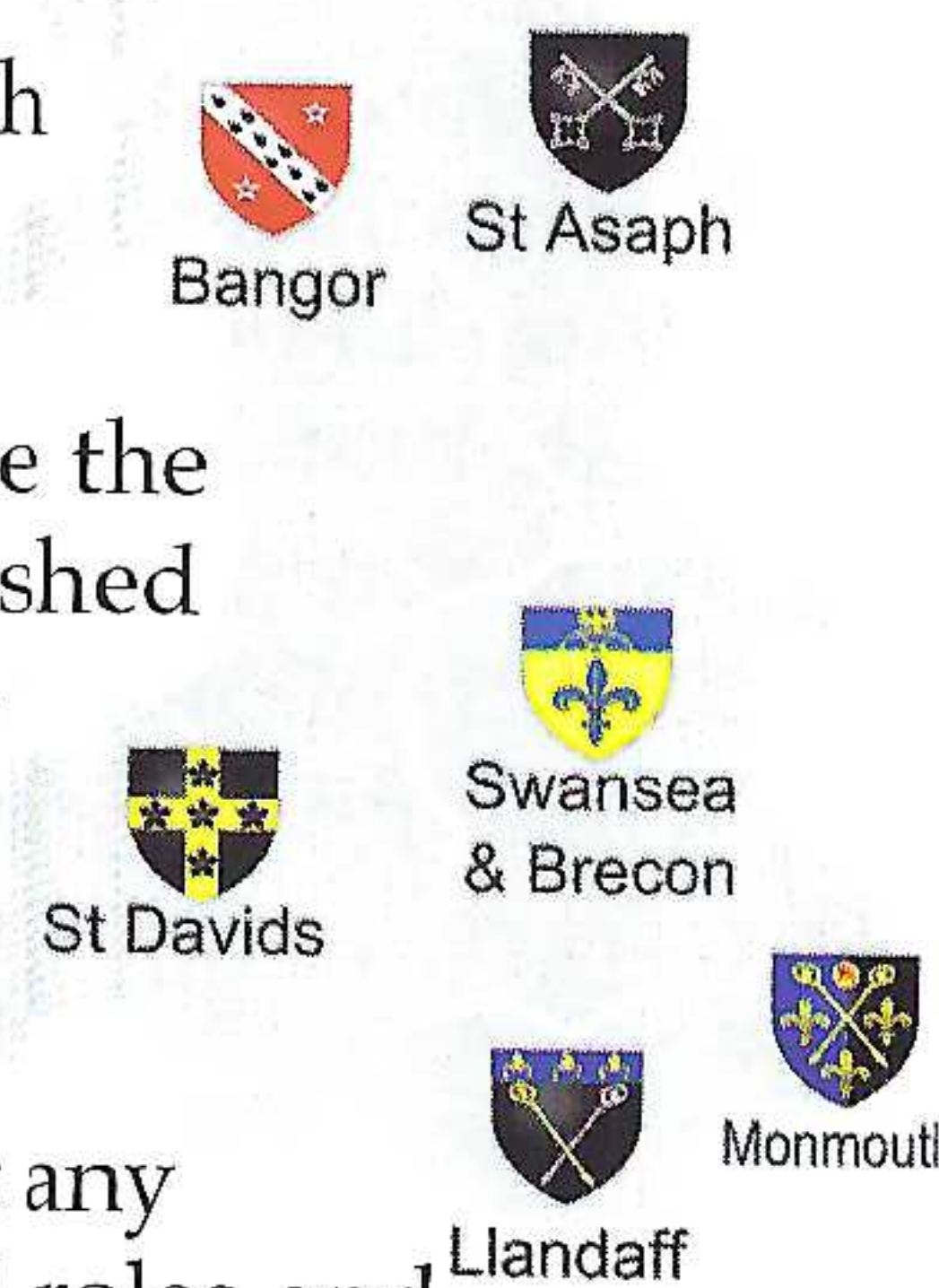
Unlike bishops in the CofE each bishop of the Church in Wales is elected by an "electoral college" consisting of representatives of the diocese in which a vacancy occurs, representatives of the other Welsh dioceses and all bishops. As of 2013, the Church in Wales has agreed to the ordination of women as bishops five years after a previous proposal had failed. In descending order of seniority, the current bench of Welsh bishops is:

Barry Morgan, The Archbishop of Wales, Bishop of Llandaff
John Davies, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon
Wyn Evans, Bishop of St David's
Andrew John, Bishop of Bangor
Gregory Cameron, Bishop of St Asaph
Richard Pain, Bishop of Monmouth

THE CHURCH IN WALES

I think it is fair to say that many of us know little of The Church in Wales.

The Church in Wales is composed of six dioceses. It defines itself as “the ancient Church of this land, catholic and reformed. It proclaims and holds fast the doctrine and ministry of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church”. As with the Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Archbishop of Wales serves concurrently as one of the six diocesan bishops. The current archbishop is Barry Morgan, the Bishop of Llandaff. Unlike the Church of England, the Church in Wales is not an established church. Disestablishment was effected in 1920 under the Welsh Church Act 1914.



As a province of the Anglican Communion it recognises the Archbishop of Canterbury as a focus of unity but without any formal authority in the Church in Wales (except for residual roles and the granting of Special Marriage Licences). Eighteen cross-border parishes remained in the Church of England and were exempt from disestablishment. A cleric of the Church in Wales can be appointed to posts in the Church of England, including the See of Canterbury; the former archbishop, Rowan Williams, served as Archbishop of Wales before his appointment to Canterbury.

The Church in Wales adopted its name by accident. The Welsh Church Act 1914 referred throughout to “the Church in Wales”, the phrase being used to indicate the part of the Church of England within Wales. In 1920, a convention of the Welsh church considered what name to select and favoured “the Church of Wales”. However, there were concerns that adopting a name different from that mentioned in the act might cause legal problems. Given the situation, it seemed sensible to adopt the title “the Church in Wales”.

During the 19th century, Nonconformist churches grew rapidly in Wales and eventually the majority of Welsh Christians were Nonconformists, although the Church of England remained the largest single denomination. By the 1850s the failure to appoint Welsh-speaking bishops to any Welsh diocese for 150 years caused real resentment; disestablishment was seen as a way to assert national and linguistic identity. Under the influence of Nonconformist politicians such as David Lloyd George, the Welsh Church Act 1914 was passed to separate Anglicanism in Wales from the Church of England. The bill was blocked in the House of Lords, eventually being passed under the provisions of the Parliament Act 1911. This also

Mayor of Folkestone, Mayors of the Cinque Ports and Civic Dignitaries. The service and blessing was led by Rt. Rev. Peter Wheatley (former Bishop of Edmonton). It was a lovely bright afternoon and the Guild Chapter were made very welcome enjoying the celebrations and the high tea afterwards.

SS. Osmund and Swithun, Bournemouth. In April the Chapter met to sing the Office in S. Ambrose, Westbourne, Bournemouth led by Fr Chris Colledge and Fr Adrian Pearce gave Benediction. On Saturday 21st May again at S. Ambrose we were present at the Catholic Societies Marian Festival. The Principal Celebrant and Preacher was Bishop Robert Ladds. The Concelebrants were Frs. Adrian Pearce, Robin Nash, Barry Fry, William Perry and Hilary Jalland. In the sermon the Bishop spoke of the example that Our Lady gave to us all to follow. That day former Councillor Henry Frier (right) was



celebrating his 50 years as a member and we offered our congratulations to him and his wife Dorothy. The day ended with Benediction. In June we visited the abbey church at Beaulieu, the home of the Motor Museum. Here Fr. John White celebrated Mass for us and Fr. Mayo preached on the importance of the Eucharist as the central act of Christian worship.

A DAY AT THE SEASIDE

The meetings organisers for S. Mildred's, Thanet decided on a daytime event to assist those who do not like to go out in the evenings. so on S. George's Day we visited S. George's, Ramsgate. This is a grand lofty church; it is late Georgian with a colossal turreted tower which must have indicated to shipping that they were passing Ramsgate. Fr Peter Adams led the sung mass for the 20 present of which 12 were members. Fr Peter preached of martyrdom recollecting the words of a former Spanish priest; in essence, a) those who give their lives up to rebels for the sake of our Lord; b) those who came through hell or high water, and year after year were within the church. The community quietly is doing things and taking a back-seat, regardless of the situation. This Spanish priest evokes the latter as being the true martyr. Two cantors led the music for the service which was closed with words on our Queen, the National Anthem and lastly S. George. We finished in the Comfort Café on the seafront, quintessentially an English experience.

COULD THIS BE AN ANSWER? A letter from Bernard Derrick

Dear Peter,

I'm contacting you to offer my comments regarding decreasing attendances at Chapters as described in your notes in the current edition of *The Server*.

I've been a Member of the Guild for some years but I retired from actively serving about four years ago due to a heart attack and dodgy knees! Consequently, I haven't attended any Guild gatherings for a long time. However, I was appointed Sacristan at my church about 18 months ago and I gain a lot of pleasure from my duties. Having been a member of quite a few 'think tanks' during my past service as a Councillor with my local authority, I found by experience that it is sometimes worthwhile standing back and taking stock of a situation before actually trying to rectify it.

Regarding attendances, I think it's important to be aware of a few basic facts such as:-

- a. What is the average age of Probationers and Full Members? Male to female ratio?
- b. What is the wastage rate during the first couple of years after a Server has been accepted as a Full Member? Why does any wastage exist? Has anyone asked?
- c. Do Chapters keep a close watch on members' attendances? Are any lapses followed up? Is the welfare of Members a priority?
- d. Do Chapters ever discuss dwindling attendances matters? If so, is anything practical done about it?
- e. A favourite phrase is - "nobody wants to volunteer for anything, it's always left to the dedicated few". I wonder if that really is always the case? Are reserve appointments encouraged for those who may wish to contribute but are too hesitant or timid to volunteer? This would share responsibilities, create greater interest and assist in continuity.
- f. If all the above could become known, perhaps the start of a solution could be reached.

To increase numbers of Members – which would, hopefully, reflect on increased attendance – may I suggest that a new category of membership be considered? As everyone with a job to perform in churches and chapels are members of a team, perhaps some thought could be given to Sacristans and others being eligible for Associate Membership with limited access to general Guild business? This would offer a degree of inclusiveness and encourage a good team spirit. I appreciate that people generally don't like change – and this idea could possibly cause all sorts of problems – but it would be a tragedy if an august organisation such as the Guild had to cease functioning because of inflexibility.

I hope I haven't been too critical and I have tried not to concentrate on personal opinions.

THE CHURCH TIMES

How many of us look at or read *The Church Times*? But did you know that it has been published for over 150 years?

The Church Times was founded on 7 February 1863 by George Josiah Palmer, a printer. It fought for the Anglo-Catholic cause in the Church of England at a time when priests were being harried and imprisoned over such matters as lighting candles on altars and wearing vestments, which brought them into conflict with the Public Worship Regulation Act, intended to "put down" Ritualism. The paper defended the spiritual independence of the Church of England in spite of the Church's Established status. Many of the ceremonial and doctrinal matters that the paper championed are now accepted as part of mainstream Anglicanism.

Since the mid-1950s, the paper's view has broadened, embracing the principle of diversity in the worldwide Anglican Communion, and looking more favourably on other Christian denominations. The paper carries more editorial and advertising than any of its main rivals for an Anglican readership.

Throughout its life, it has scrutinised the actions of the church hierarchy, besides covering the work of the parishes. It has provided coverage of meetings of the Church of England's central bodies, including the Convocations, the Church Assembly, and the General Synod and much of its space has always been given over to serious book reviews, and coverage of the arts. It has become recognised as the world's leading Anglican weekly newspaper but despite that it has always remained independent from the Church of England. For over 125 years up until 1989, it was a family concern. In that year the ownership of the paper passed to Hymns Ancient & Modern, a Christian charitable trust.

It has been nicknamed (mainly among Anglo-Catholics since the 1970s or 80s) "Jezebel's Trumpet".

The Church Times was started to campaign for Anglo-Catholic principles, which it did with vigour and forthrightness. But in the 1940s and 1950s the paper began the move to broaden its outlook and coverage. It now attempts to provide a balanced and fair reporting of events and opinions across the whole range of Anglican affairs.

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CHURCH SCHOOLS

Before the early 19th Century only the children from the upper classes had any formal education, often private tutoring. However, during the early and middle part of the 19th Century there was a drive for the provision of a Christian education for the poor, through the 'National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church' in 1811. This is now known more simply as the National Society.

By 1851 the Church had established 17,000 schools. Nearly 60 years later the 1870 Education Act brought state schools into being and produced a partnership between the state and the church that still exists today. At the beginning of the 20th century there were 14,000 voluntary schools, over 1,000 were Roman Catholic, a similar number was provided by the non-conformists and most of the remainder were Church of England. At the beginning of the WW11 the Church still provided schooling for nearly one-third of school-age children. The school buildings were becoming difficult to maintain but were still needed.



The 1944 Education Act enabled Church schools to choose to become either Voluntary Controlled, and take some state funding and control, or to remain more independent. The Act also brought in the compulsory daily act of collective worship and religious instruction. In the 1950s and 1960s the number of Roman Catholic schools expanded considerably, especially at secondary phase. Anglican expansion at this level was more modest and there was a decline in the number of primary schools. Church schools offer a Christian approach to education and a link with the parish church. They are inclusive and serve equally those who

are of the Christian faith, those of other faiths and those with no faith. *Left:* Bishop Martin opens the Central Walker C of E School in Newcastle in 2012

Here are a few facts and figures you might find interesting :-

Approximately 1 million children attend C of E schools.

About 15 million people alive today went to one.

There are 4,500 C of E Primary schools and over 200 Secondary schools Across the country, C of E clergy dedicate a million hours every year to working in schools.

THE GUILD CYCLE OF PRAYER

OCTOBER 2016

- 1 Provincial Group 20 Northumberland, Durham, Tyneside & Cleveland Cllr. Roland Robbins.
- 2 **Trinity 19 Those in authority may govern by the values of your kingdom.**
- 3 PG20/20 S. Benet Biscop Newcastle/Gateshead and North East adjoining areas.
- 4 PG20/57 S. Godric of Finchdale, Durham.
- 5 PG20/128 S. Oswin, Northumberland, North Tyneside.
- 6 Diocese of Durham.
- 7 PG20/228 S. Francis of Assisi, Cleveland.
- 8 PG20/307 S. Hilda of Whitby, Scarborough, Whitby.
- 9 **Trinity 20 Draw us into the peace that is beyond all understanding.**
- 10 Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary 644. Let us spread the word.
- 11 James the Deacon. Companion of Paulinus.
- 12 Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary. 709.
- 13 Edward the Confessor, King 1066. Help us put our faith into practice.
- 14 Diocese of Newcastle.
- 15 For all in residential and nursing homes.
- 16 **Trinity 21 For those called to the priesthood.**
- 17 Diocese of Sodor and Man.
- 18 S. Luke The Evangelist. For our GPs, Doctors and all medical staff.
- 19 Provincial Group 21 Cheshire and Lancashire. Cllr Jeremy Wood.
- 20 Diocese of Blackburn.
- 21 PG21/18 Our Lady and S. Barnabas. Lancashire and Furness area.
- 22 General Council meeting in London. Our officers and councillors.
- 23 **Trinity 22 Bible Sunday. Openness to the word of God.**
- 24 PG21/21 S. Francis, S. Chad. Mid & South Cheshire.
- 25 PG21/137 Our Lady and S. John, Wirral.
- 26 PG21/152 Our Lady and S. Nicholas. Liverpool & district.
- 27 PG21/182 S. Werburgh. Stockport & district.
- 28 S. Simon and S. Jude. Lost causes.
- 29 Diocese of Chester.
- 30 **4th Sunday before Advent For all who find life difficult to cope.**
- 31 All those involved with the production of *The Server* magazine.

THE GUILD CYCLE OF PRAYER

NOVEMBER 2016

- 1 ALL SAINTS May we follow them.
- 2 ALL SOULS For all the Faithful departed whoever they may be. May they rest in peace and rise in Glory.
- 3 Diocese of Carlisle.
- 4 Diocese of Manchester.
- 5 Diocese of Liverpool.
- 6 **3rd before Advent. For all concerned in the affairs of the world.**
- 7 Diocese of Truro.
- 8 Provincial Group 22. Cllr Sandra Bennett.
- 9 PG22/14 S. Michael, Mounts Bay, Penzance.
- 10 PG22/170 The Sacred Host, Falmouth, Penryn.
- 11 Remembering all Armed Forces, Reserved Forces and their families.
- 12 PG22/231 S. Wylow and All Cornish Saints.
- 13 **2nd before Advent. Remembrance Sunday. We remember all victims of war, especially those members of the Guild who lost their lives in any conflict.**
- 14 PG22/240 S. Mark, Cambourne, Redruth.
- 15 PG22/247 S. Uni, S. Ia, S. Anta, S. Ives.
- 16 PG22/248 S. Michael & S. Petroc Newquay, North & East Cornwall.
- 17 Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln. 1200.
- 18 For all chapters in abeyance or who are struggling to survive.
- 19 Hilda, Abbess of Whitby 680. All centres of spiritual learning.
- 20 **Sunday next before Advent. Christ the King. For all young people especially young servers.**
- 21 Provincial Group 23 Birmingham. Cllr Philip Jarvis.
- 22 S. Cecilia, Patron Saint of Musicians. Remembering all organists and choirs.
- 23 Clement Bishop of Rome c100. Patron Saint of Sailors.
- 24 Diocese of Birmingham.
- 25 Isaac Watts, Hymn writer 1748.
- 26 For all cathedrals and their staff.
- 27 **First Sunday of Advent. The Church's New Year.**
- 28 PG23/186 S. Wulfstan, Redditch.
- 29 Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for Missionary work.
- 30 S. Andrew the Apostle. Patron Saint of Scotland.

S. MAGNUS CATHEDRAL, KIRKWALL

Roger and Lesley Taylor



On 23rd May last year we visited Kirkwall which is located on Mainland Island one of the seventy islands making up the Orkneys. S. Magnus is the most northerly cathedral in the British Isles and was founded in 1137 by Norse Earl Rognvald Kolsson in memory of his uncle Magnus who had been murdered.

In 1845 the government presumed ownership of the cathedral expelling the congregation and carrying out major restoration work. In 1851 the royal burgh of Kirkwall re-established ownership and between 1913 and 1930 a steeple was erected. S. Magnus is also the only cathedral with its own dungeon. King James III issued a charter granting the people of Kirkwall ownership of the cathedral and is not nor ever has been under the ownership of the church. The act meant that Kirkwall was charged with its upkeep and maintenance and this is still the case. The cathedral is made of local sandstone and has a fine west window unveiled by Queen Elizabeth II in August 1987. There is also a tomb to John Rae the Arctic Explorer. There is also a plaque commemorating the 833 men lost when HMS Royal Oak was torpedoed in Scapa Flow which is at the very top of Mainland Orkney. The bell from this ship is also inside the cathedral.



Whilst we were in Kirkwall it was their music festival. We watched the local children playing violins and accordions. They played various Scottish tunes together with Old McDonald had a farm and was much enjoyed by the large audience that attended.

THE OLDEST

According to the records of the Guild the Portsmouth Chapter of S. Joseph of Arimathaea is one of the oldest Chapters. It was founded within a year of the Guild being formed. The very first meeting was held in S. Agatha's church in central Portsmouth. This was the church of the famous Fr Dolling whose work amongst the poor and destitute is legendary. Unfortunately after the war the population moved away and the church was deconsecrated, stripped and

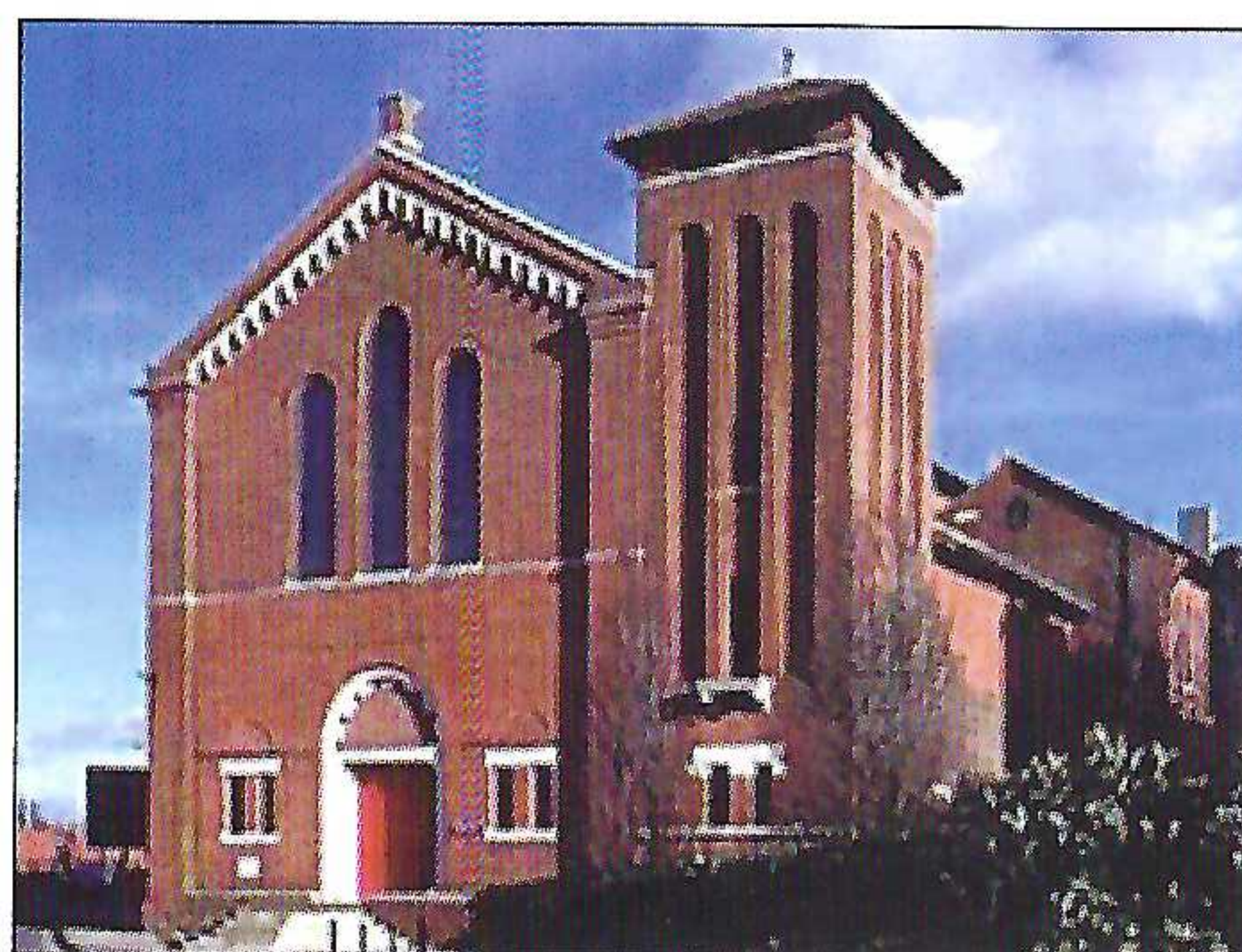


closed and in the early 1950s it was sold to the Ministry of Defence who used it as a Royal Naval store. After several decades of neglect it became surplus to requirements and was sold to the Real Church of England who have now become part of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham so Chapter meetings cannot be held there today.

It was in S. Agatha's that the very first Chapter banner in the Guild was blessed and used. In late 1898 the Chapter Chaplain and Secretary at the time asked the Council for permission to commission a Chapter banner. Permission was granted and the banner was first used sometime the following year, 1899 the actual date has been lost in the mists of time.

This original banner is still in existence and is laid up in Christ Church in Gosport and is rather delicate and so is rarely used these days. However before

the banner was laid up a member of a Gosport congregation generously made a copy of it and this is in regular use today, it is almost identical to the original ensuring that this design is regularly seen at meetings and festivals.



Left: S. Agatha's church as it is today. Part of 'The Real Church of England!'

THE GUILD CYCLE OF PRAYER

DECEMBER 2016

- 1 The Scottish Guild of Servers, its Council, Warden and Officers.
- 2 PEV Ebbsfleet. Rt. Revd. Jonathan Goodall.
- 3 PEV Richborough. Rt. Revd. Norman Banks.
- 4 **2nd Sunday of Advent. Make us ready.**
- 5 PEV Beverley. Rt. Revd Glyn Webster.
- 6 Make us mindful of the needs of others.
- 7 S. Ambrose. May we benefit from his teaching.
- 8 Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.
- 9 The Anglican Church in Australia. All the servers and supporters.
- 10 All Christian work in Africa.
- 11 **3rd Sunday of Advent. For all who live alone.**
- 12 For the work of the Salvation Army.
- 13 All Catholic Societies.
- 14 We give thanks for all bell ringers.
- 15 Give thanks for occasions when we are surprised by the generosity of others.
- 16 AF2/100 The Sacred Heart, Zimbabwe.
- 17 Anglican Church in Canada, servers and supporters.
- 18 **4th Sunday in Advent. The Coming of the Christ Child.**
- 19 EV/G9 Bernard of Clairvaux, Gibraltar.
- 20 The Church of Ireland and its people.
- 21 All retired priests and pastoral workers.
- 22 For all lay and Eucharistic ministers.
- 23 Strengthen our faith to receive Him.
- 24 Christmas Eve. The Most Holy Night.
- 25 **Christmas Day. Thanksgiving for the Incarnation.**
- 26 S. Stephen, Deacon. The first Martyr. For all martyrs.
- 27 S. John the Apostle and Evangelist. Spread the word.
- 28 Holy Innocents. For all God's children.
- 29 The Holy Family. Blessings for relations and friends.
- 30 For His Church throughout the world.
- 31 Give thanks and blessings for 2016.

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THE GUILD DIARY

Saturday 10th September **GUILD AUTUMN FESTIVAL**

S. Matthew's, Carver Street,
Sheffield S1 4FT

12 Noon: Solemn Concelebrated Mass

3.00pm: Guild Office,
Procession and Benediction



2017

Saturday 7th January

London Area Epiphany Festival

(venue to be advised)

Mass at Noon

Guild Office 3.00pm

Saturday 22nd April **GUILD EASTER FESTIVAL and AGM**

S. Stephen's, Gloucester Road
London SW7

Noon: Mass

2.30pm: Guild AGM

3.15pm: Guild Office,
Procession and Benediction



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