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From the Editor's Desk.

Since the last magazine the Pontifical High Mass with Commendation and Absolution for our late Treasurer-General, Louis Lewis, his cremation and interment of Ashes has taken place. The Mass was sung at midday in the Church of the Holy Cross in Kings Cross. It was presided over by the Rt. Revd Peter Wheatley, who also gave an address which splendidly summed up Louis' life. The church was almost full with Guild members and supporters amongst the number were eight robed Councillors and Grand Councillors plus The Warden and The Chaplain-General.



After the service Louis body was walked away from the church on the first part of its trip to the crematorium and finally to an Interment and Memorial Service at The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham on 13th March 2015. At Louis request all were invited to a post funeral reception with Champagne and canapés in the French Salon in Claridges. This was a wonderful thoughtful gesture on Louis part and much appreciated. It was agreed, by all who attended, that Louis received a dignified and meaningful farewell as befitted the positions he had held not only in the GSS but in other organisations within London and the Home Counties. A real heartfelt thank you for all the work he had undertaken throughout most of his eighty two years. Rest eternal grant him O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



Farewell Fr. David



Fr. David Moore did not seek re-election as Warden of the Guild at the 2015 AGM. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Fr David for his 43 years as our Warden. He has carried out his role with extreme diligence and with a real love for the members and with unfailing good humour. We all express our thanks to Fr. David and we will miss him and his wise council very much indeed. So please remember Fr. David and his wife, Diane who has been a great support to him and the Guild over the past 43 years, in your thoughts and prayers. However it is good to report that he has accepted the post of Warden Emeritus, so he will still be with us for help and advice.

Peter

Welcome to New Members

Full Members:

Derrick Brown, Daxa Chauhan, Ian Chauhan, Craig Harris,

Probationers:

Hannah Bladon, Stephen Ranson, Robert Williams,

Faithful Departed:

Brian Webb, Ken Cheeseman Alexander John Henderson.



The Chantry Book

The Revd Kenneth Cheeseman, former Vicar of Thorley and Rector of Yarmouth died in S. Mary's Hospital, Isle of Wight on 4th January, after a short illness. He was aged 85. Fr. Ken was born in London in 1929 and even before he left school to work as a bank clerk, he knew he had a call to the ministry. He worked for SPG then trained at Rochester Theological College in 1963. He was ordained in 1966, then spent 17 years in parishes in Kent, moving to the of Wight in 1966 where he was accompanied by his sister, Audrey. He retired in 1994, moving with Audrey to Godshell. He was a staunch supporter of the GSS and he and Audrey could be found most months at Chapter meetings.



Brian Web: It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Bro. Brian Webb who, for over forty years, until 2007, was the organist for the Portsmouth Chapter. He died on the 11th March and was a very talented organist and it was not unknown for him to slip the odd nursery rhyme into a piece he was playing before the service. Brian contracted cancer and stopped coming to Chapter meetings about eight years ago. For many years he was organist at S. Patrick's, Southsea and then when this church closed he moved to the mother church of S. James, Milton. May he rest in peace and rise in Glory.

Alexander (John) Henderson (1917 – 1915) was a member of S. Mildred's, Thanet, Chapter. He was very much a conversationalist. Born in Brixton Hill he was an only child; at 4 the family moved to Ramsgate. His early days brought him into the choir. He met his wife at work and they were together for 64 years. John delighted in all the old radio series of the 60's; therefore he would always see the amusing side of life. He started as a Post Office errand boy and finished up as telephone engineer. He enjoyed all serious music and was a volunteer with the St. Johns Ambulance Service. One very warm day he laid a concrete path in the garden in his string vest and later that day was neatly tattooed with chequered pattern on his torso. John nursed his disabled wife devotedly for many years. He said "Life is fine if you don't weaken". He was always quiet and never pushed himself forward and never complained. John was a long standing Guild member and a stalwart of the 8'oclock service.

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Easter Festival and Annual General Meeting 2015



Around 120 members gathered at S. Albans, Holborn for the Easter Festival and Annual General Meeting. There were 8 concelebrants and a Deacon with Fr. David Moore Principal Celebrant. After Communion Fr. David Moore handed over to Fr. Darren Smith the Warden's medal and prayed over Fr. Darren for his future as the Guild Warden. Fr. Michael Brain presented Fr. David with a cheque for £2,000 for the membership to mark his retirement as Warden for the previous 43 years. He was also presented with a plaque, a bottle of wine and a medal as Warden Emeritus. Fr. David's wife, Diane, was presented with a bouquet on behalf of the Guild by Angela McMullen in appreciation of her support of Fr. David and the Guild over the years. There were just under 100 present for the AGM in the afternoon during which Fr. David was given a rousing ovation. Guild Office, Procession and Benediction followed the AGM.

All in all a very joyful occasion.

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Gods Bridge

There are several natural rock bridges over streams in the limestone districts of the northern counties of this country. They were all formed by the constant erosive action of water and in at least two different venues that I am aware of 'God's Bridge', for some undisclosed reason is the choice of name for a couple of them



The picture on the right, shows the water flowing under God's Bridge and over Brow Gill Beck on the River Doe. It is close to Chapel – le – Dale near Bowes in the North Yorkshire Dales; view is seen from the North Eastern side. This bridge has been naturally formed by water erosion by the Brow Gill Beck. The Ribble Way (which is a long distance footpath) crosses over the bridge in front of the dry stone wall.

The second picture features another God's Bridge. This is in a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI) and is within the Teesdale District of south-west County Durham. It is a natural limestone bridge over the River Greta and is just over 3 km upstream from the village of Bowes.



The bridge was formed by a process of very slow cave development in the limestone bedrock beneath the river bed and is acknowledged as the best example anywhere in Britain of a natural bridge being formed in this way.

The Mortsafe

In the early 19th century grave robbing was a major problem with the growth of medical studies and the urgent need for fresh bodies for dissection and examination by medical students at various hospitals around the country. The problem was especially severe in Scotland although the trade in cadavers was prevalent throughout the whole of British Isles.

To combat this grisly trade several forms of metal security systems were developed, the mortsafe being just one version. The thinking behind this plan (pictured below) was that by the time the safe or security system was opened the body has started to decompose and so had become useless to the medical profession.

The mortsafe was invented in about 1816 and were made from iron or were of iron-and-stone devices of great weight and in many different designs. Often they were complex heavy iron contraptions of rods and plates, padlocked together - examples have been found close to all Scottish medical schools.



A plate was placed over the coffin and rods with heads were pushed through holes in it. These rods were kept in place by locking a second plate over the first to form extremely heavy protection. It could only be removed by two appointed keyholders.

These contraptions were placed over the coffins for a period of time and then removed for further use when the body inside was sufficiently decayed.

There are some splendid examples to be seen in the Auld Kirk in Allaway in Scotland and these are pictured above.

My first Serving Duty

I came across this short article in a back copy of a Parish Magazine, The magazine was in a wayside church and was written in 1996 when the then new server was just six years old; this means that the writer is now about 24. She wrote:

“I was very nervous at first but after I had done my first Service, I felt I would be happy to do it a second time. I had to go to Church in plenty of time that morning to get changed into my server’s robes. I had to wear a black cassock and a white cotta. I also wore my best black shoes. It was very cold as we stood by the stone stairway and I really should have worn another jumper. My job was to carry the brass incense boat and spoon. I was worried because I thought it would be heavy but it was so light I could hold it with just one hand. I had to stand alongside the Thurifer all the time and she told me exactly what to do and when I should do it.

I thought that everybody was looking at me so I just looked down at the floor instead. After the Service some people, who knew that this was my first serving duty came up to me to congratulate me for doing it so well.”

Now brothers and sisters, it may have been a long time ago, but do you remember the first time you served?

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God Will Not Ask

On Judgement Day

He will not ask how many friends you had. He will ask how many people you were a friend to.

He will not ask what you did to protect your rights. He will ask what you did to protect the rights of others.

He will not enquire what neighbourhood you lived in. He will ask what other neighbourhoods you visited.

He will not ask how many times you told the truth. He will ask how many times you didn’t.

News from the Chapters

S. John Divine, Leicester. There was a disappointing attendance at All Saints, Narborough for our January meeting with only seventeen members present. Fr. Alan Hawker, Vicar of All Saints, was celebrant and preacher at the Sung Mass. Fr. Walter Burleigh, our Chaplain con-celebrated. We were joined by friends/supporters and refreshments were provided after the service. Again, a disappointing attendance in February with only sixteen members present and a few friends/supporters for our meeting at All Saints, Scraptoft on 10th February. Fr. Walter Burleigh, our Chaplain, sang the Office and Fr. Martin Court, Vicar of All Saints, gave the Address. Benediction was given by Fr. Walter. We gathered for refreshments and fellowship after the service.

S. Chad, Coventry. Due to the number of Chapter members not being available our January and February meetings were cancelled. Our Patronal Festival started at S. John the Baptist, Coventry on Saturday 7th March. We began by singing the Guild Office, our Chaplain Fr. Norman Stevens leading. There were twenty members and friends present. The ladies of the parish then supplied is with an excellent tea. This preceded our 101 AGM when the Officers and Committee were re-elected. The reports indicated that we were sound financially and we sent our usual donation to COF and an amount was sent to Terry Doughty for his travelling expenses as our Councillor. It was announced that we were trying to create closer ties with our neighbouring Chapters and it was announced that we were invited to the 40th Anniversary meeting of the Leicester Chapter in September.

Our Lady and S. Richard, Bognor/Chichester. Our year started with the Guild Office sung for the first time in many years in the ancient church of the Holy Trinity, Bosham. The church is on Chichester Harbour and King Canute's daughter is buried there. We were joined by servers from Bosham and Chichester and was a wonderful start to 2015. Our Services, on the whole are well attended and we admitted four probationers in May. In March our AGM was preceded by Stations of the Cross and our Officers were duly elected. We look forward to visiting new venues and with God's Grace continue to serve faithfully at the altars of our churches.

S. Luke, Northamptonshire. Although a small and partly ageing chapter, S Luke gathers servers from about eight parishes and welcomes non-members, supporters and new servers to meetings. In January and March we were at S. Mary's, Kettering, encourage members to support them. Terry Doughty,

the Secretary General, is usually able to attend, recently reminding us of the purpose and needs of the Candidates for Ordination Fund. Two ordinands associated with us currently benefit from CoF grants. We hope to admit further probationers during the year. At those times when the Chaplain has to be absent (usually on overseas duties), Fr. David Maudlin SSC or Fr. James Mowbray SSC, Associate Chaplains, are glad to lead the Guild Office and give Benediction. Our organist, Bro. Adrian Smith, has been absent recently through ill health. Our warm wishes are extended to Brothers and Sisters of other Chapters.

Chapter of St Wilfrid, Eastbourne. The Chapter has been meeting regularly every month. Our December meeting was at S. Peter's, Bexhill where we sang the Guild Office led by our Assistant Chaplain, Fr David Reynish; this was followed by Benediction given by Our Chaplain, Fr John Wright. Before we started the Office, our Chaplain blessed a new Thurible that had been donated to the Chapter and then admitted nine probationers to full members. Our January meeting was at S. Andrew's, Eastbourne, where we had a Sung Mass on the eve of Charles, King and Martyr. Our Chaplain led the Mass and our

Assistant Chaplain gave a good sermon about King Charles. In February, we met at the ancient Church of S. Mary, Eastbourne for Guild Office and Benediction on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. At the end of the Office, we said the Litany of



our Lady. This was followed by a hymn to Our Lady. Our Chaplain then preached about the Shrine at Lourdes. We sang a second hymn as we prepared for Benediction, led by our Assistant Chaplain. Our Lenten meeting saw us return to S. Peter's Bexhill for Stations of the Cross, led by our Assistant Chaplain. This was followed by the Chapter AGM. A vote of thanks was given at the AGM by the chapter secretary to all the parishes that support us. It is hoped that we can continue the process of gaining new members in the Eastbourne, Bexhill and Hastings area of East Sussex.

S. John the Divine, Leicester. There was a disappointing attendance at the meeting at All Saints, Narborough for our January meeting with only ten members present. Fr. Alan Hawker, Vicar of All Saints celebrated and preached at the Sung Mass. Fr. Walter Burleigh, our Chaplain con-celebrated. We were joined by friends/supporters and refreshments were provided after the service. Another disappointing attendance only sixteen members and a few friends/supporters for our meeting at All Saints, Scaptoft on February 10th. Fr. Walter Burleigh, our chaplain, sang the Office and Fr. Martin Court, Vicar of All Saints, gave the Address. Benediction was given by Fr. Walter. We gathered for refreshments and fellowship after the Service.

Joseph of Arimathea, Portsmouth. Unfortunately, our February meeting had to be cancelled as several of our members were unwell or hospitalised. In March we met at S. Mary the Virgin, Rowner where the Incumbent, Fr. John Draper, led us in Stations of the Cross. It was good to see some of our members back again with us again after illness. We held our Annual General Meeting after singing the Guild Office in S. George's, Waterlooville. At the AGM the Chapter Officer were re-elected and a short discussion of the Chapter fee followed. After the AGM and before the refreshments provided by the members of the church we all renewed our Guild Promises.

S. Mary of Margam. Since the death of our previous Chaplain, Fr. Colin Galsworthy, in January 2013, we have been unable to meet as a Chapter as we had been unable to find a replacement. However, one has now been found and our new Chaplain is Fr. Tony DeRoy-Jones, who has retired from parish ministry. Fr Tony has returned to our area, where he served his title, before moving on in 1995. Our first meeting with our new Chaplain was in October, where we planned our programme for the future months. Due to commitments we were unable to meet in November and December but the first meeting for 2015 was held at S Theodore's, Port Talbot where our Chaplain celebrated Mass for the New Year. February's meeting was held in S. Agnes, Port Talbot when we sang the Guild Office and received Benediction. Due to a busy schedule during Passiontide it was decided not to meet in March so our next meeting was held in April at S. Catherine's, Neath where we celebrated at Mass for Easter, which was followed by a celebration for our Secretary's 50th birthday. It was great to be able to meet again and it is good having new churches involved and meeting new servers.

S. Barnabas Cardiff. We continue to meet monthly at various churches throughout the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan areas. We held our Annual

Requiem Mass at S. Mary's in Barry and then ended the year with Guild Office and Benediction in S. Catherine's Canton. We celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany with a Solemn Mass at S. Mary the Virgin in Cardiff, where the Vicar



Canon Francis preached. We held our AGM following Guild Office at Holy Nativity Penarth, all existing officers were re-elected. Our Lenten service of Stations of the Cross was held at S. German's Church in Cardiff, we were pleased to welcome Fr. Chris Lee to lead our devotions who

stood in at the last minute for our Chaplain who was ill. Fr Chris is a past member and is becoming a priest associate in our Chapter. Our post Easter meeting was held at S. Catherine's in Canton, where we sang the Guild Office then after a short meeting and refreshments said Compline. We are pleased to be admitting two new probationary members from Holy Nativity, Penarth and to admit James King to full membership and we hope that they will all enjoy being with us. Members of the Chapter were saddened to hear of the death of Bro John Henderson a faithful member of our Chapter who recently died. We are a small, faithful Chapter and it's always good to welcome new members or to see older members returning.

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The National Anthem

Towards the end of my working life as Archivist for the Chaplain of the Fleet I was amazed to get a telephone call one morning from the Secretary of a local Borough Mayor asking if I could let the Mayor have the words to the National Anthem. My first response, which was certainly but it is number 560 in the English Hymnal and they will have a copy of that hymn book in the town church opposite the Town Hall, amazed them. They had no idea that the National Anthem



featured in any hymn book, it also struck me as rather strange that the Civic personalities and the town council of an old established Service town did not readily have these words to hand.

However, this set me to thinking about the origins of the National Anthem after some digging here are some of the rather unusual facts that I have discovered during my researches. The British National Anthem dates way back to the eighteenth century when 'God Save The King' was a patriotic song which was first publicly performed in London in 1745 but it did not become known as the National Anthem until the beginning of the nineteenth century. The composers of both the words and the tune are anonymous and it is believed that they may well date back to the early seventeenth century.



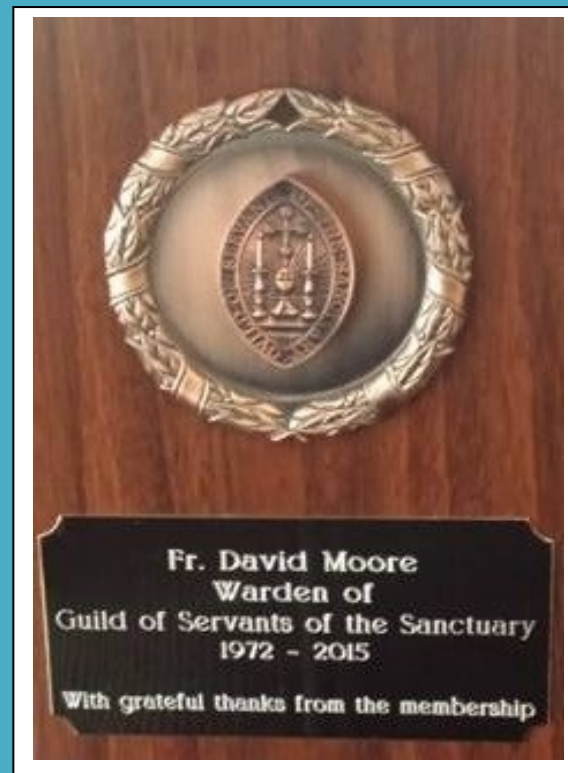
In September 1745 the 'Young Pretender' to the British Throne, Prince Charles Edward Stuart, defeated the army of King George II at Prestonpans, near Edinburgh. In a fit of patriotic fervour after news of Prestonpans had reached London, the leader of the band at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, arranged 'God Save The King' to perform after a play. It was such a tremendous success that it was rearranged so that it could be repeated nightly. This practice soon spread to other the London theatres and then out into the provinces, and the custom of greeting monarchs with the song as he or she entered a place of public entertainment was thus established.

Strangely, there is no authorised version of the National Anthem as the words are purely a matter of tradition. Over the years additional verses have been added but today these are rarely used. The words which we use today are exactly the same as those that were sung in 1745, (naturally substituting 'Queen' for 'King' where appropriate) but on official occasions these days, only the first verse is usually sung and occasionally the third. The British tune we use has also been used in other countries.

European visitors to Britain in the eighteenth century noticed the distinct advantage of a country possessing such an instantly recognised musical symbol. In total, around one hundred and forty composers, including Beethoven, Haydn and Brahms, have used the tune within several of their compositions.

Peter Keat

The medal and plaque presented to Fr. David Moore at the AGM. The medal has 'Warden Emeritus' on the reverse.



Cycle of Prayer

JULY 2015

- 1 Provincial Group 14 Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge. Cllr Alan Caudwell.
- 2 14/22 S.Felix S. Fursey. Bury St. Edmunds.
- 3 S. Thomas. For those who have not seen but yet believe.
- 4 Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich.
- 5 **Trinity Five For all who work for relief and poverty.**
- 6 S. John Fisher & S. Thomas More. For those who suffer oppression and denial of human rights.
- 7 14/45 S. Edmund King & Martyr, Ipswich.
- 8 14/49 S. Etheldreda, Cambridge.
- 9 Diocese of Ely.
- 10 14/230 S. Laurence. North West Norfolk.
- 11 14/234 All Saints, Great Yarmouth.
- 12 **Trinity Six Sea Sunday. For all seafarers, homes and families.**
- 13 The College of S. Barnabas, Lingfield.
- 14 Diocese of Norwich.
- 15 S. Swithun c862 Let us celebrate Christian simplicity and holiness.
- 16 Diocese of Peterborough.
- 17 Provincial Group 15 Warks, Northants, Leicester. Grand Councillor Terry Doughty.
- 18 15/29 S. Chad Coventry, Nuneaton, Rugby.
- 19 **Trinity Seven For those who have no work.**
- 20 For all who suffer alone in mind, body or spirit.
- 21 Diocese of Leicester.
- 22 S. Mary Magdalene. May we proclaim His Resurrection.
- 23 15/43 S. Dubritius. Leamington Spa.
- 24 15/91 S. John the Divine., Leicester.
- 25 S. James the Apostle. Let us follow in his steps.
- 26 **Trinity Eight For all who work for the relief of others.**
- 27 Diocese of Coventry.
- 28 We pray for all candidates we support through COF
- 29 Martha, Mary, Lazarus. Companions of Our Lord.
- 30 For all retired Priests and Pastoral Workers

AUGUST 2015

- 1 Provincial Group 16 Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire. Cllr Christophe

- 2 **Trinity Nine For all who are unwell. We lift them up in prayer.**
- 3 Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.
- 4 For all Lay Readers and Eucharist Ministers.
- 5 16/58 The Good Shepherd, Derby.
- 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord. Give us the light of the knowledge of His Glory.
- 7 Diocese of Derby.
- 8 Dominic. Priest. Founder of the Order of Preachers.
- 9 **Trinity Ten May we know the benefits of holidays.**
- 10 16/118 S. Michael & S. Andrew Stafford, North Staffs, S.E. Cheshire, Crewe.
- 11 16/134 Our Lady & S. Jerome. Nottingham, Derby.
- 12 16/187 S. Wystan, Burton on Trent.
- 13 Florence Nightingale. Nurse Social reformer 1910.
- 14 (15 Aug) Tarcisius. Patron Saint of Servers of the Sanctuary and his defence of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Give honour to Our Lady.
- 16 **Trinity Eleven. As we are fed by the Holy Sacrament make us ever stronger in your service.**
- 17 Provincial Group 17 Hereford, Lichfield, Worcester. Cllr David Jones.
- 18 17/109 S. Mary Magdalene, Wednesbury.
- 19 17/119 S. Michael and All Angels, Stourbridge.
- 20 17.127 S. Oswald, Shrewsbury.
- 21 Diocese of Lichfield.
- 22 Diocese of Worcester.
- 23 **Trinity Twelve For all preparing for higher education.**
- 24 Bartholomew The Apostle. The Church Union.
- 25 17/140 S. Christopher, Cannock.
- 26 17/159 S. Peter ad Vincula, Wolverhampton.
- 27 17/162 The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Telford.
- 28 S. Augustine of Hippo. For all religious communities.
- 29 The beheading of John the Baptist.
- 30 **Trinity Thirteen For those whose marriages are under strain..**
- 31 S. Aidan and SaintS of Lindisfarne. For all involved in the training of Priests.

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- 1 Diocese of Hereford.
- 2 Provincial Group 18 Lincolnshire. Cllr David Boyd.

Guild Diary

- 3 18/139 Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln.
- 4 18/216 S. George, Boston.
- 5 Diocese of Lincoln.
- 6 **Trinity Fourteen For the healing of divided families.**
- 7 The Church Union
- 8 Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join Mary in giving thanks to God.
- 9 Provincial Group 19 Yorkshire.
- 10 19/54 Friends of S. Francis Rotherham, Doncaster.
- 11 19/153 S. Paulinus, Mirfield.
- 12 For all chapters in abeyance.
- 13 **Trinity Fifteen. For all students preparing for leaving home and going to university.**
- 14 Holy Cross Day. For universal justice and peace.
- 15 Diocese of York.
- 16 Former Diocese of Wakefield/Bradford/Ripon/Leeds now part of West Yorkshire and the Dales.
- 17 Diocese of Sheffield.
- 18 For hospital chaplains and voluntary hospital visitors.
- 19 For those coming to terms with bereavement.
- 20 **Trinity 16 Give us the grace of your Holy Sacraments.**
- 21 S. Matthew the Apostle, Evangelist. The Coptic Churches.
- 22 For the homeless and the work of Shelter.
- 23 Strengthen the hope and love that belongs to Christian people.
- 24 Diocese of Europe.
- 25 For all in hospice, nursing and residential care.
- 26 Wilson Carlile Founder of Church Army. 1942
- 27 **Trinity Seventeen For the harvest and fruits of human hands.**
- 28 For the lonely and unloved.
- 29 S. Michael and All Angels. May they watch over us.
- 30 S. Jerome. For the British & Foreign Bible Society.

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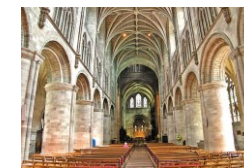
Saturday 27th June 2015

Midlands Area Festival

Hereford Cathedral

12 Noon: Sung Mass

3.00pm: Guild Office Procession and Benediction



Saturday 4th July 2015

50th Anniversary of the North Devon Chapter of St Brannock.

S. Peter & S. Mary Magdalene, Barnstaple

12.00 noon. Concelebrated Mass of Christ the King. Preacher; Fr Darren Smith

Guild Office, Street Procession & Benediction. 3pm.

Email Fr. Geoffrey Squire, details. gfsquire@yahoo.co.uk Tel; 01271

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Saturday 15th August 2015

Assumptiontide and PG11 Annual Festival Bristol Cathedral

12.00 Noon Procession of Our Lady and Solemn Concelebrated

Mass Preacher and President: The Rt. Revd. Martyn Jarrett SSC

3.00 The Lord Mayor's Chapel Solemn Vespers of Our Lady

and Benediction Details Cllr Chris Verity.

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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

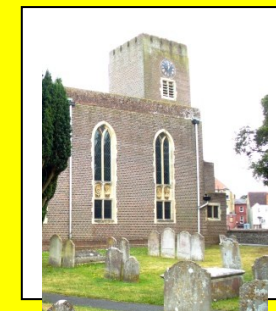
3.00pm Guild Office, Procession and Benediction

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The Church in the Woods.

In complete contrast to splendid ornate churches is the Church in the Woods in Hampshire. By following a small track through the woods to an opening in the trees it leads to what is commonly called the Gypsy Church. This tiny church is a small green building with a sloped roof and small spire on Bramdean Common in the countryside a just few miles from Winchester. The word Bramdean actually means "the valley where the brooms grow" - broom being the gorse bush which was originally very prevalent in the valley and is still resplendent with its bright yellow flowers. There was also a little known Roman villa in the area. Church in the Woods was built in just five days and is constructed on a small wooden frame being clad with green painted corrugated iron and was built when the Christian Mission in this country was fervently keeping pace with the changes and new concerns that were arising from the industrial revolution.

This Upper Itchen Benefice Church in the Woods was built by the Revd Alfred Caesar Bishop in 1883 to provide a place of worship for gypsies and other itinerant travellers who stopped regularly in the area. There were commoners who lived on the Heath, also charcoal burners and itinerant gypsies who seasonally occupied and camped on Bramdean Common now they would be able to attend church. On her death the Revd Bishop's wife, Louisa Frances Bishop, monies in her will provided an endowment that would secure the churches upkeep. Today three Trustees of the Bishop Charity manage the church. The Church is still used and is not a museum piece and on my last visit its graves and grounds were well tended. Surrounded by a wooden fence marking out a clearing in the woods its corrugated skin is still in good repair. The Church is used occasionally today and still popular with the Romany fraternity, many coming back year after year to have their children Baptised in the same church where they were Baptised. From early in its history there are records of Gypsies being Baptised here and although the life of the Romany has changed a great deal over the years as has their numbers they still look upon it a very much their church.



One of the last Baptisms was when Kerry and Kathleen Hawkins brought their three children to be Baptised on 11th May 1997. Kerry was born in August

1964 in Hampshire and some of his earliest memories are of living on a caravan site and his Mother taking him to visit his Grandmother Annie who was born in 1906 and brought up travelling about in horse drawn wagons and living in tents.



The denomination of the church is Church of England, yet the church transcends denomination and even religion. This small church, minimal in its construction and built in just a few days has a powerful effect on visitors. The church operates as a symbol and has effectively become a piece of sacred Romany geography.

It is a church that I discovered many years ago and have been back many times to look at it and photograph it, but in all my visits I have never found the church open so have never managed to view the interior; however on my last visit recently I spotted a brand new painted sign that stated that Evensong was celebrated every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month at 3.00pm between the months of May and September, so that is a date for the diary. From further research I understand that their average congregation is about twenty-five. At one time there were several of these churches around the country and I know of one or two which have ended up in Countryside museums, but does anyone know of any other working churches like this one in their area?

Peter Keat

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To be a Pilgrim

The roots of the act of being a Pilgrim go back centuries, since the very first people to hear the Gospel travelled to Jerusalem to walk in the steps of Our Lord. In the Pilgrimage to places that are special to their faith Christians find spiritual insight, wisdom and healing. Pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to a sacred site; the travelling and the destination are inseparable, the journey is as important as the end.

Although some Pilgrimages can take many days or weeks, shorter pilgrimages are possible too. Have you ever thought about conducting a Pilgrimage around your own home?

For many of us it is not possible to make long journeys but if we remain within our own four walls it is possible to gain the same insights and wisdom as those who are free to travel great distances.

God is not just God of the wide open spaces, he is God of the domestic and local in other words of the everyday things as well. So how do we make a Pilgrimage round our own home?

Here are a few pointers.

- You could begin at the front door, asking God to bless you on your journey as you listen to what he has to say to you. Now travel mindfully through your home.
- Pause to rest in your favourite arm chair; pray for a proper balance of activity and leisure in your life, or simply enjoy the sensation of sitting quietly in the presence of God.
- In the dining room sit and pray for those who might share a meal with you at your table.
- Look carefully at the photographs and souvenirs you have within your home. As you look at them ask God to give all those you love the things they need.
- Sit or lie on your bed and give thanks for the gift of refreshment and sleep.
- Visit the bathroom and give thanks for the abundance of water and pray for those millions who do not have clean water.
- Finally return to the front door and pray for good encounters with other people whenever you leave.



Always walk slowly and prayerfully, physical movement makes the act of Pilgrimage and the prayer of Pilgrimage more intentional and more deliberate. Offer to God your whole self, your heart, your mind and your body.

Ed: With thanks to the Pilgrimage leaflet from Living Faith.

Canal Chaplain

As from February last year the canal system stretching from Brecon to Newport have their very first chaplain. The Rev John Collier is the first to take the post with the Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny Canals Trust. He was inducted into the post by the Bishop of Monmouth, the Right Reverend Richard Pain, at a unique service of Thanksgiving during which the Bishop said "People need to relax and the tranquil waterways of our canals provide an ideal opportunity to reflect and find space" He went on to say that he was "absolutely thrilled Mr Collier was taking on the role. As an active parish priest he has already built up community links in the area and his chaplaincy will remind us of the importance of tourism in Monmouthshire and of the fruitful partnership of the church."

Popular with families, canal enthusiasts, walkers and cyclists, the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal's hedgerows and reed beds are a haven for animals and fish. Amphibians and insects live in and around the water. Voted the most-visited attraction in a survey by the Brecon Beacons National Park, the canal has a few churches dotted next to or near the waterway. But it has never had its own Chaplain until now.

Mr Collier said: "I see the co-operation between the trust and the church to be very important, and I am really pleased to accept the role of chaplain to strengthen the bond between us, and to show that our church is an active part of the community in which we live and worship. The church offers a similar sanctuary in life and I hope that locals and visitors alike will also discover the peace of our ancient and beautiful churches."

Right: The Revd John Collier poses with the Rt. Revd. Richard Pain, the Bishop of Monmouth, on the occasion of the official presentation of his License to be the Canal Chaplain.



A Place in the Country

How often have you wished for a quiet little cottage in a small village way out in the English Countryside, possibly a place with roses round the door and a thick, mellow thatch on the roof? The village would have a friendly local pub and clientele and there must also be a just as friendly parish church and congregation. It really does sound nice doesn't it? But beware, it is a little known fact that the people who live near a church or whose house is built on land that was formerly



owned by some of the older universities with an ecclesiastical background, there may be a built-in obligation to contribute towards the repairs to the chancel of the local parish church as laid down in the Chancel Repairs Act 1932.

However this ancient obligation only applies to pre-reformation churches in England and Wales of which there are approximately 5200. The Act allows the Parochial Parish Council to require

owners of former Rectorial land to meet the cost of repairing the churches chancel, the nave being the responsibility of the congregation.

But things are not as simple as they seem at first for Rectorial land was, and is not necessarily always, situated close to a church building. Over time the liability became more associated with Rectorial tithes. Some tithes having been commuted to corn rents or allotments of land under the Enclosure Acts and subsequent legislation.

The liability came to the fore in 2003 when the beneficiaries of a will found themselves inheriting a large property in a rural parish in Warwickshire. Their joy soon turned to panic as they realised that they had also inherited the liability to pay £96,000 for chancel repairs and although the case went all the way to the House of Lords, they lost their appeal and were forced to sell their inheritance to fund the bill!

I am sure that there must be a morale hidden in this story somewhere!

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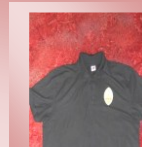
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The Ark would have floated

Did you see the film, "Noah"? Apparently it got some young scientists thinking and they reached for their Bibles and their computers and after numerous calculations and head scratching, they came up with their verdict: Noah's Ark WOULD have floated; even with the weight of two of every kind of animal in the world (around 70,000 creatures) packed neatly inside it.



I understand that a group of Master's students from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Leicester University analysed in detail the exact dimensions of the Ark, as set out in Genesis 6: 13 – 22. The passage says that God instructed Noah to build a boat that was 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high – and all of gopher wood. The students averaged out the Egyptian and Hebrew cubit measurement

to come up with 48.2cm, making the Ark to be about 144 metres long.- about 100 metres shorter than HMS Ark Royal Using the dimensions and Archimedes principal of buoyancy and the approximate animal weights they were astonished to find out that the Ark would have floated.

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St. Herbert's Island

St Herbert's Island, is right in the middle of Derwentwater in the Lake District and was the home of the hermit Herbert. Each year the parish of Our Lady of the Lakes and S. Charles arranges to celebrate a Mass on the island in his memory.

This isolated island covers four or five acres, is well covered with woods and is near the centre of the lake. It obtained its name from S. Herbert, a priest and confessor, who, "to avoid the intercourse of man, and that nothing might withdraw his attention from unceasing mortification and prayer," about the middle of the 7th century, chose this island for his lonely abode.

The locality was well adapted to the severity of his religious life; he was surrounded by the lake, from whence he received his simple diet. The fact that S. Herbert had his hermitage on this island is certain from the authority of the writings of the Venerable Bede.

S. Herbert was particularly distinguished for friendship to S. Cuthbert Bishop of Lindisfarne and, according to a legend both these holy men died on the same day and in the same hour and at the same minute, which, according to Bede, was in 678 or 687.

At Lindisfarne, expecting death, The good St Cuthbert lay, With wasted frame and feeble breath; And monks were there to pray.	At that same hour, a holy man, S. Herbert, well renown'd, Gave token that his earthly span Had reach'd its utmost bound
The brotherhood had gathered round, His parting words to hear, To see his saintly labours crown'd, And stretch him on the bier.	S. Cuthbert, in his early years, Had let him on his way; When the tree falls, the fruit it bears Will surely, too, decay.
His eyes grew dim; his voice sunk low; The choral song arose; And ere its sounds had ceas'd to flow, His spirit found repose.	The monks of Lindisfarne meanwhile Were gazing on their dead; At that same hour, Derwent isle, A kindred soul had fled.

There is little information re S. Herbert and had it not been for his friendship with S. Cuthbert, his name probably would not have been handed down to posterity. In truth, he did little more than pray and meditate on this island and it was his wish to live and die unknown. S. Cuthbert and S. Herbert were entirely dissimilar in character. Cuthbert was Bishop of Lindisfarne and eminent preacher whose eloquence influenced the will of many, and whose active zeal contributed to the advancement of the church. Herbert was a man of prayer. He retired from the world and passed his days in devotion. The two saints used to meet once a year for spiritual communion.



The Venerable Bede writes of the "Hermit of Derwentwater":- "There was a certain priest, revered for his uprightness and perfect life and manners, name Herberte, who had a long time been in union with the man of God (S. Cuthbert of Farne Isle), in the

bond of spiritual love and friendship. It is probable the hermit's little oratory or chapel might have been kept in repair after his death, as a particular veneration appears to have been paid to this retreat. The remains of the hermitage are still visible and near to these hallowed ruins stands a small grotto of unhewn stone, called the New Hermitage, erected some years ago by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, to whose representative the island, at present, belongs.

The dwelling of the anchorite consisted of two apartments, one of which was about twenty feet in length by sixteen in width, appears to have been his chapel; and the other, whose dimensions are considerably less, was his cell.

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Istanbul by Lesley Taylor

29th October is Independence Day in Istanbul and on this day we drove over the Bosphorus which separates Europe from Asia Minor to visit several historic sites. The first place we visited was The Blue Mosque. To get there you have to walk along the Hippodrome, a racetrack 500m length and 118m wide. The statues of four horses which sit over the entry of the Santa Marco Church in Venice today originally stood here and there are also several Obelisks. The Mosque of Sultan Ahmet (Blue Mosque) so called because of the blue tiles on the inside of the building was constructed by Ahmed I who ascended the throne at the age of 14. Construction began in 1609 and was completed 1617. An imperial lodge, school, service kiosk and single and double storied shops were included in the complex which spread over a vast area around the Mosque. The inner court is reached through three gates and is paved in marble. A fine fountain for ablution is in the centre of the courtyard. The mosque is unique with its six minarets; four have three balconies and two have two balconies. The central dome rests on four pointed arches. As it was a public holiday we had to join a long queue to enter the mosque and to cover our heads and remove our footwear.

After visiting the Mosque we went to the Basilica Cistern. This underground cistern is 70x140m and 8m deep covering 28 x12 with 336 columns each of them in a Corinthian style. At the base of two of the columns are heads of Medusa placed upside down so that the onlooker would not be turned to stone. There is still water in the cisterns and carp have been introduced to keep the water clean.

We then visited the Church of S. Sophia, now a museum, work began in AD360 and served as an Eastern Orthodox Cathedral until 1204, when Enrico Dandolo and the 4th Crusade conquered the city and turned it into a Catholic church. In the 15th century following the conquest of Constantinople by Fatih Sultan Mehmed it became a mosque until 1935 when it was secularised and became a museum. The church has been restored several times over the centuries, having suffered from raids often by people mistakenly thinking its doors were made of gold, earthquakes also had caused damage but all was restored finally in 1354 with the addition of buttress walls on the north and south walls and also four minarets at each corner. The building covers 100 x70m and the floor plan consists of a wide central nave flanked by two smaller naves. Over the main entrance is the figure of Madonna and Child flanked by Constantine the Great presenting a model of Constantinople to

her. There is also a famous mosaic of Christ flanked by the Virgin and S. John the Baptist. The museum displays both Christian iconography and Islamic iconography: a mosaic of Jesus is flanked by Two massive discs bearing the Arabic names of Mohammed and Allah. It was the custom when a new Sultan was crowned for all his brothers to be killed. At this time there would many of the old Sultans wives in the Harem; this slaughter was to stop any of the other mothers plotting against the new Sultan in favour of their own son. The practice only stopped after one massacre in which nine brothers the youngest only five asked if he could finish his roast chestnut before he died. Each brother was strangled, as royal blood could not be spilt and the coffins shaped like arks of the covenant can still be seen in a side room all placed side by side covered by green cloth a very moving sight to behold.

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Two Russian artists jailed for 10 days for Holy Water stunt at Lenin Mausoleum

In January two Russian performance artists were been jailed for ten days after throwing Holy Water at the Lenin Mausoleum on Red Square in Moscow whilst shouting, “Rise up and leave!” The men were sentenced to ten days for petty hooliganism after the protest which they carried out on Monday 19th January , which is an Orthodox holiday. Orthodox Christians celebrate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan river and people commemorate this by immersing themselves in icy rivers and lakes.



The performance called Exorcising the Devil, Desecrating the Mausoleum. The two men, Oleg Basov, a dance teacher, and Yevgeny Avilov, a computer programmer, are members of an anti-establishment art group. They carried five bottles of Holy Water from a local church. They moved barriers and threw the water at the doors and steps, shouting “Rise up and leave!” several times before being detained. When questioned the two men claimed that the aim of the performance was “to confront two myths”, the communist idea that Lenin “lives” and the Christian idea of Resurrection. The continued display of Lenin’s body in the mausoleum divides Russians. While most back the removal of his body, many communists ardently oppose this. A 2013 poll by an independent polling centre found that 25% of people asked thought that Lenin’s body should remain in the mausoleum, while 53% thought he should be buried.



by the Rev Geoffrey Squire. SSC.

About one year ago I attended Sunday Mass in a large church in France with a group of young people. On meeting the priest after the Mass I told him that they were mostly young Anglican servers from England. His face lit up and he replied 'Oh you Anglicans still have many boy servers, how wonderful. We did away with most of ours following the reforms of the 1960's as it was considered that they just cluttered up the sanctuary, but we overlooked the pastoral implications of what we were doing and it has had a serious knock-on effect with a shortage of priests.

On speaking with many of our clergy, especially the older ones, I have discovered that it was through being a server that many discovered their vocation and it was exactly the same for me. Being there with the priest and observing all the preparations for worship, observing the priest saying the daily offices, observing him preparing to take the sacrament out to the housebound, and being in a prime position to ask questions. It was through this that many young boys discovered their vocation. Next to being a boy server, it was being a choirboy that enabled many boys to get an insight into the life and work of a priest. So is the great decline in the number of boy servers and choirboys the cause of the decline in vocations and especially young vocations to the priesthood? I believe that it is, although there are also other causes.

So if we are to take the issue of more vocations and in particular more young vocations seriously, do we not need to do all we can to encourage more to be young servers and choirboys in our churches as one way of doing so? It is said that the introduction of girls as servers and in church choirs may have something to do with the number of young female clergy. Maybe it is, but let us not forget that there are girl servers and singers in the Roman Catholic Church but they do not ordain women, so that is a different story. GSS members and priest-associates really need to be more active in encouraging churches to introduce or re-introduce young servers. One young man who was a server in a very liberal-minded church is now a traditionalist Catholic ordinand and another is beginning the selection process having had a flirtation with liberalism at university before deciding that it was not God's will for his church. .

None Will Remain: Five Lost Churches of Manchester

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Manchester Cathedral was the venue for the launch of *None Will Remain: Five Lost Churches of Manchester*, attended by over 150 people.

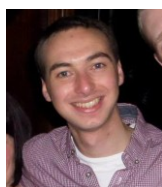
Richard McEwan has traced the histories of five churches – S. John, Miles Platting; S. Gabriel, Hulme; Our Lady and S. Thomas, Gorton; S. Alban the Martyr, Cheetwood; S. Benedict, Ardwick. Of the five, three are demolished, one is in the hands of a non-Anglican body, and another is in secular usage. The author writes as an insider as at the age of thirteen he was taken to High Mass at S. Barnabas, Oxford; the experience 'shaped the sort of Christian that I am' he says. Insiders with long memories will feel a twinge as they read these books with the many illustrations.

Richard McEwan places the churches in context. He sets their origins in the grime, squalor and poverty of the slums of the industrial revolution. He emphasises the impulses which brought these churches into existence. Not least among these were the benefactions of the industrialists - Birleys, Heywoods, Bennetts, Angelina Frances Clarke - whose lives were touched both by the catholic revival and by the sordid conditions in which their work-forces lived. Mr. McEwan draws out important differences: whereas the Birleys and the Heywoods were motivated by a sense of responsibility towards those on whose labours their riches depended, the Bennetts founded S. Benedict's Ardwick in order to enjoy the worship they loved, both spiritually in a setting as safe as they could make it from protestant hostility to 'ritualism'; about the well-being of their work force they appeared to be less concerned.

Protestantism was an inescapable context. It came in two forms. Some of these churches had to face the mob-hostility of the John Bull, Protestantism of Victorian England. And four of these churches faced the Erastian hostility of Protestant bishops. The first three bishops of Manchester all saw the denial of Episcopal ministrations, licensed curates and diocesan financial support as the way to deal with them. Only when William Temple was appointed was the mould broken. Not only did he lift the ban, but, in his wish to place a new church in Gorton, he accepted the firmly catholic prescriptions of Mrs Clarke's will. The church of Our Lady and St Thomas, Gorton, was the result.

The decline of heavy industry and the theories of post-war town-planners, effectively de-populated these parishes and the secularism of the 1960's weakened traditional church-going habits. In some cities one Anglo-Catholic church survived but none of these proved able to do so. And, unlike some dioceses, Manchester did not take care that one such church should remain. Even so, dedicated priests continued to serve these churches, sometimes with numerical success. Such priests, holding on to their inheritance, adapting to liturgical change, adopting new methods – the Company of Mission Priests is important here – ministered faithfully when the times must often have been disheartening. In this period, as in earlier times, it is clear that, more perhaps than in Roman Catholic parishes; in Anglo-Catholic parishes the impact of the individual priest was great. In this respect, however uncharacteristically Anglican was the décor, however divergent from the prescribed forms the liturgy was, they were typically Anglican.

The story of the priests who served these parishes is a noble one; a story of men, many of them celibates living in some isolation, whose days were disciplined: the daily Mass, the Office, private prayer, the confessional, long hours of pastoral care. In early days, this life might be encircled by hostility and one of them Sidney Fairthorne Green, (right) even went to prison. Some are described as socialists; many actively promoted the material welfare of their parishioners. In this story, even in lives of the most austere, there are moments when the absurd breaks in: readers must discover for themselves the adventures of Cracker, Fr Glenday's canine visiting companion. If today, as the author observes, Anglo-Catholicism is bewildered, weakened, divided, it has an inheritance spiritual, liturgical, social, which has enriched the Church of England. It is not mere nostalgia to seek inspiration from that inheritance. I warmly commend these absorbingly interesting books to readers.



Two Guild members Davis Yates (left) and Phillip Geldard (right) assisted at the launch

This article has been adapted from the review written by the Revd. Garth Turner Precentor of Manchester Cathedral from 1978-86. The books are sold as

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And Finally

The day arrived. Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven. He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter. However, the gates are closed and Forrest as approaches St. Peter said, 'Forrest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you but the place is filling up fast and there is now an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven.' Forrest responds, 'It sure is good to be here sir. But nobody r told me about any entrance exam. I sure hope that the test ain't too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was.'

S. Peter continued, 'Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions.

First: What two days of the week begin with the letter T?

Second: How many seconds are there in a year?

Third: What is God's first name?'

Forrest leaves to think. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who says, 'Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers.' Forrest replied, 'Well, the first one, which two days in the week begins with the letter 'T'? That one is easy. Today and Tomorrow.' The Saint's eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, 'Forrest, that is not what I was thinking, but you have a point, I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?' 'How many seconds in a year? Now that one is harder,' replied Forrest, 'but I thunk and thunk and I guess the only answer is 12.' Astounded, St. Peter said, 'Twelve? how could you come up with 12 seconds in a year?' Forrest replied, 'There's got to be 12: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd...' 'Hold it,' interrupts St. Peter. 'I see where you are going and I see your point, although that was not what I had in mind, but I will credit you for that one, too. Now the third and final question.

Can you tell me God's first name?' 'Sure,' Forrest replied, 'it's Andy.' 'Andy?' exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St. Peter. 'Ok, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?' 'Shucks, that was the easiest one of all,' Forrest replied. 'I learnt it from the song,

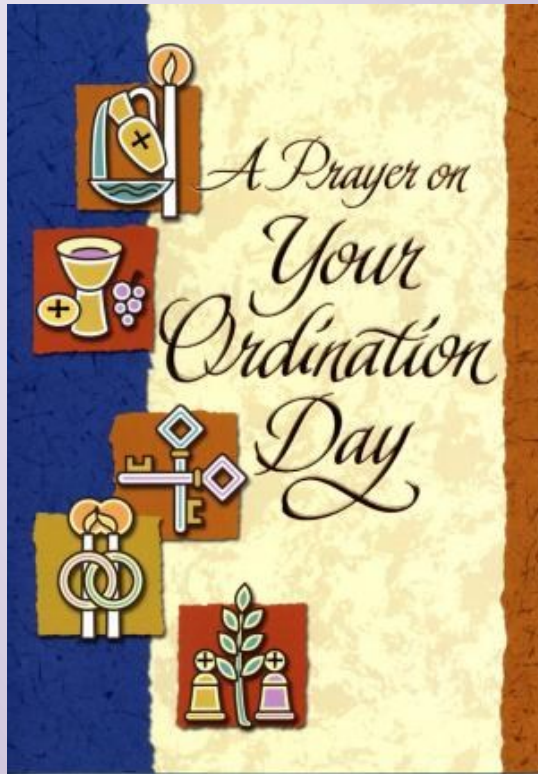
ANDY WALKS WITH ME,

ANDY TALKS WITH ME,

ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN.'

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