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VICAR'S LETTER

At the Sunday Eucharist recently we heard the passage (2 Corinthians 8) in which Paul urges the Christians in Corinth to fulfil their promises to his collection for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

As we heard this, we know that “the poor among the saints” in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East are in even more dire straits.

At the Diocesan Synod on 7 July, I proposed a motion on this subject which had been passed unanimously by our own PCC and the St Marylebone Deanery Synod.

I told the Synod that I was not so much the progenitor of this motion, as its midwife. The driving force behind it has been one of our parish representatives on the Deanery Synod, our head server Cedric Stephens. The rôle of head server at All Saints is one which the cynical might think would confine his interest to the arcane minutiae of liturgical choreography.

Not a bit of it! Cedric has worked with great commitment and passion to bring the situation of Christians in Iraq and Syria to our attention and to keep it there. He has won the unanimous support of both the PCC and the Deanery Synod for this motion. He has had us handing out leaflets about persecuted Christians on Oxford Street during our Corpus Christi procession, and



Fr Jeremy Tayler and family after his Ordination at St Paul's Cathedral, 4 July 2015

(Photo: Maura Roni)

has also been out on the streets with people from All Souls, Langham Place.

I explained to the Synod that because the situation was and is fluid, we had kept the motion quite general, but our debate around it had highlighted some specific areas of action.

1. Information. Cedric attributes his dedication to his Vicar preaching about

this cause. If that is so, I am proud to have done so. Few of us can be unaware of the situation of Christians in the Middle East. While Islamist pressure on the ancient and indigenous Christian communities of the Middle East has been increasing for decades, the rise of the Islamic State has brought a new level of violence and horror. The former Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, in his recently-published book, **“Not in God’s Name”** has described the fate of Christians in the Middle East, already reduced from 20% of the population to 4% as **“the religious equivalent of ethnic cleansing... one of the crimes against humanity of our time”**.

2. **Prayer.** Intercession for persecuted Christians, and not just in the Middle East, and not forgetting others who are persecuted for their religion, or even their lack of it, should be a regular and prominent feature of our Sunday and daily worship. At All Saints, a candle now burns every Friday for persecuted Christians who are remembered especially on that day, but in our worship every day.

3. **Financial Support:** both to aid the survival of Christian communities in the Middle East and to assist refugees, should be explored. I suggested that the Bishop might consider some work in support of Middle Eastern Christians as the object of the next Lent Appeal.

4. **Political Action.** Religion and politics are inextricably bound up with each other in this matter. One issue which formed a part of our debate was that of asylum for Christians fleeing persecution in the Middle East and related to this, help from the churches here in re-settlement of refugees.

Lord Alton of Liverpool has warned of a **“crisis of biblical proportions”** which will see at least half of the 12 million Christians in the Middle East either gone or killed by 2020, as IS and other radical Islamist groups continue their bloodthirsty campaigns.

He has argued that Christians need to be given priority when granting asylum. “This can be justified on human rights grounds alone, since Christians are in the greatest fear of persecution in the region. We can’t take everyone, but we can take those who are most vulnerable and we know Christians are very vulnerable.”

He has been supported by the Church of England’s foreign affairs spokesman, the Bishop of Coventry, and Bishop Angaelos, head of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Britain.

The Bishop of Coventry has said: “The most necessary thing is to prioritise the most vulnerable. If Christians are the most vulnerable — and there is no doubt about it that in many cases they are — then there is a case for it. This is a severe humanitarian crisis that puts Christians on the front line, and it is irresponsible to ignore religious affiliation.”

This is an issue on which we hoped that the Synod might ask the Bishop to write to the Prime Minister about; one which individual members of the diocese might be encouraged to write to the Home Secretary — she is after all a daughter of the vicarage — and to their own MPs about.

I ended my speech with a personal story. On the Sunday after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, I was getting ready for the evening Mass in my church in the centre of Edinburgh, when a couple with two small children came into my church in the centre of Edinburgh. I greeted them and asked if I

could help them with anything.

Their response took me by surprise: **“We have found some Christians, we will be alright now.”**

They were Assyrian Christians from Iraq. The father had come to study here, funded by the Iraqi government. The funds had been frozen, so they were almost penniless. To cut a long story short, first my parish, then the Diocese of Edinburgh and then Episcopal Church, took this stranded family under their collective wing, housed and supported them for a couple of years, until they were able to join relatives in Australia and begin a new life.

“We have found some Christians, we will be alright now.”

Will our brothers and sisters in the Middle East today be able to say the same of us?

Yours in Christ,

Alan Moses

FUNERALS

Michael Pearson, doctor and priest

Michael and Angela were parishioners at All Saints when I first arrived, living close by in Marylebone. They took early retirement from the medical profession and Michael trained for the priesthood at St Stephen’s House. He served his title in the Diocese of Chichester and then went to the Anglican Chaplaincy in Athens. Sadly his time there was cut short by illness. Returning to their home in Horsted Keynes in Sussex, he continued to exercise a post-retiral ministry there. From time to time, a Sunday off would see them at All Saints.

At his funeral, the family of All Saints was represented by Canon David Hutt, Fr Peter McGeary, Janet Drake and the Vicar. Michael was buried in the churchyard at

Horsted Keynes — a resting place he shares with the former Prime-minister Harold Macmillan who lived in retirement there.

Clifford Jones, priest had a much-appreciated post-retirement ministry here at All Saints in Fr Hutt’s time. He died at the age of 94 and his funeral took place at St Mary’s, Grundisburgh in Suffolk, where his daughter Clare is the Vicar.

As not everyone could get to the funeral, a requiem Mass for him was celebrated here at All Saints. The preacher was Prebendary Bill Scott, who had known him for many years. Fr Bill’s homily for that occasion appears in this issue. (*Please see page 6.*)

Philip Harland

Philip had been with us on the Sunday after he and Yvonne had celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. While age, ill health and the strain of getting to and from Yvonne’s nursing home were clearly taking their toll, it was still a shock to hear of his death.

His funeral Mass was celebrated at All Saints on Thursday 9 July. The tube strike meant that many had difficulty getting to it and others could not be there at all. (*Please see page 9 for the sermon that Fr Alan preached at Philip’s Funeral Mass.*)

Yvonne was able to be here, accompanied by good friends and carers. After the Mass which she and Philip had planned, she was able to stay in the courtyard on a fine summer evening until 9pm before setting off on the return journey.

One of the features of the congregation of All Saints is that almost all of us are ‘immigrants’ rather than native-born Londoners. This means that many of us have elderly parents and relatives in other parts of the country if not other parts of the

world. Three of them have died recently:

Tom Leeman's mother Peggy died in the Royal Star and Garter Home in Warwickshire where she had been cared for in recent years. Fr Alan travelled to Knowle in Warwickshire on 16 July to celebrate her funeral Mass in her parish church.

Nick Gralka's father Hugo died recently after a fall and a stroke. Born in Poland, he had been captured by the Russians in 1939 while on a scout summer camp and transported to Siberia. After the German invasion of the Soviet Union, he was allowed to come to the West where he served with the British Army. Like so many Polish veterans, he was unable to return home after the war. Instead, he married Jennifer and settled in Lincolnshire where they raised their family. He was able to see two of his grandchildren baptised, including his namesake, here at All Saints. Fr Alan took part in his funeral Mass at St Mary's, Stamford, on 17 July.

Further afield, Naomi Slippe's mother, Agnes Hagan died at home in Ghana. Our sympathy and prayers to all.

NEW ARCHDEACONS

There has been something of a rush of retirements and promotions in the higher echelons of the Diocese of London lately. The two which have most direct impact on us are the appointments of new archdeacons in the Two Cities Episcopal Area, to replace the Archdeacons of London and Charing Cross who have both retired. The Bishop has decided that the post of Archdeacon of Charing Cross, responsible for the three deaneries in Westminster, should be abolished. (We cannot have an Archdeacon of Westminster because that title is held by a Canon of Westminster Abbey — although

without any responsibility for the churches in Westminster.) From January, 2016 the Archdeacon of London will be responsible not just for the City Deanery, as in recent times, but for the whole of the Two Cities.

The Venerable Luke Miller, who has been Archdeacon of Hampstead, is being “translated” to this post. In addition, **The Revd Rosemary Lain-Priestley**, who has been our Dean of Women's Ministry, has been appointed Associate Archdeacon. She will work part-time and will be primarily responsible for Safeguarding, a task which had taken up an increasing amount of Archdeacon Jacob's time and energy. The importance of this task cannot be underestimated given the seriousness of this issue both in terms of dealing with past cases of abuse and the prevention of future ones. Archdeacon Rosemary will also be involved in other aspects of the Two Cities Area as time allows. We wish them both well and assure them of our prayers and look forward to welcoming them to All Saints.

Archdeacon Luke will begin his new duties on 1 January, so, to paraphrase Mr Nehru, “At the stroke of the midnight hour, while the world sleeps, Fr Alan will awake to life and freedom” — having been relieved of the duties of an acting archdeacon. He may drink a glass of something bubbly while watching the fireworks from the Duke of York's Steps to celebrate being no longer temporarily “venerable”.

A NEW DEACON

Jeremy Tayler from All Saints, was one of the forty new deacons ordained at St Paul's on 4 July.

Much the most pleasing tasks of an acting archdeacon for Fr Alan has been

taking part in ordinations and vesting the newly-ordained with their stoles. It was a particular joy in the case of Jeremy, as he had prepared him for confirmation, officiated at his marriage to Maura, baptised their daughters Blanche and Ginevra, and seen him through the ordination selection process. We are delighted that Jeremy is serving his title with Fr Anders Bergquist at St John's Wood Church in our own deanery of St Marylebone. *(See the photograph of the whole family on the front cover of this issue.)*

PREACHING AWAY

Fr Alan preached at St Peter's, Acton Green, for that parish's centenary on Sunday 5 July. When he got there, he discovered that the attractive romanesque-style building housed the choir screen from the old Quebec Chapel, the building replaced by the Church of the Annunciation. He took a photograph of it for Fr Gerald Beauchamp.

St Peter's is beginning a new supportive relationship with St Michael's, Bedford Park, not unlike that All Saints has had in recent years with the Annunciation and St Cyprian's.

Prebendaries of St Paul's Cathedral do not just get to sit in their stall and wear an ornate cope at great occasions; whether they be splendid celebrations like ordinations, or solemn ones like the 10th anniversary of the 7 July bombings. As well as reciting their portion of psalms daily, so that the whole of the Psalter is prayed daily by the College of Canons, they take turns preaching on weekday feasts. This year, Fr Alan has two dates. The first of which was on St James's Day (25 July) at 5pm.

ROOFTOP RESCUE at ALL SAINTS

As our residents have become only too aware, we have had nesting seagulls on the roof of 6 Margaret Street for a couple of months now. The noise they make is raucous and strikes a strange note so far from the coast and close to Oxford Street. They have been very aggressive in defence of their nest while we have measured and then carried out repair work to a skylight at the top of Fr Michael's abode, attacking the workmen. The male has harassed Fr Michael while working in his study. On Friday 3 July Fr Alan noticed that a fledgling gull had fallen from the rooftop and landed on the courtyard roof to the east of the Church, hemmed in by the pigeon-spikes (!) and unable to climb back up the sloping slates. After a call to the RSPCA, officer Tom arrived with collapsible ladder and long-handled hook and net. Taking out a small section of pigeon-spikes he managed to encourage the gull to drop down the twenty feet to the courtyard. A sizeable fluffy creature, with a wing span of several feet, the 'baby' gull was taken to the Animal Hospital at Putney to be checked over and then travelled on to the Swan Sanctuary at Shepperton to begin a new life in a more rural setting than Margaret Street.

MUSIC NOTES

Having said "Farewell" to both Amy Moore and Louisa Green, choir members, earlier in the Summer, we now have to do the same to the even longer-serving Mhairi Ellis whose final Sunday will be on 16 August. In honour of the occasion, Mhairi has chosen the music to be performed at High Mass and Evensong and Benediction *(see Music Listing on page 16)*.

Farewell to one All Saints Organ Scholar and welcome to another

Our organ scholarship, now endowed in memory of Dr John Birch, is one way in which All Saints contributes to the training of future generations of church musicians. After two years in the rôle, we say thank you and goodbye to **Nicholas Mannoukas** [who gave a fine and well attended organ recital after Evensong and Benediction on Sunday 5 July], whose last day of service is Sunday 30 August. We have enjoyed his cycling up to Margaret Street to undertake his duties with the Music Team and wish him well with his continued studies.

We look forward to welcoming **Laurence Long** as the new Dr John Birch Organ Scholar, from September 2015. Laurence is

a Foundation Scholar at the Royal College of Music, where he studies the organ with David Graham. Laurence was earlier a chorister at Rochester Cathedral, and won the Medway Young Performer of the Year prize for his performances on the piano.

News of a Former Organ Scholar

When it meets in York each July, the members of the General Synod join the congregation at York Minster for the Sunday Eucharist. This is usually accompanied on the organ by our former organ scholar **David Pipe**. Fr Alan makes a point of going to the organ console to speak to David and this year took his photograph. We offer our congratulations to David who is to be married to Abbie, who also works at the Minster, on Saturday 25 July.

HOMILY PREACHED BY PREBENDARY BILL SCOTT AT A REQUIEM MASS AT ALL SAINTS FOR FR CLIFFORD JONES ON 30 JUNE 2015

I am most grateful to Fr Alan for offering this Mass this evening. Fr Clifford was my very oldest friend and has known me since I was fourteen. I first encountered him when exploring the possibility of being organist at St Salvador's, Dundee and the first words he spoke were, "*You may not get up the organ loft stairs because you are too large!*".

I was much thinner then than I am now.

We are engaged together in this Requiem Mass — the way that we remember those who have gone before us, because their lives are intertwined with the life of Christ. In the Mass we express our communion with the departed. We offer to the Father in the Holy Spirit the sacrifice of the death and Resurrection of Christ.

We ask Him to purify his priest Clifford of his sins and their consequences and to admit him to the fullness of the heavenly banquet which we but glimpse in this sacramental celebration. It is at the Altar that we learn to live in communion with our loved ones whom we have laid to rest by communicating in the Body of Christ of which Fr Clifford is a member and then by praying for him and with him.

I find it rather strange and difficult to know what to say about Fr Clifford because he was such a mixture of a person — on one level very naughty and flawed and on another extremely holy and godly and fun. He was brought up in Birkenhead on the Mersey, one of six — at least that's all I can think of — children. His father died at a young age and his mother

married again to a man who proved to be a cruel stepfather. His sisters and Clifford therefore left home as soon as they possibly could and got work, this meaning that their education was curtailed, which was very sad because they were all really very bright. After a while the war began and Clifford joined the RAF — where he worked in signals — and spent a lot of the war in India which he loved and where he made many friends.

On leaving the RAF he joined the Society of St Francis and worked as a friar mainly in the East End rather close to Fr Peter McGeary's church of St Mary's, Cable Street. His work among prostitutes and sailors was apparently legendary although I remember a friar to whom I spoke about Clifford saying he was, a *rather fiery little man!!* Those who knew him as well as I did were indeed very aware of the short fuse. The vocation to be a priest grew very strong and when he left he had stayed with SSF longer than anyone who had left without breaking any vows.

To Scotland he went to go to theological college and to be ordained — hence my connection. At College he won all the prizes because he was very determined to do well. Because of his background, proving himself had become a dominant trait in his character. When I first knew him he had become the Rector of St Salvador's, Dundee, which was a very fine Bodley Church in the midst of the slums of that city. He was, of course, a brilliant parish priest, not only being faithful at the Altar and in the confessional, but raising vast sums of money to restore the building. By that time he had married Lynn and they had two children Clare and Nicolas.

It was tragic for him when Lynn died in 1968 and rather tragic for the children who lost a devoted mother and were left with a father whose main interest was in his parish. They have, however, turned out remarkably well and have been very attentive to him in his later years. Illness meant that he needed a lighter job and the wonderful Jock Henderson, Bishop of Bath and Wells, appointed him to Bradford on Tone near Taunton and then on to St John's, Bridgwater and Timsbury, near Bath before he retired in 1985. Retirement did not stop him working and he had several retirement ministries, not least here where he drove poor Fr Hutt up the wall, but made himself very useful and was a great help to a number of individuals.

In the last few years dementia had set in and he was wonderfully looked after in the Clergy home in Hindhead. I am grateful to him for saying to me before I was instituted to my first living, "*All you have to do is to say your prayers and love your people*". I have tried to remember that although have no doubt fallen short in the department of loving my people!

Here I must stop talking about him because he was very opposed to eulogies and thought that funerals and memorial services should be about God. When I visited him on Easter Monday last he was obviously getting very close to dying and kept pointing upwards and saying that God was all that matters "*Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's*", he repeated over and over. The next time I saw him he was completely out of it and slept during my entire visit.

What awaits us beyond death? is a

question that we all face. At the end stripped down to the solitary self is it NOTHING which awaits us? The faith which Fr Clifford believed and taught is very clear. It is not NOTHING that awaits us, but the Father, our Father. So while death is a separation, it is also a homecoming. The resurrection of Jesus is a pledge to us, a guarantee from God, signed and sealed that just as he raised Jesus, so he will raise us also and bring us into his presence. Paul says:

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

(2 Corinthians 4: 16 - 18)

The Christian faith does not help us to escape death, does not preserve us from the struggles of being human, but it assures us that, at the final point of human weakness and defeat, at the moment we are utterly brought to naught, we meet God and are raised by him. I would like Mother Julian of Norwich to have the last word:

Although our Lord God is with us and dwells in us, holding and enfolding us in tender love, never to leave us; and although he is nearer to us than tongue can tell or heart can think — even so we shall never cease from sighs nor tears, nor yet from yearning, till we come to see clearly his most blessed face. In that sight no grief can live, no blessing fail.

So we pray that Clifford may come to

see clearly the face of the Lord whom he tried to serve in this life. May he rest in peace.

SPCK ON THE MOVE

Founded in 1698 by the Revd Dr Thomas Bray, SPCK is the oldest Anglican mission agency and the third oldest publisher in the UK. Over the years, its aims of communicating the Christian faith through education and the provision of Christian resources have been fulfilled in many different ways. It has distributed over 30 million books and funded translations of prayer and hymn books into more than 200 languages. It sent the first printing presses to India, opened the first British schools for poor children (with equal education for boys and girls), sent the first printed books to Australia, provided tracts for sailors on Nelson's ships, established libraries for clergy and missionaries in many countries, helped to set up teacher training colleges, and published the first Braille books. Its chain of Christian bookshops served local communities in the UK and overseas through two centuries, and its ongoing publishing programme provides a broad range of resources in a variety of media across the church spectrum.

Throughout its long history SPCK has always aimed to be at the forefront of new initiatives and is constantly reinventing itself to meet changing needs. The digital revolution has transformed the face of publishing with new methods of production and new routes to market. Readers are now reached via a wide range of electronic media and SPCK recently launched its first app, called **SPCK New Leaf**. Already a market leader in the areas

of theology and Christian spirituality, SPCK is broadening its genre range into Bibles, history and biography, children's books and Christian fiction, the latter under the new imprint of Marybone House. The Sheldon Press imprint has signed up Dr Dawn of television fame to add to its list of self-help medical/lifestyle titles.

In addition to the publishing, which is funded by people buying the products, SPCK also provides a number of resources free of charge to the user, with the help of donations from supporters. The Assemblies website, offering free downloadable materials for collective worship, is used by nearly all the primary schools and about half the secondary schools in the country, thereby reaching hundreds of thousands of children every day. This is the sequel to SPCK's historic work in the charity school movement of the eighteenth century but with modern technology providing far greater outreach.

The SPCK website also has a prayer resource and there will shortly be a new offering called Big Questions, in which SPCK authors will tackle some of the most commonly asked questions about faith, and if not provide the answers then

at least suggest some ways of thinking further about the question. An exciting new project for next year is Prayers on the Move, which will display prayers on public transport — a similar concept to Poems on the Underground. The Archbishop of Canterbury has given it his endorsement and some funding, and it's also being supported by other trusts.

The SPCK Worldwide programme, which has for over fifty years provided free books to those training for ministry in the developing world, is moving to a new model to respond more effectively to the desire for contextual resources produced and distributed locally in the areas of need. The new Prison Fiction programme, providing free reading materials for prisoners struggling with literacy, is another project which has its roots in Thomas Bray's vision for helping the poor and disadvantaged to have a better life. Like others of the new initiatives, it aims to reach people who are outside church or Christian circles, to bring them the good news of the Gospel.

SPCK welcomes support for its work and more details can be found on www.spck.org.uk.

*Pat Phillips — member of staff
at SPCK since 1972*

**SERMON PREACHED BY FR ALAN MOSES AT ALL SAINTS
ON 9 JULY 2015 AT THE FUNERAL MASS
FOR PHILIP HARLAND**

First of all, Yvonne would like to thank all of you for being here. She would like to thank all those who have written to her or visited her at Lancaster Court, and those who look after her there.

I know that some of you will have had a struggle getting here because of the Tube strike. Some, I know have walked heroic distances to be here and some who wanted to be here could not make

it. Some have made long journeys, not least Fr David Paton, all the way from the south of France and Fr James from Birmingham who will be officiating at the burial tomorrow morning. If you do not have to rush off to start your homeward journey, please join us for refreshments in the courtyard after the service, and a chance to talk to Yvonne, who we are delighted is able to be here.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Every picture, we say, tells a story. The photograph which Yvonne and I chose for this order of service is not one of Philip alone but of the two of them together. It shows them coming out of church on the 40th anniversary of their wedding. Few of us here can ever have known them as anything other than as a couple, as husband and wife, as Philip and Yvonne. When I began preparing this sermon, I realized just how difficult it is to think or speak of one without the other.

On that ruby wedding, and their golden one, Philip and Yvonne chose to give thanks for the blessings of their marriage here at All Saints, and then with a great lunch party to which they invited their many friends. Faith and friendship and generosity were combined on those special occasions, as they were in the whole of their life.

In one sense, their world, like the mobile home they lived in, was a small one. They never moved far from where they had been born and brought up. They carried on doing the same work, he in the printing trade and she in nursing all those years. They found fulfillment and

enrichment in the day-to-day duties and joys of life with each other and with friends and neighbours. But like the Tardis in Dr Who, or this church, what seemed small on the outside was much larger and roomier on the inside.

Philip would cheerfully admit that it was Yvonne who kept him right. They spoke on various occasions of the cycling holidays they had enjoyed in the West Country in their youth. They rode a tandem in those days — a bicycle made for two — what else? Yvonne rode at the back and she had a brake — so she could control Philip’s excessive enthusiasm for speed — something she also had to do later with his driving! She would also restrain his love of food. Latterly, out of her sight, he was able to indulge in more chocolate than is good for a diabetic.

They had been teenage sweethearts, and in a sense, they always were; in their obvious affection for and devotion to each other. They are proof that good and happy relationships, rich and fulfilled lives, do not depend on acquiring the ideal home or the accumulation of material possessions, or status in the world, but on that mutual self-giving, patterned on the self-giving love of Christ, which our faith sees as the heart of married life: what the Marriage Service calls, **“the mutual society, help and comfort, that the one ought to have for the other, both in prosperity and adversity”**.

That reading from Isaiah, with its vision of the heavenly banquet, the feast of good things, reflects Philip’s love of food and eating with friends. He and Yvonne had this great capacity to make friends wherever they went. If you

went out for a meal with them in one of their favourite eating places, it was immediately apparent that they knew the staff — and not as people paid to serve them — but as friends, people they were genuinely interested in and cared about — and that the staff recognized this. In these last years, after Philip had to give up driving, the same was true of the drivers at the taxi firm they used, as I discovered when I went out to visit them and the drivers would chat happily about them.

Their love for each other was not turned inwards. It flowed out in care and generosity towards others, as many of us can testify.

Philip's life, which we celebrate today, is a lesson to us all that we do not need to do extraordinary things to make a difference. We can do the ordinary things: the duties of work, marriage, friendship, in extraordinary ways, with faithfulness and perseverance; so that they become not only a duty but a joy.

Philip and Yvonne rejoiced in the blessings they had experienced together, but they had also known adversity. These last few years especially have been hard and testing for them both. With Yvonne's increasing disability, life has been a long, wearisome and often frustrating round of hospital appointments and stays. I think I have visited every hospital in Hertfordshire. Philip has been a devoted and tireless visitor and companion, even though his own health was far from good.

In that last stage of his life, since Yvonne had moved into Lancaster Court, their life has been centred there. But disability and ill health did not stop them

from making new friends. They could not celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary here in church, although Philip did make a special effort to be here on the following Sunday. Instead there was a party in Lancaster Court, with much singing of the songs of their youth and a huge and very sweet cake. I don't know how many slices he had. At one stage Yvonne said on that day, **"Why are people doing so much for us?"**. One of the friends they made there, Barbara, said something like this, **"They are doing it because you are the kind of people you are"**.

Philip and Yvonne planned their funeral services together. (We will have to do all this again one day: same hymns, readings, and music.) They wanted this service to be an expression of gratitude to God for the blessings they had received from him, from each other, and from you and others like you who cannot be here. This Mass celebrates the faith which formed, guided and inspired their lives. It expresses the hope in which we commend Philip into God's loving care.

That faith teaches us that for those who believe in **"the communion of saints, and the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to eternal life,"** death is not the end but the gateway to new life with God. It is a life we share with those we love but see no longer. We are with them when we pray. Just a few days before he died, Philip and Yvonne received communion together for the last time and told me how special that was. When we worship with all the company of heaven in this sacrament, the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which binds this world to the next, and the living to the departed,

we know that we are at one with those who have gone before us.

Yvonne would say sometimes, of Philip, when he wasn't there: "He's been a good man." The Philip we all knew was a good man, but he would never make such a claim. He was a Christian who knew his need of the divine mercy and forgiveness which this Mass celebrates.

He would say that whatever goodness came from his faith and the love he knew from God and from those who loved him; not least, the woman he had been blessed to spend his life with.

RESTORATION PROGRAMME

Our new lighting system is almost complete. We await lamps which will be hung from the wrought iron screens in the choir. Some tidying-up works still need to be done. The wall in the south choir aisle where the old lighting control panel has been removed needs to be retiled and the floor in the entrance to the Vicarage needs repairs to prevent accidents.

In the near future, the work to modify the choir stalls to make the front row more spacious for adults and secure them will be carried out. [This project was delayed when the electrical works required the removal of the choir stalls.]

We are preparing a programme of works which need to be done in the coming years. One of the priorities will be a thorough examination of our heating system, to see if we can make the system both more effective and more efficient. Our boilers are now forty years old, the fan heaters in

church have become very noisy, the main door of the church no longer fits snugly and admits lots of cold air. All these elements contribute to the temperature control (or lack of it!) in Church and will need careful appreciation before a new infrastructure is designed and installed.

The Lady Altar needs some restoration work, as do the chancel gates.

Outside the Church, the courtyard gates have begun to come loose because the iron fixings have rusted. We have identified a short-term solution to prevent damage to the gates. A long-term one will require more substantial and costly repairs to the brickwork.

The roof of No 6 Margaret Street needs attention and windows of No 8 are in urgent need of repair and redecoration.

So, you can see, although we have done so much restoration and renewal work in recent years to our historic Church, we are not finished yet!

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Funds for the Lighting and Electrical Renewal project continue to be raised and the total achieved at the time of writing is now a splendid £410,000.

As this complex project reaches its conclusion, and the final invoices are received, a number of generous gifts have eliminated the loans of £35,000 that we initially relied upon for the project to get underway. Any more gifts will allow us a small reserve against the final cost of the works. ***If there are any surplus funds when all bills are paid, these will go towards future restoration projects at All Saints.***

We are indebted to all those donors who gave so generously to replace the out-dated electrics and to relight the church so that all the achievements of earlier phases of restoration work are now revealed. Thank you!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please make cheques payable to:
All Saints Church Restoration Appeal
and send them to:
The Parish Administrator,
7 Margaret Street, London W1W 8JG.

Please indicate where Gift Aid may be applied or send in a completed Gift Aid envelope from in church, as it increases the value of your contribution by 25% at no cost to yourself. Thank you!

GENERAL SYNOD

Fr Alan and Aiden Hargreaves-Smith went north to York for the meeting of the General Synod. This was the last session of the five-years of this Synod. After the conclusion of the long and tortuous process which brought the decision to ordain women to the episcopate, this Synod had something of an anti-climactic, end-of-term feel about it. There was a good deal of tidying-up.

“Green” issues were to the fore in more ways than one.

However, not everything was hum drum. There has been a good deal of attention given to the so-called “Green Report” on training for “senior leaders” in the Church to prepare them for their tasks.

The most invidious side of this is I

believe the establishment of a “talent pool” which will identify rising stars and give them five years of fast track training. I suspect that this will be deeply divisive and relegate most of the parish clergy to the status of “also-rans”.

One of the principal critiques of this report was its apparent lack of theological underpinning.

Fr Simon Kilwick of Manchester, in a private member’s motion, had drawn Synod members’ attention to a report by the Faith and Order Commission on this very subject which had been hit into the long grass. He got sufficient support to get a debate and in it received overwhelming support and his motion as amended would include a synodical review of what is happening under the new proposals.

100 YEARS AGO

The Vicar’s notes included a report of the activities of one of the Churchwardens, Mr Ian Malcolm MP, whose duties with the Red Cross had been so demanding that he had been unable to send anything for the Parish Paper.

At the beginning of July he was despatched to Geneva on business for the Red Cross. Among other experiences, he travelled from Zurich to Geneva with the first exchanged French prisoners returning to France after ten months’ imprisonment in Germany. Further business took him to Berne after which he went through the Simplon to Milan where he had desperately hard work inspecting hospitals, institutions, ambulances and railway station arrangements from 9am to 1am for three whole days.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HIGH MASS with OUTDOOR PROCESSION**



**Saturday 15 August 2015,
12 noon
Preacher: Father Simon Jones,
*Chaplain Merton College, Oxford***

Missa Solemnis in C, K337 — Mozart
Salve Regina — Poulenc

For the first time at All Saints, with a circular outdoor procession (with choir, brass and drum) of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from Church along Oxford Street at lunchtime and back to Church.

The Feast of the Assumption is our major annual celebration of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. On this day, we thank God for Mary, the first Christian, and ask her prayers for all persecuted Christians.

SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES

MUSIC AND READINGS

● SUNDAY 2 AUGUST NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

HIGH MASS at 11am

Entrance Hymn: 296 (i)
Entrance Chant: *Ecce Deus*
Setting: Mass in G — Rheinberger
Psalm: 78: 23 - 29
Readings: Exodus 16: 2 - 4, 9 - 15
Ephesians 4: 1 - 16
Gradual Hymn: 468 (T 51)
Gospel: John 6: 24 - 35
Preacher: Father Michael Bowie
Creed: Credo II
Offertory Motet: The Baptised — Caplin
Hymns: 276 (ii), 277, 116
Voluntary: Prelude in B minor,
BWV 544 — Bach

CHORAL EVENSONG & BENEDICTION at 6pm

Psalm: 88 or 88: 1 - 10
Lessons: Job 28
Hebrews 11: 17 - 31
Office Hymn: 150 (S)
Canticles: The Edinburgh Service
— Timothy Byram-Wigfield
Anthem: Ave Maria — Vale
Preacher: The Vicar,
Prebendary Alan Moses
Hymn: 422
O Salutaris: Caplet
Hymn: 72

Tantum ergo: Fauré (No 2)
Voluntary: Fughetta in C minor
— Krieger

● SUNDAY 9 AUGUST TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

HIGH MASS at 11am

Entrance Hymn: 271 (T Vale)
Entrance Chant: *Dum clamarem*
Setting: Missa Princeps Pacis
— Lloyd Webber
Psalm: 34: 1 - 8
Readings: 1 Kings 19: 4 - 8
Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2
Hymn: 386 (T 385)
Gospel: John 6: 35, 41 - 51
Preacher: The Vicar,
Prebendary Alan Moses
Creed: Communion Service in F
— Darke
Offertory Motet: I will go unto the altar
of God — Harry Bramma
Hymns: 274, 305, 364 (T 408 (i))
Voluntary: Finale, Op 174
— Rheinberger

CHORAL EVENSONG & BENEDICTION at 6pm

Psalm: 91
Lessons: Job 39: 1 - 40: 4
Hebrews 12: 1 - 17
Office Hymn: 150 (R)
Canticles: Service 'plerumque in modo
dorico' — Arnold
Anthem: Welcome, sweet and sacred
feast — Finzi
Preacher: Father Michael Bowie
Hymn: 373 (T 376)

O Salutaris: John Overton
Hymn: 382
Tantum ergo: James Sherwood
Voluntary: O Gott, du frommer Gott,
Op 122, No 7 — Brahms

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HIGH MASS and PROCESSION at 12 noon

Processional Hymn: 185 (v 4 Descant
— Caplin)
Entrance Chant: *Signum magnum*
Setting: Missa Solemnis in C, K337
— Mozart
Psalm: 132: 6 - 15
Readings: Revelation 11: 19 - 12: 6, 10
Galatians 4: 4 - 7
Gradual Hymn: 180 (i)
Gospel: Luke 1: 46 - 55
Preacher: Father Simon Jones,
Chaplain Merton College,
Oxford
Creed: Merbecke
Offertory Motet: *Salve Regina* — Poulenc
Hymns: 182, 187,
Processional Hymn 188 (ii)
Voluntary: Ave Maria, ave maris stella,
Op 5, No 2 — Langlais

● SUNDAY 16 AUGUST ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

HIGH MASS at 11am

*The music today has been chosen by
Mhairi Ellis, whose last Sunday this
is in the Choir.*

Entrance Hymn: 336
Entrance Chant: *Deus in loco sancto*
Setting: Missa 'Bell' Amfitrit' altera'
— Lassus

Psalm: 34: 9 - 14
Readings: Proverbs 9: 1 - 6
Ephesians 5: 15 - 20
Gradual Hymn: 114
Gospel: John 6: 51 - 58
Preacher: Father Michael Bowie
Creed: (Lassus)
Offertory Motet: Ave verum
— Martin Bruce
Hymns: 281 (T 250), 282,
447 (v 5 Descant — Caplin)
Voluntary: Master Tallis's Testament
— Howells

CHORAL EVENSONG & BENEDICTION at 6pm

Psalms: 92, 100
Lessons: Exodus 2: 23 - 3: 10
Hebrews 13: 1 - 15
Office Hymn: 150 (S)
Canticles: Service in E — Wesley
Anthem: Blest pair of sirens — Parry
Preacher: Father Barry Orford
Hymn: 333 (v 5 Descant — Caplin)
O Salutaris: Caplin (No 1)
Hymn: 391
Tantum ergo: Caplin (No 1)
Voluntary: Serenade, Op 22
— Derek Bourgeois

● **SUNDAY 23 AUGUST**
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

HIGH MASS at 11am

Entrance Hymn: 311 (T A&MR 401)

Entrance Chant: *Deus in adiutorium*

Setting: Missa Brevior
 — James Sherwood

Psalm: 34: 15 - end

Readings: Joshua 24: 1 - 2a, 14 - 18
 Ephesians 6: 10 - 20

Gradual Hymn: 449

Gospel: John 6: 56 - 69

Preacher: Father Barry Orford

Creed: Merbecke

Offertory Motet: Blessed is he
 — Tomkins

Hymns: 300, 302, 453

Voluntary: Carnival
 — Thomas Hewitt Jones

CHORAL EVENSONG &
BENEDICTION at 6pm

Psalm: 116

Lessons: Exodus 4: 27 - 5: 1
 Hebrews 13: 16 - 21

Office Hymn: 150 (R)

Canticles: Service in G (lower voices)
 — Sumsion

Anthem: Laudem dicite Deo
 — Sheppard

Preacher: Father Michael Bowie

Hymn: 457 (ii)

O Salutaris: Vale

Hymn: 324

Tantum ergo: Vale

Voluntary: Angelus — Cocker

● **SUNDAY 30 AUGUST**
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY

HIGH MASS at 11am

Entrance Hymn: 285 (i)

Entrance Chant: *Respice, Domine*

Setting: Mass for four voices
 — Byrd

Psalm: 15

Readings: Deuteronomy 4: 1 - 2, 6 - 9
 James 1: 17 - end

Gradual Hymn: 456

Gospel: Mark 7: 1 - 8, 14, 15,
 21 - 23

Preacher: Father Michael Bowie

Creed: (Byrd)

Offertory Motet: Holy is the true light
 — Harris

Hymns: 318, 370, 353

Voluntary: Scherzoso, Op 174
 — Rheinberger

CHORAL EVENSONG &
BENEDICTION at 6pm

Psalm: 119

Lessons: Exodus 12: 21 - 27
 Matthew 4: 23 - 5: 20

Office Hymn: 150 (S)

Canticles: Collegium Regale
 — Howells

Anthem: Save us, O Lord
 — Bairstow

Preacher: Father Barry Orford

Hymn: 243

O Salutaris: Tallis

Hymn: 294

Tantum ergo: Victoria (No 2)

Voluntary: Adagio, BWV 564 — Bach

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ALL SAINTS FOUNDATION

The Foundation's Purpose is to assist the parish in the maintenance and restoration of our Grade 1 listed building. The trustees are able to expend both capital and income to this end.

The Administrator of the Foundation is **Damon Brash**. He can be contacted through the Parish Office if you would like more information about making a donation or a bequest.

The Foundation's Charity Number is: 273390.

CHOIR AND MUSIC TRUST

The Trust's purpose is to support the music of All Saints. It makes grants to the PCC to assist with the costs of the choir. At the moment, these meet just over half of the music budget each year.

The Trust's capital cannot be spent, only the income.

The Administrator of the Trust is **Geoffrey Woodcock**. He can be contacted through the Parish Office if you would like further information about how to make a donation or bequest.

The Choir and Music Trust's Charity Number is: 802994

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS

The Friends of All Saints is a fellowship of people who have some connection with All Saints: former or occasional worshippers. It enables them to support our work through prayer and giving. The Friends are prayed for on a rota each day at Morning Prayer, and on the second Wednesday of the month the Friends' Candle burns in church and they are prayed for at Mass.

Please contact **Dee Prior** in the Parish Office in relation to Friends' matters.

MISSION PROJECTS

We support:

The work of **US** (formerly **USPG**) with the Church in Zimbabwe among people affected by HIV-AIDS;

The Church Army hostels and programmes for homeless women in Marylebone;

The West London Day Centre for the homeless.

Janet Drake chairs our Mission Committee and she can be contacted through the Parish Office.

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Service Times

Sundays:

Low Mass at 6.30pm (Sat)

8am and 5.15pm

Morning Prayer 10.20am

HIGH MASS and SERMON at 11am

CHORAL EVENSONG, SERMON and

BENEDICTION at 6pm.

Monday to Friday:

Morning Prayer at 7.30am

Low Mass at 8am, 1.10pm and 6.30pm

Confessions 12.30 - 1pm and 5.30pm

Evening Prayer at 6pm

(Except bank holidays — 12 noon Mass only)

Saturdays:

Morning Prayer at 7.30am

Low Mass at **12 noon** and 6.30pm*

(* First Mass of Sunday)

Confessions 5.30pm.

Evening Prayer 6pm.

On major weekday feasts, High Mass is sung at 6.30pm

CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2015

1		Of Our Lady
2	✠ TRINITY 9	Our Parish and People
3		Holidaymakers
4	<i>Jean-Baptiste Vianney, cure d'Ars, spiritual guide</i>	Confessors
5	Oswald, king and martyr, 642	Witness to the Gospel
6	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	Thanksgiving for the glory of God
7	<i>John Mason Neale, priest, hymn-writer, 1866</i>	Those in need
8	Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221	Preachers
9	✠ TRINITY 10	Our Parish and People
10	Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258	Persecuted Christians
11	Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares	Religious communities
12		Friends of All Saints
13	Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667	Unity
14	<i>Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941</i>	Those in need
15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.	Thanksgiving for Our Lady
16	✠ TRINITY 11	Our Parish and People
17		All who work in the parish
18		Hospitals
19		The Homeless
20	Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153	Unity
21		Those in need
22		Of Our Lady
23	✠ TRINITY 12	Our Parish and People
24	Bartholomew the Apostle	The French Protestant Church, Soho Square
25		Peace
26		Refugees (6.30 Requiem)
27	Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387	The Mothers' Union
28	Augustine, bishop and teacher of the faith, 430	Those in need
29	Beheading of John the Baptist	Prisoners of Conscience
30	✠ TRINITY 13	Our Parish and People
31	Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651	Mission in Britain



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