



# All Saints Parish Paper

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## VICAR'S LETTER

20 years ago, I had to preach at an ecumenical service in a Fife town to mark the 40th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe. In my sermon I spoke of the tragic irony that in order to destroy one evil tyranny we had to ally ourselves with another. We had gone to war to save Poland and Poland was not yet free. Afterwards, one of the local councillors, who clearly belonged to that tendency which could not see the moral equivalence of fascism and Soviet Communism, questioned what I had said. There did not seem much point in getting into an argument, so I simply pointed to a group of aging men arrayed in red berets and medals, and said, "Ask them". They were veterans of the Polish Parachute Brigade for whom Fife had become their place of exile when they were unable to return to their homeland. It was the era of Solidarity and martial law and above all of the Pope from Poland. I was reminded of those days by the sea of Polish flags in St Peter's Square on the day of the Pope's funeral.

John Paul II proved as able to draw crowds in death as in life. The re-arrangement of so many royal, presidential, prime-ministerial and primatial diaries testifies to the extraordinary impact of his ministry. Much of the commentary which has surrounded his death has verged on hagiology. "*Santo-Subito*" the banners in

St Peter's Square demanded, "Make him a saint soon". Even before his death, some were calling for him to be named "John Paul the Great". Only two other popes have ever been accorded this title. Some of this is more than enthusiastic devotion to a great man. Church politics are at play here. To outsiders, the Roman Catholic Church may look monolithic, but it is deeply divided over a number of issues. Those who espouse more conservative views clearly wish to wrap themselves in the banner of the John Paul after his death as they did during his life time.

On the other hand, there have been those western liberal "no popery" voices which have condemned him as if he bore sole responsibility for the AIDS pandemic. Not even Popes have that much power! One irate e-mail I received even condemned Archbishop Rowan's tribute to the manner of the Pope's dying as a "lived Easter sermon" on the grounds that the Pope had excellent medical treatment. He had not had bed sores like the writer's mother, so hadn't suffered as much.

We do not have to attribute, as some rather fevered voices have, the collapse of the Soviet world entirely to John Paul II. I'm sure he knew this was not the case. But there are those whose prejudice would deny him any rôle in it at all. Professor Tim Garton Ash, who knows more about Eastern Europe than most people, wrote in the *Evening*

*Standard*, that “His first dramatic visit to his native land, in the summer of 1979, was the ice-breaker for the Polish Solidarity movement, and Solidarity was the ice-breaker for the end of communism in the velvet revolutions of 1989”.

There are many in our world, indeed in the Church, who can only operate with absolutist views. The person, group or cause they are speaking of must be either entirely perfect or totally wrong, if not evil. This same correspondent condemned the Pope for being opposed to contraception and abortion. Many of us would argue that the Pope’s mistake has been to treat them as moral equivalents, equal parts of a “culture of death” which they are not. My angry e-mail writer falls into the same trap from the other direction.

John Paul II was clearly a complex man, “a sign of contradiction”, who was himself a man of contradictions. Many have testified to his personal magnetism and ability to relate to individuals as well as groups. At the same time, he could turn the fierce blast of his anger on those who disagreed with him. His experience of Nazism and Communism in Poland had taught him the importance of a disciplined Church united under its leaders. There were times when he did not seem to recognise that this model might not be appropriate for Western Europe. His hope that the liberated eastern countries would reject the culture of the west, which he came to see as a hedonistic culture of death, was to be disappointed.

Like Paul VI he recognised that the Papacy was part of the problem in ecumenical relationships and asked for other churches to help in renewing it as a ministry of unity. However, there was little sign of much inclination to listen to what either they, or

Roman Catholics who might suggest a less centralised and autocratic papacy, might have to say. He longed for re-union with the Churches of the East, yet his powerful centralising style probably contributed to their resistance to any progress.

There was also about him a capacity to do things which had never been done before; something all bureaucracies, especially one as old as the Vatican, resist. His reaching out to the Jewish people in penitence, both at the synagogue in Rome and in Jerusalem, was something we might not have expected from a son of Polish Catholicism in which anti-Semitism is deeply embedded. His apology to the Jews, and to others on behalf of the Church for its sins against them, would never have been volunteered by those who believe that the Roman Catholic Church cannot err, only individual Christians.

*The Wall Street Journal* applauded his strictures on Liberation theology in Latin America but described his critique of capitalism as “Marxist”. He was no uncritical admirer of western capitalism. Some voices which were happy with his crusade against abortion and contraception were less enamoured of his steady opposition to war and the death penalty.

John Paul II championed repeatedly human dignity and rights, yet had little time for freedom of speech or inquiry within the Church. He lived an highly disciplined spiritual life and demanded the same of the clergy, attributing much of the decline of Christianity in Western Europe to falling standards in the priesthood. Yet at the same time he failed to respond effectively to the clerical scandals which have inflicted appalling damage on the reputation of the Church.

As an Anglican married to someone who grew up as a Roman Catholic, I have a well-developed immunity to the papal personality cult; a cult which reached unprecedented heights with the great actor-pope able to operate on the stage of world-wide television. Our contemporary world, obsessed with image and celebrity, responds to leaders for reasons which might have little connection with what they say. How many of the young people who would turn out to see the pope had any serious intention of following his hard line on birth control? If the birth rates in Italy and Spain are any indication; very few.

Yet with all the caveats, I still find myself thinking that this was a man touched by greatness. His ministry was forged in a crucible the like of which we can barely imagine. It bore the marks of a titanic conflict between faith and atheism which was not a matter of abstract intellectual discussion but of life and death. Those who would hope for a different kind of papacy in the future, for the sake of the mission of the whole Church, will only strengthen their case by having the grace to recognise his greatness, even while disagreeing with some of his policies and teaching.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Yours in Christ,

Alan Moses

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## PARISH NOTES

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### The Restoration Programme

By the time you read this scaffolding will have been erected at the rear of the nave. This is to allow expert investigation work to be done both on the decorative scheme of the walls and roof and the state of the

glass in the great west window. All this is in preparation for the restoration of the interior of the church in time for the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the church in 2009.

We are delighted that the Bishop of London has agreed to be with us to help launch the Restoration Appeal on Sunday October 2nd.

### “Home Improvements”

Spring sees a rash of advertisements on television for DIY products. The mood of spring-cleaning takes hold of at least some of us. Here at All Saints we have been doing some home improvements. All Saints is a rather draughty place which can cause problems with candles. The draughts around the front of the nave are particularly bad. The standard candles at the statue of Our Lady have been replaced by oil-filled ones, like those used on the nave altar. These are a gift from the Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham.

In the same area, we have been exercised for some time about the votive candle stand. The candles we have been using for a good few years now do not fit the sockets exactly and tend to drip wax all over the stand and even on the floor (recently restored). They were so messy that the devoted volunteers who cleaned the stand, Mary Bishop for many years, and now Yvonne Craig, both assisted by Christopher Rawll, were spending as much as 3 to 4 hours a week on it. While I subscribe to St Benedict’s teaching that “to work is to pray”, this seems out of all proportion.

So, I am grateful to John Forde who has fitted new holders to the sockets which enable us to burn votive lights in clear plastic containers rather than candles. I was

concerned that this would be aesthetically less attractive but I am now convinced that the result has turned out very well indeed. One anxious parishioner worried that we might end up with the electric votive candles to be seen in some Italian churches. My response was “Over my dead body”.

Our Paschal Candle Stand is a splendid creation and with its candle it towers over both preacher and congregation in its Eastertide position by the pulpit. The permanent element of the candle now leans in the manner of the tower of Pisa and this means that the real candle burns unevenly and drips wax in considerable quantities. We have sought to remedy this by fitting a Perspex disc which acts as a base for flowers but this has proved insufficient to deal with the problem. The height of the candle also means that it is difficult to light.

## People

### Baptisms

**Jacob Phillips** was baptised at the Easter Vigil.

**Mathilda Harriet James** was baptised at High Mass on Low Sunday.

### Wedding

The Vicar officiated at the wedding of **Emma Smith** and **Sergio Cardoso**, two members of our congregation, in the chapel of Royal Holloway College on Saturday April 16th.

### Funeral

The Funeral Mass of Robin Miles Powis was celebrated in All Saints on Thursday April 7th. Robin had been missing from his usual place at the back of church on Sunday morning for some weeks. After surgery in

the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital he had been in intensive care. He died in the early hours of Thursday March 31st, shortly after receiving the Last Rites from the Vicar. Fr Aquilina’s sermon at his Funeral Mass is reproduced in this issue.

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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We began Holy Week outdoors with the Liturgy of the Palms in Market Place. There was an amusing moment when a gentleman with a central European accent and a bottle of beer came into our midst to ask what this was all about. On being told that it was Palm Sunday, he gave us a brief speech about Jesus before being escorted away by the temple police — sorry, the Met.

Duties at St Chad’s College, Durham, meant that our Holy Week Preacher, Canon Joe Cassidy, could not join us until the Monday in Holy Week. Many have spoken of how valuable they found his addresses which explored with us the humanity of Jesus. When he has edited them, we will be publishing them as a set. It was a great delight to have him and his family staying with us in the Vicarage.

Tenebrae on Wednesday evening is something of a liturgical relic, dating as it does from the days when the great ceremonies of Holy Week had been relegated to the early morning, rather than the times suggested by the Gospel accounts. In order to have services in the evening, the offices of the night and early morning, matins and lauds, were anticipated the previous evening, accompanied by the tenebrae ceremony of gradually extinguished candles and increasing darkness. So Tenebrae of Maundy Thursday was celebrated on Wednesday evening. We use an edited form of this. The full version

would last something like three hours. I find the chanting of the Lamentations of Jeremiah and some of the responsories, something I look forward to each year. It is the one service in Holy Week in which I have to do virtually nothing, other than say the collect from memory in complete darkness. It serves as a meditative introduction to the Triduum — the great three-day celebration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Since Deidre moved to Chichester, we have been without a flower arranger, so I am glad that Claudia and Fr Ivan stepped into the breach to arrange the altar of repose for Maundy Thursday. At the High Mass of the Lord's Supper, Fr Gaskell was absent from his usual place in the line-up of concelebrants because he was celebrating and preaching at St Saviour's, Pimlico, where he has been helping out during an interregnum. All Saints is unusual in keeping the watch through the night, so it was good to see so many taking part and to witness a good many young people I have never seen before coming into church and spending time in prayer.

The combination of reading, music, action and silence in the Good Friday liturgy was once again deeply moving. Those who were there for the whole three hours will testify to how well Canon Cassidy's meditations prepared us for the liturgy. The long stand to listen to the Passion according to John, the long line of people young and old coming up to venerate the cross against a background of the Reproaches and *Crux fidelis*; kneeling before cross and altar to sing Isaac Watts' "When I survey the wondrous cross", the stunning simplicity of Lotti's "Crucifixus" after Communion, were some of the points that stick in my memory. Some people have asked where I disappeared to after the Good

Friday Liturgy. In fact, I took off my chasuble and in alb and stole got straight into a taxi to be driven to the Annunciation, Marble Arch, to preach at their Solemn Liturgy which began at 3.00 p.m. A friendly Ghanaian Methodist driver got me there just as the reading from Isaiah was finishing.

Our Friday evening Stations of the Cross seems to have established itself as a valued part of the programme now. Fr Ivan kindly took over leading this as I must have been looking a bit weary after two solemn liturgies and Evening Prayer.

On Holy Saturday there is no celebration of the Eucharist. The altar is bare, with the exception of the crucifix used on Good Friday, crosses and statues remain veiled. The Easter Garden is prepared (our thanks to Craig Williams who is our gardener), flower-stand candles, vestments and vessels and other impedimenta are arranged. Servers and clergy have a rehearsal of the Easter Vigil at 11.00 a.m. and then at 12.00 noon those present assemble in the choir to celebrate the Liturgy of the Day. This is a simple service of prayer and readings — effectively the first part of Mass. It centres on the burial of Christ and his descent into hell.

Saturday evening began with light rain but by 9 o'clock it had stopped and we were able to gather in the courtyard for the lighting of the New Fire. Numbers were up considerably this year, so we were rather crowded. The fire was such an impressive blaze that lighting a taper for the Paschal Candle proved difficult. The increased numbers meant that getting us all back into church took rather longer than it has in the past and we are looking at ways of improving that. Fr Allen Shin had been down to sing the Exsultet, the Paschal Proclamation, but had to go to New York to

organise his visa, so Fr Ivan stepped into the breach splendidly. The liturgy then moved into the measured sequence of reading, psalm and prayer as we listened to the Vigil lessons with their history of salvation. After I had chanted “Christ is risen”, and intoned the Easter Gloria, there was an explosion of noise from the organ and bells, both the church ones and lots of individual handbells. This seemed to go on for minutes. Organists who have kept themselves under severe restraint for 6 weeks appreciate their new-found freedom and the congregation shakes off the liturgical sobriety of Lent.

During Lent we have been having a series of sermons on Baptism, so it was good that we had the Baptism of Jacob Phillips at this service to give particular focus to the renewal of the Baptismal vows we have been meditating on.

We were joined by a group of young people from Trinity on the Cove Episcopal Church, Naples in Florida. Trinity on the Cove is a colonial style church, all white paint, and sunshine streaming through windows on the day Theresa and I visited it last year. So High Mass by candlelight in the mysterious cavern which is All Saints must have been a very different experience.

Gareth Davies, one of our weekday worshippers, has written:

*“Having begun Lent at All Saints, it was a particular pleasure to be able to celebrate Easter there too. It was also fortunate, as I was on duty Sunday morning at 7.15 and would have struggled to be at my parish church for its 5.00 a.m. service! In addition to Fr Ivan’s excellent singing of the Exsultet, I was moved by the strength of the congregational singing and appreciated the opportunity to respond to the plainsong*

*between readings. (In some churches, I understand, the congregation is not trusted by the choir with singing at these points...)*

*“As an occasional, if not infrequent, worshipper at All Saints, it was good to feel part of the congregation at Easter. I work shifts and study part-time, so it is difficult for me to worship anywhere on a regular basis on Sundays, and I appreciate the reliability — in all respects — of All Saints’ Eucharistic services. Inevitably, I feel like a visitor, but there was something last Saturday evening, perhaps to do with the shared purpose, and the neighbourliness of the regular congregation, which made it different for me. I also had an insight into All Saints as a congregation, as distinct from merely a prayerful and beautiful building. Thank you.”*

High Mass on Easter Day was also a magnificent celebration and the faint and weary were restored by Claudia Aquilina’s wonderful Maltese cake.

## **Lady Day at the Annunciation**

March 25th this year was Good Friday, so the feast of the annunciation was transferred to Monday April 4th, the first free day in the Calendar. We joined the people of the Annunciation, Marble Arch, for their feast of title. Fr Alan celebrated, preached and, as Area Dean, commissioned four people to assist with the administration of Holy Communion on behalf of the Bishop of London. The church was full to overflowing and the people of the Annunciation laid on a splendid party for us all afterwards. It was a very happy occasion and we look forward to returning their hospitality.

## **Musical Notes**

The choir’s recording of music by Rachmaninov and Walter Vale was completed successfully in Easter Week.

Priory Records hope to have the CDs available by the summer.

Our Organ Scholar Joe Fort is arranging a series of organ recitals by talented young organists. These will take place on Sunday evenings in July after Evensong.

## **Sunday May 8th**

Our preacher at High Mass will be Tony Halton. This is part of Tony's training on the North Thames Ministerial Training Course. Canon David Sceats, the Principal of the Course, will be with us that morning.

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## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK MAY 15 - 21**

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### **Archbishop's Letter**

“This year began amid images of destruction and suffering on a scale and intensity that stunned the world. But the devastation and loss of life caused by the tsunami in the Indian Ocean also showed us human resilience and generosity at its best. It showed us the Gospel of Christ at work in the world.

“Christian Aid helped us to articulate and follow the Gospel spirit at this critical time, as it has in the past and as it will undoubtedly continue to do in the future. Christian Aid Week 2005 is a substantial part of that commitment. As we look ahead, it is clear that the needs of those who live in poverty, oppression, hunger and insecurity, remain very great. But they are not greater than our global capacity to meet them. As Christians, we know we must continue to play a full part in giving substance to that reality — through witness, through prayer and through our own giving.

“Christian Aid Week offers an important opportunity to do that. It takes as its theme a statement that has inspired many people in the past: *We believe in life before death.* This belief gives us a vision of a world without poverty. It directs us to stand alongside those who are struggling, and proclaim that life should be about more than mere survival. In doing so, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and put the values of the kingdom of God into action.

“You and your church can help in treading that path during Christian Aid Week and I hope you will do so.”

✠ *Rowan Cantuar.*

Here at All Saints, we will have the opportunity to support the work of Christian Aid in two ways.

We can give through the retiring collections after services on Sunday using the envelopes which will be issued with the Sunday leaflet.

Volunteers from our local churches will be doing the street collection on Oxford Street on Saturday May 21st. The collectors will be based in our parish room. If you would like to help with the collection please contact Mrs Christine Ellis after church or via the Parish Office.

Christian Aid is not just another Aid agency. It is the Aid agency of the Christian Churches in these islands. It is our aid agency.

### **Corpus Christi Thursday May 26**

Last year we held our Corpus Christi Procession outside for the first time. This was a great act of witness to our Lord Jesus Christ among the late-night shoppers of

Oxford Street, the pub revellers and al-fresco diners of Market Place. We are going to repeat the exercise again this year and hope that even more people will join us in this nonconfrontational piece of public Christianity. We already know that our neighbours from the Annunciation will be joining us.

We hope that many of our weekday and occasional visitors will be able to come too.

## **An Introduction to St Matthew's Gospel**

This year the Gospel readings at the Sunday Eucharist on "green Sundays" are largely taken from the Gospel according to St Matthew. So once Eastertide is over we will have a long series of readings from Matthew. Fr Alan will give an introduction to the Gospel on Thursday May 12th at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Room.

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## **DIARY DATES**

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### **Friday 29 April - Sunday 1 May**

**Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham** led by Fr Ivan Aquilina (*all places filled*).

### **Tuesday 3 May**

7.00 p.m. Archdeacon's Visitation and Parochial Church Council.

### **Thursday 5 May — Ascension Day**

**6.30 p.m. Procession and High Mass**

*Preacher:* The Rt Revd Stephen Platten, Bishop of Wakefield.

### **Sunday 15 May — Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

### **Tuesday 17 May**

**7.00 p.m. School of Worship: Nestorius and Liturgy** by Fr Allen Shin.

### **Sunday 22 May — Trinity Sunday**

### **Thursday 26 May — Corpus Christi**

**6.30 p.m. High Mass and outdoor Procession of the Blessed Sacrament**

*Preacher:* Fr Edward Dowler, Vice Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford.

### **Monday 30 May — National Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

Coach leaves All Saints at 7.30 a.m. and returns around 8.30 p.m.

Programme includes:

12.00 noon Concelebrated Mass in the Abbey Grounds

*Principal Celebrant:* The Bishop of Blackburn

2.30 p.m. Sermon, Procession and Benediction

*Preacher:* Br Angelo SSF.

Cost will be about £20 (including admission). If you are interested in coming please speak to Ross Buchanan (Tel: 020 8696 1331).



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## MISSION PROJECTS

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### Church Army Hostel

A proportion of the Lent boxes' money is being sent to the Church Army Hostel in Marylebone who use it, with other monies we donate, to fund an emergency bed for homeless women. They undertake valuable work with the homeless which includes transitional and after-care support to assist former residents into independence. Part of this help is a starter pack of non-perishable food which individuals are given as a basis while they adjust to living, eating and budgeting alone. The hostel relies on donations of food for these packs and we are re-launching our appeal for non-perishable food during May — such as packets of soup, rice, pulses, and tins with pull lids, of fish and vegetables. Donations can be left at the back of the church in the box provided (now appropriately labelled).

### St Cyprian's Theological College

We recently received St Cyprian's College Easter newsletter, a copy of which is on the noticeboard in the church and in the parish room. The college has no permanent students at present but is supporting the secondary school of the diocese of Masasi. There are 100 students in five forms and 9 teachers. In the past 6 months they have been building a dormitory for the boys of two forms, and a laboratory. The college also runs 3-week courses for catechists from various out-stations in the diocese and instructs them in how to lead church services, preach and teach.

The college's most pressing need is water collection and lighting. With money from All Saints they could dig two more cisterns for

the water from the dormitory and laboratory. Also there is no lighting in the Chapel and morning prayer starts at 6.00 a.m. when it is dark most of the year. Brother Anthony is concerned for the boys' eyesight. A donation of £600 would provide solar lighting for the chapel. At the time of writing this the total of the Lent giving is £1,718. If you have forgotten to return your Lent box please do so, your money is needed!

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### “ON THE MOVE”

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Starting from as far back as October last year, a good number of us have enjoyed Wednesday evenings discussing the entire Bible (well, at least manageable extracts). Thanks to Fathers Ivan, Alan and Allen for their careful preparation and firm direction of the sessions. Thanks also to those who served coffee and biscuits — very welcome during those long cold nights. Last, but not least, thanks to all those who took part in the sessions and made so many valuable points.

The evenings were very fruitful and at the risk of omitting the most important issues, I shall highlight two benefits. First of all, we are more acutely aware of how important it is to actively read and listen to Scripture again and again like “wise miners digging for imperishable gold”. All Saints' daily cycle of Matins and Evensong offers almost limitless opportunities for this.

The other valuable lesson lies in the title itself. Scripture is full of journeys: the wanderings of Abraham, the exodus of Moses and the Israelites, and the missions of the Apostles. By these journeys, people fulfilled God's purpose and became closer to what He wanted them to be. In these days of Easyjet, our physical travels are unlikely

to be so long and dangerous. But if we look back over our own lives, we can discern our countless mental journeys — some lasting days, some lasting decades — which

have had the same effect. *On the Move* has, I believe, been one such journey and I hope it will lead to more.

Ross Buchanan

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2004 - 2005 (Part I)

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### Churchwardens 2004 - 2005

Miss F. O'Neil

Mr J. Forde

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### Parochial Church Council 2004 - 2005

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Vicar (Chairman)

The Revd I. Aquilina

Assistant Priest

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Mr F. Williams

Miss M. Ellis

Mr K. Postance

Mr M. Woolley

Mr P. Faithfull

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### Standing Committee 2004 - 2005

The Revd A. Moses (Chairman)

Miss F. O'Neil

Dr D. Thomas

Mr P. Hartley

Mr J. Forde

Mr R. Buchanan

Mr K. Postance

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Miss C. Burling

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Mr K. Postance

### Assistant Secretary 2004 - 2005

Mr D. Craig

### Assistant Treasurer 2004 - 2005

Mr J. Breingan

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Mr G. McKee.

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Miss F. O'Neil

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Mr K. Postance

Miss F. O'Neil  
Mr C. Williams

The number on the Electoral Roll on April 5th 2005 was 279.

The Council continues to give consideration to major risks it may face in any of its activities, and to ensure that systems are in place to mitigate them.

Since the last Annual Meeting the Parochial Church Council has met 10 times, and the Standing Committee 5 times. At these meetings all aspects of the life and work of All Saints, together with any items passed down to us from the various synods, are discussed.

### Diocesan Mission and Ministry Review

This year we were asked to consider the Mission and Ministry Review instigated by the Diocese. At the May meeting of the Standing Committee, the Vicar explained that the Diocese had set up a Committee, of which he was a member, to investigate the health and vitality of every parish in the Diocese. A list of criteria was drawn up against which to measure the parishes. It was soon obvious that the inner city parishes are substantially different from the rest, and so a modified list was applied to them. As part of the exercise, each parish was asked to produce a Mission Action Plan (MAP) — *shades of time past!*

The item was considered by the full Council at the September meeting, and it was decided that the Vicar and Fr Aquilina would

produce a MAP, based on the discussions which the Council has had over many meetings, on the relevant subjects.

The latest on the Review (January) is that the Committee has finished its investigations and parishes have been identified in each Deanery which require special help. In our Deanery, three such parishes have been identified, St Paul's, Rossmore Road, The Annunciation, Marble Arch, and St Cyprian's, Clarence Gate. St Paul's is located in what is now accepted as one of the poorest parts of London, where there is great need for their Ministry. It is recognised that they are unable to pay their way, and so they are to become a Diocesan supported parish. This means that they will be financially aided by the other parishes in the Deanery, together with the Bishop's Mission Fund, set up precisely for this type of situation. It is hoped that by these measures it will be able to increase the staff there, to enable their essential work to be carried out more effectively. The task at the Annunciation and St Cyprian's is to find ways to staff the parishes without them being a financial drain on the Diocese.

All Saints has come out of the review fairly well, being both financially viable, and having an active life and ministry, but it has been a useful exercise for us, and we must

not be complacent, there is much more that we could do.

### **Finance and Stewardship**

For All Saints to be able to continue and expand its ministry, it is imperative that we retain a firm financial basis from which to operate.

Keeping us on track financially is the responsibility of the Council, and in particular, the Hon Treasurer. Last year we mentioned that this task was made more difficult for the then Treasurer, John Breingan, as he was based in Paris. In fact by the time of the Annual Meeting in 2004 John had decided that this meant he was unable to bring to the task the time or dedication it deserved, and so, with regret he stepped down. We wish to reiterate our thanks to John for his work during his short spell as our Treasurer, and are very glad that he felt able to become the Assistant Treasurer, to help Patrick Hartley as he took up the reins. Patrick himself will be the first to acknowledge that coming to grips with the finances at All Saints is a daunting task, but the Council has been very impressed with the efficient and confident manner in which he has set about it.

As is mentioned every year in the Annual Report, we are not a wealthy church, despite appearances, all the day-to-day running costs, and the often not inconsiderable expenditure on the buildings of the site, have to be met by members of our regular congregation and friends. This is why planned giving is vitally important, and many give generously and sacrificially. However, the congregation here is not static, new people come as others leave and it is important that Stewardship programmes are held at fairly regular intervals. The most recent of these has just been completed, and whilst the results have not yet been fully

analysed, initial indications are encouraging. This time, it was decided that rather than send visitors out to the far-flung areas of London and beyond where members of the congregation live, the campaign would be conducted by letter.

It should be remembered that stewardship is not just about money — time and talents are equally important, and this aspect was not neglected. As always, new volunteers are always welcome.

The Treasurer has provided the following snap-shot of the year's financial activities:

‘The financial results for the year show that we had a surplus on unrestricted funds of £49,020. Whilst it is always encouraging to be able to report a healthy surplus, it should be remembered that no major repairs were undertaken in the year and also regular giving was augmented by several large legacies. I do not think therefore that there is any room for complacency, particularly as major repairs to No. 8 Margaret Street have been provided for in the 2005 budget.

‘Giving by the congregation towards regular costs amounted to £197,000, representing an increase of £11,000 on the previous year. Additional income included a VAT reclaim of £4,786 under the Listed Places of Worship Scheme and grants from the All Saints Foundation, of which £7,048 related to unrestricted funds. As mentioned earlier, there were significant legacies amounting to £19,000 which contributed to the surplus on unrestricted funds. Whilst interest rates are not as high as they have historically been, rental income has increased to offset the lower returns. Shop income is considerably down on previous years as is income from choir and other fees.

‘Costs inevitably rise and perhaps the increase in giving towards regular costs, of £11,000, should be considered in the light of a £7,000 increase in Diocesan Common

Fund Contributions for 2004, £4,000 increase in the choir costs and £2,500 in office expenses. It is therefore encouraging that the initial indications from the Stewardship campaign in early 2005 are that regular giving will rise in 2005, which will go some way to meet the anticipated increase in costs.

The Choir and Music Trust Fund contributed £29,700 towards the cost of the music. This is a substantial increase on 2003, but still down on earlier years. It is hoped that higher contributions can be made in 2005. As in 2003, a sum of £1,800 was received from the Trustees of the Cinderford Charitable Trust towards the costs of the organ scholar.

The value of the PCC's investments held with the CBF suffered losses and compensating gains, to produce a final net unrealised gain on revaluation at the year end of £1,490.

There was a deficit on restricted funds of £29,654 leaving a balance of £34,151 at the year end. The deficit is largely the result of the completion of the floor project, the cost of which was entirely covered by grants from the All Saints Foundation, and also the acquisition of new chairs, funds for both projects having been received in 2003. A surplus arose on the chair appeal of £3,693, of which £3,000 related to a specific donation and which has been transferred to the All Saints Foundation in accordance with the donor's wishes. Other projects to which restricted funds were put include works to the spire and vestment repairs.

Although the acquisition of 82 Margaret Street proved unsuccessful, a number of generous donations were received which covered the legal, surveying and other professional costs that were incurred. It has been agreed by the donors of the surplus funds that these be put towards the restoration appeal scheduled for later on this year.

It is encouraging that regular giving has continued to increase and that we have been able to add to our reserves, but this has primarily been as a result of maintenance and repair works being deferred. It should not, however, allow us to be in any way complacent, as the costs of maintaining the fabric of our church must not be underestimated.'

### **Restoration projects**

At the last Annual Meeting, Colin Kerr, our Inspecting Architect, spoke of his vision for the restoration of the interior of the church and the research which would have to be undertaken to enable the work which the PCC had identified as needing to be done, to be carried out. It will be remembered that the decorative scheme of Butterfield's 1895 restoration was chosen to be the guide for the project. The task of researching this scheme and what has happened since has been ongoing during the year, perhaps more slowly than we would have liked, but the Council hopes to be in the position of having it completed, a Quantity Surveyor appointed, and outline budget cost estimates made by late summer. It has been decided that in 2005, Foundation Sunday will be moved to the first Sunday in October, when the Restoration Appeal will be launched. There is still much work to do to meet this target date, and this will obviously make demands on the time of many people.

Two projects which seem to have been in 'the pipe line' for a very long time, namely the restoration of the floor inside the main door of the church, together with the cleaning of the whole floor, and the replacement of the church chairs, have finally been completed. Problems were encountered in the floor restoration, which meant that it took far longer than expected, but the end result was, we feel, well worth

waiting for. There is a further area of the floor which still has to be restored, and this will be done in due course.

The Council is very relieved that at last members of the congregation are *safely* seated in church now that the long awaited chairs have been installed. The old chairs were donated to St Augustine's, Kilburn, whose own were in a worse state of repair than ours, if that can be believed. We are still trying to identify the most appropriate home for the Comper chairs, and they remain with us at present.

The completion of these two projects would not have been possible without the generous contributions of many people, so once again thank you all.

The Parish Room has been redecorated. The decorative shields here and the four in the Oratory were restored by Howell and Bellion, thanks to the generosity of a member of the congregation.

The lavatories in the basement have also been redecorated.

A special word of thanks here to the Trustees of the All Saints Foundation, and Robin Fletcher the Administrator, for their continuing support. They always respond with generosity to our appeals for assistance, and for this the Council is very grateful.

### **Vestments and furnishings**

Thanks to very generous donations, the following Low Mass sets arrived during the year. A green Gothic set, in Bodley's "Gothic" silk damask, and an old green Latin shape set, with the back of the chasuble embroidered with the Most Holy Trinity, was completely remade. Also two simpler Low Mass sets, one white, the other green, were received. A new white Gothic High Mass set, with matching Cope, was also completed, the material being the same Oyster silk damask as in the Low Mass set

made last year. All these vestments have been made by Watts.

The Butterfield Flagon, referred to later in the report is now on loan to the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the Omar Ramsden monstrance from St Mary Magdalene's, Paddington, arrived here for safe keeping. It will be used on special occasions.

Further details in the Churchwardens' comprehensive report on the Fabric and Articles.

### **Mission**

As well as the upkeep of All Saints, the congregation remain committed to the mission of the Church at large in spreading of the 'Good News' of the Gospel, and to practical assistance for those less well off than ourselves. We continue to support our Mission Projects, The Church Army Hostel in Marylebone, the West London Day Centre luncheon vouchers scheme, and St Cyprian's Theological College in Masasi. The process of twinning All Saints with a parish in Ongiva, Angola, is proceeding slowly.

In addition to our regular commitments, we also supported Christian Aid week, and two retiring collections for specific needs were held. The first in July was for Christian Aid's Sudan Crisis Appeal, when £1,533.90 was collected, and the second in January, in response to the overwhelming disaster in the Indian Ocean area caused by the earthquake and tsunami on Boxing Day. This collection raised £2,437.48. The figures speak both of the generosity, and the deep concern for their fellow human beings of the family here at All Saints.

Following the successful expedition into Oxford Street in 2003 to sing carols, the exercise was repeated this year. It was if anything a more enjoyable experience than that of the previous year and seemed to generate genuine interest in those listening.

£262.93 was collected for the Church Army and The West London Day Centre.

A gift stall was held in the Parish room on Sunday February 6th, the proceeds going towards the 2005 Lent Appeal, which had three objects:

1. the Bishop of London's Appeal, supporting health care projects across Southern Africa.
2. the Church Army St Marylebone Hostels, and the West London Day Centre.
3. St Cyprian's Theological College Masasi.

The Health and Social Care group continue to meet on an occasional basis.

To Janet Drake and the members of the Mission Committee go the Council's thanks for their work in coordinating our activities in this field.

### **All Saints House**

It will be remembered that there was considerable relief when the Sisters sold All Saints House to the Trustees of the St Andrew's Church Foundation, thus keeping it for the use of the Church in the Diocese of London. There was therefore concern when it was discovered, almost by accident in late June, that the House had been put up for sale again. There followed a period of concentrated effort, led by the Vicar, to put together at very short notice a suitable package which would enable the House to continue in its rôle within the Diocese, and would give to All Saints some very much needed extra space. Eventually, after many trials and tribulations, and 'burning the midnight oil', in partnership with Acorn Properties such a package was arrived at which would be financially within the capabilities of the Parish. Unfortunately, the Trustees of St Andrew's chose not to accept

our offer, and proceeded with the arrangements to sell to the earlier bidder, the Jesus Army.

Obviously we were disappointed at the outcome, as the project, had it come to fruition, would, the Council believes, have been beneficial to All Saints. However, what the exercise showed was the tremendous support that we have here. The amount of money pledged in gifts and loans within the first few days was remarkable when one considers the other commitments that people have. Some of that money, on the instructions of the donors, will be put towards the cost of the restoration project referred to earlier in the report.

To be able to put together such an offer, within such a very short space of time, was only possible thanks to the very hard work of a large number of people. To all those, but in particular to the Vicar, Fr Aquilina, the Churchwardens, the Hon Treasurer, Aiden Hargreaves-Smith, and Tom Leeman, the Council wishes to express its thanks.

The response to this challenge bodes very well, we feel, for the success of the major restoration appeal that we will soon be undertaking.

### **Health and Safety**

The committee continues to review matters concerned with the safety of the congregation, visitors and workers on site. New lighter, quieter ramps for the use of wheelchairs have been purchased.

There was another very successful clean-up day on Saturday May 15th, when the skip was completely full by lunchtime.

The redecoration of the Vicar's study still has to be done by the 'in house' decorators. The Asbestos Survey arranged by the Diocese has now been completed, and the Asbestos Register is lodged in the Parish Office.

Our thanks to the members of this

committee for their continuing work and vigilance on our behalf.

### **Catering**

Catering is undertaken under the auspices of the Bar Management Committee, but the organisation and provision of refreshments is the responsibility of the Catering Committee. There is the regular provision of refreshments in the Courtyard after High Mass on Sundays and Sunday Lunch. Both these activities, like so much that goes on in All Saints, is entirely dependant on the goodwill of the volunteers who provide the service. There are also an increasing number of special occasions, when some form of refreshment is required, ranging from a glass of mulled wine and mince pies to something more substantial, and our volunteers always nobly rise to the occasion.

We all appreciate the efforts of the committee and their band of volunteers for providing this most welcome 'service'.

### **Visitors**

All Saints has always attracted visitors from all parts of the world, both individuals and organised groups, and this year was no exception. It was especially good to be able to welcome back to All Saints two former members of staff, Fr Ian Davies in May and Fr Arnie Klukas in June, and Sisters Jean Margaret and Ann Frances on a number of occasions. Amongst the 'organised' groups who have visited us this year were members of St Nicholas's Church, Orebro, Sweden, the General Theological Seminary, New York, the Gregorian Association (an annual event) and the Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters. We were also a venue for part of the London Organ Day.

Due, we believe, to an administrative error, we did not take part in the Annual London Open House Day, but as the church

is open every day from 7.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m., the impact was probably minimal.

Members of All Saints took part in the many celebrations held this year to mark the 1400th Anniversary of the Diocese of London. As part of these celebrations, an exhibition was held at the Goldsmiths' Hall entitled 'Silver and the Church: Treasures from London Churches'. Several items were on loan from All Saints, most of which are not generally on view, and the Goldsmiths have asked if they may use a photograph of the Butterfield flagon on the cover of the retrospective catalogue.

### **Teaching and preaching**

Teaching comes in many forms, from the pulpit, in courses, through the written word and at the individual level. We have always been particularly blessed here with a very high standard of teaching and preaching, which is the envy of many. The Vicar manages to entice so many good visiting preachers to ascend the steps of our pulpit, and their varied sermons give us much food for thought. We thank them all (too many to mention individually) for the time and trouble they take in the preparation of their sermons for us.

Obviously it falls to the 'home team' to undertake the bulk of the preaching, and they deliver sermons on a diverse range of subjects. The time and effort which they are willing to put into the preparation of their sermons means that we are rewarded with the consistently high level of preaching that we have come to expect. In addition to preaching to us, they continue to venture far and wide to preach in other parishes. Many of the sermons by both the visiting preachers and the home team are printed in the Parish Paper.

This year there were two 'formal' teaching courses, '*On the move...*' which commenced on Wednesday October 6th and



*The School of Worship*, which commenced on Thursday October 12th.

To quote what Fr Ivan wrote as an introduction to these courses,

“*On the move...*’ is NOT another course, it is fellowship during our life journey. Together we reflect on the Word of God as we live in His light and His love. We will support each other in our mission.”

*The School of Worship*. “Liturgy is the worship of the people of God to God, in which God is glorified and his people sanctified. Here at All Saints, liturgy is at the heart of our life. Members of the congregation will be sharing their insights and study on differing liturgical matters.”

During Lent, the sermons at Evensong explored the meaning of Baptism, using questions which form part of the Church of England’s new Common Worship Service. There was time for discussion in the Parish Room after each service.

The Parish Retreat took place on February 11th - 13th at St Francis’ House, Hemingford Grey, led by Bishop Michael Manktelow.

## **Deanery matters**

As we all know, in addition to being Vicar of All Saints, Fr Alan is Area Dean of Westminster St Marylebone, and Dr Christopher Rawll is the Lay Chairman of the Deanery Synod. Although the Synod does not meet that often, the meetings are always informative, and a chance for the parishes to exchange views and information.

Like a great number of people in the Diocese, we were all saddened at the death on June 27th of Fr John Slater, Fr Alan’s predecessor as Area Dean. Fr John started his ministry here at All Saints, and will be remembered for his work at the Institute of Christian Studies. He retained a deep affection for All Saints, and came back on many occasions as the years passed. It was very appropriate therefore that All Saints was represented at his funeral at St George’s, Hanover Square, and at the Memorial service in St John’s Wood Parish Church. He will be greatly missed not only in the Deanery, but in the Diocese and beyond.

*Fr Alan Moses, April 2005*

*To be concluded in the June Parish Paper*

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## **SERMON BY FR IVAN AQUILINA AT THE FUNERAL OF ROBIN MILES POWIS**

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Nothing so marks the passing of time as does the passing of the seasons. In our lives we have seasons, and how speedily do these seasons go by.

In the springtime of our life we have a sense of things beginning, and of life awakening. Life stretches out endlessly before us. Anything seems possible.

Spring quickly gives way to summer. Things are progressing nicely. Life is full and joyous.

All too soon summer dissolves into autumn. Life starts to slow down. However, there is joy as we begin to reap the fruits that we have sown. But there is sadness as we realise how much the stream of life runs quickly into the sea. Then comes death — our winter — cold and dark, but in winter life goes on underneath, hidden life is getting ready for the most beautiful spring. And so with death — our winter, life is transformed into the eternal joy of spring with God and all his holy angels and saints. Jesus does not stop saying to us “I am the

way, the truth and the life. Trust me and keep on journeying towards my Father and your Father.” The winter of death has overtaken our brother Robin.

Robin was born 62 years ago. He grew up surrounded by the affection and care of his grandmother whom he loved dearly and held in high esteem all through his life. He spent time looking after her and after his uncle Father Peter Gamble.

His formative years led him to be a polite and gentle soul in which the Christian faith in the Catholic Anglican tradition meant so much for him. Part of Robin’s life was in the Antiques business. There he not only developed an eye for what is beautiful but more importantly had an appreciation for the history of the artefacts he dealt with. He enjoyed sculptures in wood and furniture. He described this as a very happy part of his life that led him to another very happy period, the time he worked for Baroness Mandat-Grancey. In the service of the Baroness Robin took great pride in keeping nice things nice and in doing things properly. Whenever we were together he always spoke of the Baroness in high esteem and in loving affection. Robin was loyal to the Baroness, and he was appreciated in his time there for his sophistication, for being so refined and impeccable, and so good in cooking. All this against the background of a good sense of humour.

Another happy period of his life was his time in Abbeyfields at Coniger Street, here in London. He always asked my family and me to visit him there, as he said: “...to see my home and meet my family”.

We now give thanks to God for Robin, for a friend who, I hope will now remember us before God. We remember his social

grace, his generosity, his taste for good food, good wine and nice things. We remember his love for music, his appreciation of the voluntaries here every Sunday. We remember his love for animals, the care he gave to Dickens his cat. We remember how much he enjoyed a garden and how fond he was of flowers. But above all we remember and give thanks for his trust in God and his strong, unwavering faith. And we give thanks for all the memories that each and everyone has of Robin.

Illness has made Robin suffer so much during this earthly life. He bore these sufferings with resignation and Christian fortitude. Now he is reaping the fruit.

We feel sad at the onset of winter, but we know that spring will renew everything again. We are sustained by our faith in Jesus and his words.

Just as the expectation of spring takes the sting out of winter so our faith in Jesus and His words takes the sting out of death for us. Robin, we trust and pray, is now in safe hands, the hands of God almighty, because in his life he followed Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life and I think Robin urges us today to do the same.

Allow me to end with a blessing-prayer that sustained Robin throughout his life and that he always asked me to recite when we prayed together:

*Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no man evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us always. Amen.*

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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*In Dr Rawll's absence, the Vicar has been reading through old Parish Papers. He thought it might be of interest to contemporary readers to have a picture of what went on in the Parish 100 years ago drawn from the contents of the Parish Paper of May 1905.*

The May 1905 issue of the Parish Paper included the report of the Annual Vestry Meeting and the Communicants' Meeting. There was a letter from the Vicar-designate, The Revd George F. Holden of St John's, Kensington. He had been appointed to replace Prebendary Alan Whitworth who had died after a long illness.

On Ascension Day the services were 6.00 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and again at 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 a.m.

9.00 a.m. Mattins.

11.00 a.m. Choral Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Procession and Sermon.

5.00 p.m. Induction of the Vicar-designate by the Bishop of London.

8.30 p.m. Choral Evensong, Sermon and Procession.

On the Sunday after Ascension Day.

The Vicar will preach morning and evening, and read himself in at the 4.00 p.m. Evensong. In those days new incumbents had to read the 39 Articles when they took office in much the same way as naval captains had to read the Articles of War.

In his letter to the congregation the new Vicar told them that he would be with them during June, and then would be away all summer to recover from a period of considerable stress on doctor's orders. He would return to the parish in October.

He was confident that the three curates would be able to cope over the summer period. The Easter Offering (usually given to the Vicar in those days) was divided among the curates in appreciation of their work. And it was reported that there had been 2 baptisms that month, that 22 candidates from All Saints had been confirmed at St Andrew's, Wells Street, and there had been one wedding.

The issue also included a letter from the Bishop about the Bishop of London's Fund. The Fund was to support ministry in the poorer parts of the Diocese. In fact it is being re-established now as the Bishop of London's Mission Fund as part of the diocese's response to "The London Challenge".

A course of Sunday afternoon lectures for young people would be given during June and July by the Revd Ernest Tritton, the senior curate. There was an article explaining Rogation Days, a notice about the storing of bicycles during services, the results of the Choir School examinations, and a list of the collections made in the previous month.

Then, as now, the music for the month was listed. Each Sunday at 10.30 a.m. there was Choral Mattins. This was followed by a Choral Eucharist at 11.45. The music at Mattins seemed to be standard Anglican repertoire for this service, including Stanford and Dykes. The music at the Eucharist was rather more exotic, including Gounod's Mass in C on Ascension Day and the following Sunday, Beethoven in C on Whitsunday, and Haydn's "Imperial Mass" on Trinity Sunday. The 4th Sunday after Easter had the intriguing "Kalliwoda in A". There was also a simple Evensong with hymns at 4.00 p.m. and full Choral Evensong at 7.00 p.m.

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# SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES

## MUSIC AND READINGS

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### • SUNDAY 1 MAY EASTER 6

#### HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

*Entrance Hymn:* 106 (T 219; v 4 Descant  
— Caplin)

*Introit:* Vocem jucunditatis

*Mass:* Missa Brevis  
— Andrea Gabrieli

*Lessons:* Acts 17: 22 - 31  
Psalm 66  
1 Peter 3: 13 - 22

*Hymn:* 365

*Gospel:* John 14: 15 - 21

*Preacher:* Prebendary John Gaskell

*Creed:* Credo II

*Anthem:* Jubilate Deo  
— Giovanni Gabrieli

*Hymns:* 416 (ii), 280, 265

*Voluntary:* Magnificat VI Toni  
— Scheidemann

#### SOLEMNEVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.

*Psalms:* 87, 36: 5 - 10

*Lessons:* Zechariah 8: 1 - 13  
Revelation 21: 22 - 22: 5

*Office Hymn:* 101 (omit \*)

*Canticles:* The First Service — Morley

*Anthem:* Cantate Domino  
— Monteverdi

*Preacher:* The Vicar

*Hymn:* 401

#### BENEDICTION

*O Salutaris:* Fischer

*Hymn:* 483 (T 77)

*Tantum Ergo:* Palestrina

*Voluntary:* Adagio (from Concerto in  
A minor) — Vivaldi, arr  
Bach BWV 593

### THURSDAY 5 MAY ASCENSION DAY

#### HIGH MASS AT 6.30 p.m.

*Processional Hymns:* 109 (ii; Ascension  
refrain, omit Easter vv 5 - 7),  
130 (i; omit \*)

*Introit:* Viri Galilaei

*Mass:* Spatenmesse — Mozart

*Lessons:* Acts 1: 1 - 11  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1: 15 - 23

*Hymn:* 332 (omit \*)

*Gospel:* Luke 24: 44 - 53

*Preacher:* The Rt Revd Stephen Platten,  
Bishop of Wakefield

*Creed:* Credo III

*Anthem:* God is gone up — Finzi

*Hymns:* 134 (v 6 Descant — Caplin),  
135, 271 (T Vale; v 4  
Descant — Caplin)

*Voluntary:* Improvisation on 'Ascendens  
Christus in altum'  
— Paul Brough

### • SUNDAY 8 MAY EASTER 7

(Sunday after Ascension Day)

#### HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

*Entrance Hymn:* 132

*Introit:* Exaudi, Domine

*Mass:* Missa Brevis in D — Mozart

*Lessons:* Acts 1: 6 - 14  
Psalm 68  
1 Peter 4: 12 - 14, 5: 6 - 11

*Hymn:* 349

*Gospel:* John 17: 1 - 11

*Preacher:* Mr Tony Halton  
*Anthem:* Ye choirs of new Jerusalem  
— Stanford  
*Hymns:* 302, Peace, perfect peace, 338  
*Voluntary:* Fugue in G minor — Mozart

### **SOLEMNEVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.**

*Psalms:* 47  
*Lessons:* 2 Samuel 23: 1 - 5  
Ephesians 1: 15 - 23  
*Office Hymn:* 128  
*Canticles:* Service in G minor — Purcell  
*Anthem:* Ascendit Deus — Philips  
*Preacher:* Fr Ivan Aquilina  
*Hymn:* 352

### **BENEDICTION**

*O Salutaris:* Byrd  
*Hymn:* 446  
*Tantum Ergo:* Byrd (No 2)  
*Voluntary:* Voluntary in C — Stanley

## **• SUNDAY 15 MAY THE DAY OF PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)**

### **HIGH MASS AND BAPTISM AT 11.00 a.m.**

*Processional:* Hail! Festal Day!  
*Introit:* Spiritus Domini  
*Mass:* Missa 'Dum Complerentur'  
— Victoria  
*Lessons:* Acts 2: 1 - 21  
Psalm 104  
1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13  
*Hymn:* 139 (i; v 5 Descant — Caplin)  
*Gospel:* John 20: 19 - 23  
*Preacher:* The Vicar  
*At the Procession to the Font:* Litany of  
the Resurrection (arr Kitchen)  
*Anthem:* Dum complerentur dies  
Pentecostes — Palestrina  
*Hymns:* 421, 138, 137

*Voluntary:* Improvisation on 'Veni  
Creator' — Paul Brough

### **SOLEMNEVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.**

*Psalms:* 67, 133  
*Lessons:* Joel 2: 21 - 32  
Acts 2: 14 - 38  
*Office Hymn:* 136  
*Canticles:* Collegium Regale — Howells  
*Anthem:* The Spirit of the Lord  
— Elgar  
*Preacher:* Fr Ivan Aquilina  
*Hymn:* 409

### **SOLEMN BENEDICTION**

*O Salutaris:* Lloyd Webber  
*Te Deum:* The Short Service  
— Gibbons  
*Tantum Ergo:* Lloyd Webber  
*Voluntary:* Festal March  
— Lloyd Webber

## **• SUNDAY 22 MAY TRINITY SUNDAY**

### **HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.**

*Entrance Hymn:* 148 (omit \*)  
*Introit:* Benedicta sit  
*Mass:* Missa Festiva — Peeters  
*Lessons:* Isaiah 40: 12 - 17, 27 - 31  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 13  
*Hymn:* 146  
*Gospel:* Matthew 28: 16 - 20  
*Preacher:* Fr Ivan Aquilina  
*Creed:* Credo II  
*Anthem:* O beata et gloriosa Trinita  
— Palestrina  
*Hymns:* 145, 358 (ii), 373 (T Coe Fen)  
*Voluntary:* Processional from 'Laudate  
Dominum' Suite  
— Peter Hurford

## SOLEMNEVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.

*Psalms:* 93, 150

*Lessons:* Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

John 16: 5 - 15

*Office Hymn:* 144

*Canticles:* Service in B flat — Stainer

*Anthem:* I saw the Lord — Stainer

*Preacher:* Fr Ivan Aquilina

*Hymn:* 343 (vv 3 & 6 Descant  
— Whitlock)

## SOLEMN BENEDICTION

*O Salutaris:* Stainer

*Hymn:* 147

*Tantum Ergo:* Stainer

*Voluntary:* Postlude in F — Stanford

## THURSDAY 26 MAY CORPUS CHRISTI

### HIGH MASS & PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 6.30 p.m.

*Entrance Hymn:* 271 (v 4 Descant  
— Caplin)

*Introit:* Cibavit eos

*Mass:* Missa Brevis — Kodály

*Lessons:* Genesis 14: 18 - 20

Psalms 116

1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26

*Hymn:* 310

*Gospel:* John 6: 51 - 58

*Preacher:* The Revd Edward Dowler,  
Vice Principal of  
St Stephen's House

*Anthem:* Let all mortal flesh keep  
silence — Bairstow

*Hymns:* 308, 305, 311 (T A&MR 401)

*Motet during Ablutions:*

Ave verum corpus — Mozart

*Processional:* 521, 368, 486, 296 (i), 427

*Tantum Ergo:* 268 (R; part 2)

*Voluntary:* L'apparition de l'Eglise  
éternelle — Messiaen

## • SUNDAY 29 MAY TRINITY 1

### HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

*Entrance Hymn:* 351

*Introit:* Domine, in tua misericordia

*Mass:* Mass in four parts  
— Monteverdi

*Lessons:* Deuteronomy 11: 18 - 21,  
26 - 28

Psalms 31

Romans 1: 16 - 17

*Hymn:* 407

*Gospel:* Matthew 7: 21 - 29

*Preacher:* The Vicar

*Creed:* Credo III

*Anthem:* O sacrum convivium  
— Guerrero

*Hymns:* 404, 445, 346 (v 5 Descant  
— Gray)

*Voluntary:* Improvisation on 'Tantum  
Ergo' — Paul Brough

### SOLEMNEVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.

*Psalms:* 33

*Lessons:* Ruth 2: 1 - 20a

Luke 8: 4 - 15

*Office Hymn:* 150 (S)

*Canticles:* Service in F — Dyson

*Anthem:* Cantique de Jean Racine  
— Fauré

*Preacher:* The Vicar

*Hymn:* 244

### BENEDICTION

*O Salutaris:* French chant

*Hymn:* 383 (ii)

*Tantum Ergo:* Duruflé

*Voluntary:* Fantasy on 'St Columba'  
— Leighton

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The Friends support the work of this centre of Christian witness and worship, teaching and spiritual counsel, through their prayers, their financial help and their concern. Please write for further information to The Friends' Secretary at the address below.

## PARISH ORGANISATIONS

Please write c/o  
The Vicarage, 7, Margaret Street,  
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### All Saints Church Marylebone Choir and Music Trust Fund

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**Sundays** Low Mass at 6.30 p.m. (Sat), 8.00 a.m.  
and 5.15 p.m. Morning Prayer 10.20 a.m.  
HIGH MASS and SERMON at 11.00 a.m.  
SOLEMN EVENSONG, SERMON and  
BENEDICTION at 6.00 p.m.

**Monday to Friday** Morning Prayer at 7.30 a.m.  
Low Mass at 8.00 a.m., 1.10 p.m. & 6.30 p.m.  
Confessions from 12.30 - 1.00 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.  
Evening Prayer at 6.00 p.m.

**Saturday** Morning Prayer at 7.30 a.m.  
Low Mass at 8.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.\*  
(\* First Mass of Sunday)  
Confessions 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer 6.00 p.m.  
Confessions are also heard by appointment  
020 7636 1788

Instruction in the catholic faith as taught by the Church of England can be obtained on application to any of the priests, who will also give help in preparing for the sacraments.

## PARISH OFFICIALS

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## CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2005

1	✕ <b>THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
2	<b>PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES</b> (Rogation Day)	Renewal in witness
3	Rogation Day	Agricultural workers
4	Rogation Day, <b>English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era</b>	Industrial workers
5	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	Unity of the Church
6		Those in need
7		Society of All Saints Sisters of the Poor
8	✕ <b>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>(SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY)</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
9		The homeless
10		The unemployed
11		Friends of All Saints
12		Unity
13		Those in need
14	<b>ST MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE</b>	All called to the Ordained Ministry
15	✕ <b>DAY OF PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
16	<i>Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer</i>	Christian Aid Week
17	R Requiem (8.00 a.m. only this month)	The departed
18		The housebound
19	<b>St Dunstan of Canterbury</b>	The Province of Canterbury
20	<b>Alcuin of York</b>	Those in need
21	<i>Helena, Protector of the Holy Places</i>	Holy places
22	✕ <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
23		West London Day Centre
24	<b>John and Charles Wesley</b>	Teachers of the Faith
25	<b>The Venerable Bede</b>	Vocations to the Religious Life
26	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	Thanksgiving for the Eucharist
27		Those in need
28	<i>Lanfranc</i>	Archbishop of Canterbury
29	✕ <b>THE 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
30	<b>Josephine Butler, Social Reformer</b>	Social reform
31	<b>THE VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH</b>	Walsingham

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**Please note:**

All Friday Masses are ‘for those in need’ — intercessions from the board inside Church are used on these days.

R — the monthly Requiem (8.00 a.m. only this month)



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