



All Saints Parish Paper

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VICAR'S LETTER

On a brief visit to southern Spain recently, we saw signs in many places of preparation for the celebration of Holy Week by religious societies which process through the streets bearing figures of Christ and his mother. This outdoor religion seems to have a more prominent place in the public mind than the liturgy of the Church.

Holy Week in this country is a more restrained affair. In the Parish Paper of 100 years ago, the Vicar lamented the loss of the great Holy Week and Easter liturgies of the pre-Reformation Church in England. While he limited the services here to the rather bare provision of the Prayer Book, he looked forward to a time when the Holy Week rites would be restored. We can rejoice that they have been.

Years ago I read a commentary on the services of Holy Week which spoke of it as a time in which the Church should see itself as entering into a corporate retreat. This idea has stuck in my head and I have always tried to avoid meetings and other distractions during this period in order, like Mary of Bethany, to choose "the better part", to concentrate on Christ in his passion and resurrection.

It is a time when our services have an austere yet moving beauty about them. Scripture, sacrament, ceremony and music

combine to draw us into the drama of Christ's offering of perfect obedience to the Father. There are times like All Saints Day when our church might seem to be at its most typical, splendid music and liturgy, but I believe that it is times like Holy Week which give authenticity to what we do by focusing our attention on Christ.

By the time you read this, we will have launched that phase of the Restoration Appeal which is directed to the congregation and friends of All Saints and will be looking forward to our pledging Sunday on May 4th. I am conscious of the need both to focus our attention on the Restoration Appeal, and yet not to forget what All Saints is for, that Christian purpose which justifies the restoration programme and appeal. So, it is good for us that the calendar will force us to pause for Holy Week during this month.

With best wishes and prayers for Holy Week and Easter.

Yours in Christ

Alan Moses

PARISH NOTES

The Vicar preached at Emmanuel College, Cambridge in a series on new approaches to the Seven Deadly Sins. The visit had an

added benefit because our former organ scholar Joseph Fort is now the junior organ scholar at Emmanuel. In fact, that night he had a battlefield promotion as the senior organ scholar was taken ill suddenly and Joe had to step into the breach. This involved a change of music to cope with the absence of an organist, and a certain amount of running up and down to the organ loft. Joe carried all this off with commendable aplomb. At dinner, the Master of the college commented that one of Joe's virtues was keeping the musical items in a service moving. He had obviously not wasted his time at All Saints.

The Organ

The organists have been experiencing trouble with an important part of the instrument's mechanism for some months now. In order to get to the bottom of this, Harrisons, our organ builders, will need to remove most of the pipes. This work will commence on Monday March 20th and should last about 7 days. In order to allow them to work as long as possible each day, we will move the weekday services into the parish room.

Preaching Away

The Vicar preached at Matins at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Lent 3 and Fr Aquilina preached at St Cuthbert's, Philbeach Gardens in Earls Court, on the patronal festival. Fr Alan also addressed the Chelmsford Diocesan Chapter of the Society of Catholic Priests.

And Speaking at Home

All Saints is happy to welcome groups who want to visit the church. The most recent has been a group of students from the University of Notre Dame in the United

States led by Professor Paul Bradshaw. As well as talking about the history and architecture of the building, Fr Alan found himself answering questions about the nature of Anglicanism and how one could be a non-Roman catholic.

A Party

Another party was held at the Vicarage for those who help with the manifold activities of All Saints. This time, the guests were those who run the Parish shop, the courtyard catering team and those who help in the sacristy.

WHY WALSINGHAM?

On Saturday March 4th the Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham and All Saints (i.e. our parish branch of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham) hosted "*Why Walsingham?*". Billed as "a day to explore pilgrimage", this event drew visitors from all over London. Some were familiar faces at All Saints, some were already Walsingham "regulars", but many were not, and the day provided an experience for all of some of the many aspects of pilgrimage to that holy place.

A welcome from the Vicar and a sung Mass began the day at 11.00 a.m., followed by the keynote speech from Fr Philip North, the Administrator of the Shrine in Walsingham. Fr Philip emphasised the right use of Marian devotion: at Walsingham Mary is not worshipped or made the objective of our prayers. Rather, as depicted in her statue, she points us to Jesus, and shows Him to us; by joining her prayers with ours she helps us on our journey to Him. This journey is expressed in the act of pilgrimage, the physical and laborious business of setting out to go to Walsingham, a remote place where the Holy House of

England's Nazareth stands as witness to the truth of the Incarnation. In the space and silence between those four walls we are drawn with a unique intensity into the mystery of the Word made flesh.

Then followed the liturgy of sprinkling with water from the holy well, a beautifully simple and expressive act with many layers of symbolic meaning. After receiving the waters pilgrims went in to lunch, generously donated by some hard-working members of the cell who managed to feed about 140 visitors in our rather limited accommodation.

In the afternoon three workshops were held: one for new pilgrims, led by Fr Philip; another on the place of Mary led by Fr Colin Dickson; and one on Walsingham and prayer led by Sister Jane. Then followed a liturgy of healing and wholeness: a regular feature

at Walsingham with its healing ministry. After a reading, an address and prayers, those who wished made use of the laying on of hands and the sacrament of anointing. Finally the day concluded with Benediction, and Fr Philip made a hasty getaway to ensure he got back to his evening preaching engagement at Walsingham.

Thanks are due to so many people for making the day such a success: to Fr Philip and Sister Jane from Walsingham; to Fr Colin for his workshop; to the clergy who assisted with the liturgies; to the choristers and organist who gave their services free of charge; to the servers and members of the Cell for their preparation and work behind the scenes; to Fr Ivan for his work and encouragement and to Fr Alan for his welcome and for hosting the event at All Saints.

Matthew Duckett, Cell Secretary

CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER

Monday 10 April

12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m. The Vicar 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. The Vicar

Tuesday 11 April

12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m. Fr Gaskell 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Fr Aquilina

Wednesday 12 April

12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m. Fr Aquilina 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. The Vicar

Maundy Thursday, 13 April

12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m. Fr Gaskell 4.45 p.m. - 5.45 p.m. The Vicar

Good Friday, 14 April

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Fr Aquilina

Holy Saturday, 15 April

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Fr Gaskell

DIARY DATES

Sunday 26 March — Lent 4 *British Summer Time begins, clocks go forward 1 hour.*

12.45 p.m. Meeting of Parishioners followed immediately by the
Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Monday 27 March The Sacramental Life 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Room

The Sacrament of Holy Orders talk by Dr Colin Podmore, Member of staff of the General Synod and Secretary of the Liturgical Commission.

Thursdays 30 March and 6 April

2.00 p.m. Holy Hour led by the Vicar

Fridays 31 March and 7 April

7.05 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Monday 3 April

7.00 p.m. Meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

Thursday 6 April

7.45 p.m. Easter Concert 2006 by Chandos Chamber Choir

conducted by Andrew Arthur with Gavin Roberts, organist.

20th Century Music of Remembrance

Kodaly — Missa Brevis and music by Casals, Ireland, Stanford, Messiaen, Dove and Finzi. Tickets £10 *on the door.*

Holy Week and Easter 9 - 16 April

Please see separate announcement elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday 22 April

We welcome **The Gregorian Association** for their AGM. They will sing an Office at **4.30 p.m.** to which all are welcome.

Friday 28 - Sunday 30 April

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham *Contact Fr Ivan Aquilina*

Tuesday 16 May School of Worship *Thinking Liturgically*

7.00 p.m. Bishop John Cosin: A Liturgist by Fr Ivan Aquilina

Friday 19 - Sunday 21 May

The Parish Retreat to St Francis House, Hemingford Grey conducted by Fr Peter McGeary, Vicar, St Mary's, Cable Street.

If you would like to come on the retreat, know someone else who would, or have any queries, please contact Martin Woolley on 07976 275383 or at m.g.woolley@btinternet.com The cost will be £80.

A letter to participants giving more details will follow in due course.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2006

PALM SUNDAY, 9 APRIL

10.45 a.m. Liturgy of Palms in Market Place,
Procession to Church and High Mass

Preacher: The Vicar, Fr Alan Moses

6.00 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Solemn Benediction

Preacher: Fr Ivan Aquilina

Monday - Wednesday in Holy Week, 10, 11 & 12 April

6.30 p.m. Low Mass with Homily

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL

7.30 p.m. Tenebrae for Maundy Thursday

sung by the Choir of All Saints

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 13 APRIL

6.30 p.m. Concelebrated High Mass of the Lord's Supper

Preacher: Fr Ivan Aquilina

GOOD FRIDAY, 14 APRIL

12.00 p.m. The Preaching of the Passion

Preacher: The Vicar

1.00 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy

Preacher: The Vicar

6.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, 15 APRIL

12.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Day

9.00 p.m. High Mass of the Easter Vigil

EASTER DAY, SUNDAY 16 APRIL

11.00 a.m. Procession, Blessing of the Easter Garden and High Mass

Preacher: The Vicar

6.00 p.m. Solemn Evensong, Te Deum and Solemn Benediction

Preacher: Fr Ivan Aquilina

WALSINGHAM: NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

All Saints will be running a coach again to the Walsingham National Pilgrimage on May 29th (Bank Holiday Monday). The event will include a Concelebrated Mass in the Abbey Grounds (Principal Celebrant: Lord Hope of Thornes, former Vicar of All Saints); Procession round the Village, and Bene-diction in the Shrine Gardens. This is always a very enjoyable occasion, and this year of course we shall be joined by those

of our congregation who have chosen to cycle instead!

The total cost will be about £20 (a little less for children). Further details will appear shortly, but in the meantime please speak to Ross Buchanan (Telephone: **020 8696 1331**) if you would like to know more or reserve a place on the coach.

LENT 1, 2006 HIGH MASS at THE ANNUNCIATION

“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there forty days, and was tempted by Satan.”

Each year at the beginning of Lent we hear the story of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. If we are familiar with the longer accounts of Matthew and Luke, we might be surprised by Mark’s. It is very brief. He doesn’t go into detail. There is no turning stones into bread, no offer of worldly power in exchange for worship of the devil, no leaping from the pinnacle of the temple.

But that does not mean that what Mark says is devoid of meaning. Let’s look at it a bit more closely.

“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness.” Jesus has just come from his Baptism in the Jordan, from that word of acknowledgement by the Father, **“You are my beloved Son”**, from the outpouring of the Spirit. Yet it is the same Spirit who drives Jesus out. The word Mark uses is the

same he will later use for driving out demons. This is not the gentle suggestion that a period of quiet recollection in a retreat house might be a good prelude to his ministry.

“The Spirit drives Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there forty days.”

The wilderness for Jesus’ contemporaries was a place of danger, a place of wild beasts and demons. But it was also an experience which had a major place in their history. Mark’s hearers would think of the people of Israel wandering in the wilderness for forty years, of Moses at Sinai and Elijah at Horeb for forty days. These were periods of revelation by God, the giving of the Law, the prophetic call, a period in which God spoke to his people and shaped his people for their calling.

So at the beginning of ministry, his rôle in the purposes of God, Jesus is led into the desert, **“and was tempted by Satan”**. Here

the Jerusalem Bible translation we use lets us down a bit. Temptation here is about something more than individual sins — even important ones. It is better translated as testing. Jesus' call is being tested, his response to that call, his faithfulness to his God and Father; to the will and ways of that God. This testing goes to the depths.

Our passage is part of the prologue of Mark's Gospel which sets the tone for the whole of the story. Here we are being shown that Jesus' calling and ministry, even with its extraordinary spiritual power, is not going to be some easy progress to assured success. It is going to be a spiritual combat with the forces of evil throughout and all the way to Gethsemani and Calvary.

That spiritual warfare is represented by Satan, the adversary, but also by the wild beasts. But Jesus is not devoured by those beasts which people rightly feared and which were seen in Scripture as symbolic of the forces of evil. In the wilderness with Jesus we glimpse a restoration of the state of Eden which Isaiah looked forward to, when humans and the wild beasts lived in harmony.

“...and the angels looked after him.”

In those wilderness experiences of the Old Testament, the people of Israel were fed with manna from heaven and drank water from the rock, Elijah was fed by the ravens. They experienced the care of God in the midst of their trials. Jesus too is cared for, ministered to, the word used is our word for a deacon, by the angels, the messengers of God.

If all this is true of Jesus, what does it say about us, our Christian life?

Well first of all, we are baptised and

baptism involves a calling, a commission, to **“proclaim the Good News from God”**, in this Galilee in the angle between Oxford Street and the Edgeware Road.

Lent began as a time when people were prepared for Baptism and it should still be a time when we think again about what our baptism means as we prepare to renew our baptismal vows on Easter Day. What does it mean for us as individuals and as a congregation of God's people here at the Annunciation? We may feel perhaps that we have been in a bit of a wilderness.

Lent recalls to the place of silence which the desert is, that state where we can listen more closely to God, when we can hear him calling to us. It involves a stripping away of the unnecessary encumbrances; those things which impede our discipleship, our following of Jesus.

Now most of us complain about the noise of modern life — but interestingly, people sometimes say that they went for a holiday in the country and it was so quiet that they could not get to sleep. Silence can be blissful but it can also be frightening. It takes away the distractions which hide us from the reality of ourselves and the reality of God.

That I think is why we often find prayer so difficult: not because it doesn't work — but because it works all too well. Its first stage is what the great spiritual masters call the way of purgation — and that can be as difficult as it sounds. So we turn away and switch the TV or the radio on again, or reach for the comfort food.

We do not know exactly when today's epistle from 1 Peter was written — the books of the Bible do not come with those handy notes which publishers supply these

days. The scholars think that it was either written in the First Century when the early Christians were facing the pain of separation from the Synagogue or in the early years of the 2nd when they were undergoing persecution by the Romans.

The writer reminds them that **“Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God”**. He is saying to them and to us, that whatever difficulties and hardships we must endure in this life, Christ has been there before us and triumphed over them. Our baptism is a pledge not only from us but from God, **“through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God’s right hand, now that he has made the angels of the Dominations and Powers his subjects”**. The cross of Christ stands, like the rainbow of God’s covenant with Noah, as the sign of God’s

invincible love for us.

We do not really expect to be persecuted for our Christian faith in our society — although we might well be subjected to a good deal of ridicule. There are many temptations to give it all up and stay in bed on a Sunday morning. There are serious matters which question our faith — the seemingly endless saga of man’s inhumanity to man, the squabbles and sometimes sheer nastiness of the Church and Christians.

We should not pretend that these wild beasts do not exist, for that is to live in a world of make-believe and self-deception, and in the end that does not work. What we can take from today’s readings and service is the reminder that whatever trials our Christian calling brings, God does not abandon us, his angels minister to us, we are fed with bread from heaven.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2005 - 2006

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Parochial Church Council 2005 - 2006

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The number on the Electoral Roll on **March 5th 2006** was **294**.

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 Council has met 6 times and the Standing Committee 3 times. The first meeting of the new Council coincided with the Archdeacon's triennial visitation, so we were pleased to welcome him to the meeting. He did not wish to address the Council but at the end of the meeting he admitted Francis O'Neil and John Forde to the Office of Churchwarden.

At meetings of the Council and Standing Committee, all aspects of the life and work of All Saints are discussed, together with any items passed down to us from the various synods.

Child Protection Policy

This year we were invited to review our

Child Protection Policy in light of the new Diocesan Policy. The Council asked the Health and Safety Committee to consider the matter and report back. Their recommendation was that we should adopt the new Diocesan Policy without any alterations and this the Council was happy to do.

Finance and Stewardship

To enable All Saints to continue and expand its ministry, it is essential that we retain a firm financial basis from which to operate. Keeping us on track financially is the responsibility of the Council, but the greatest burden falls on the shoulders of the Hon Treasurer. We are lucky to have in the person of Patrick Hartley someone who brings both expertise and a sense of purpose to the task.

At the risk of being repetitive, it is worth stating yet again this year that despite appearances, we are not a wealthy church. All the day-to-day running costs, which are

considerable, together with any expenditure on the buildings in our care, have to be met by the members of the congregation. This calls for generous and often sacrificial giving and we are lucky that so many take the responsibility very seriously. The congregation here is not static and so it is essential that as new members join, they are made fully aware of the position and their financial responsibility. Of course commitment to All Saints is not just financial, time and talents being of great importance. It is good that new faces are to be seen in various areas of our life, but there can never be too many volunteers.

The Treasurer has provided the following snap-shot of the financial activities in the last year.

“The financial results for the year show that we had a deficit on unrestricted funds of £25,540, which on the surface appears to be a disappointing result, and contrasts with the surplus in 2004 of £49,020. It should be noted however that without the PCC’s support of the Restoration Appeal to the tune of £50,000 this deficit would have been converted to a surplus of £24,460. There is still no room for complacency however, as the major repairs to No 8 Margaret Street budgeted for in 2005 were not undertaken in the year, and also for a second year running regular giving was augmented by several large legacies.

“Giving by the congregation towards regular costs amounted to £208,000, representing an increase of £11,000 on the previous year. This is encouraging and partly due to the Stewardship Campaign early in 2005. If All Saints is to continue to remain on a reasonably firm financial footing, this year on year increase needs to be replicated merely to keep in line with the annual increase in Common Fund

contributions, choir and music costs and widely-publicised increases in gas and electricity. As mentioned above, there were significant legacies amounting to £14,495. Whilst interest rates are not as high as they have historically been, rental income had increased to offset the lower returns. Shop income is up on the previous year, as is income from choir and other fees. It is hoped that the purchase of 1,000 ‘The English Rachmaninov’ CDs and 5,000 copies of the new Pitkin guide on All Saints will continue to contribute towards the PCC’s finances.

“As mentioned above, costs inevitably increase and perhaps the increase in giving towards regular costs of £11,000 should be considered in the light of £5,000 increase in Diocesan Common Fund Contributions for 2005, £5,000 increase in the choir costs and £2,000 in heat, light and water.

“The Choir and Music Trust Fund contributed £28,900 towards the cost of the music, which is similar to 2004, but still down on earlier years. It is hoped that higher contributions can be made in 2006 to offset the increases in music costs that were agreed for 2006. As in 2004, a sum of £1,800 was received from the Trustees of the Cinderford Charitable Trust to meet the costs of the Organ Scholar.

“The value of the PCC’s investments held with the CBF increased to produce a final net unrealised gain on revaluation at the year end of £4,658.

“There was a surplus on restricted funds of £85,123, leaving a balance of £119,275 at the year end. The surplus is almost entirely the result of the launch of the Restoration Appeal which had at 31 December 2005 raised £96,139, which includes the £50,000 contribution by the PCC. It does not however include the pledge of £250,000 from the Trustees of the All Saints Foundation.

“There is much hard work to be done in

relation to the Restoration Appeal over the coming year although a good start has been made.

“This should not however allow us to lose sight of the continuing need to increase giving for the day-to-day work of the Parish.”

Restoration projects

Finally the long running saga of the church chairs has been completed with the delivery of the Comper chairs to St Mary Magdalene’s, Paddington, where they will be stored until the restoration of their crypt chapel has been completed.

It will be remembered that when Mr C. Kerr, our architect, addressed the 2004 Annual Meeting, he said that any alterations which had been made in the church which enhanced the church would remain, but that any which were deemed to be detrimental would not. The current south aisle screen is now agreed by most to have been a mistake. Consequently the Council has been investigating the possibility of replacing it with one more in keeping with the church. A plan for a suitable wrought iron replacement has been drawn up, and currently consultations with the statutory bodies are being pursued, in advance of a Faculty petition.

The Council decided that the replacement of the screen should not be considered as part of the major restoration project, but should be done in memory of Helen Clayton. As yet a home for the present screen has not been identified.

So to the major restoration project upon which we have now embarked. At the time of the last Annual meeting we were waiting for the outline budget costs to be presented to us. These were made available for the September meeting, which gave us very little time to consider them and come to any

decisions, as the first Sunday in October had been ear-marked for the launch of the Appeal, with the Bishop of London as Celebrant and preacher at the High Mass.

Once the initial shock of the scale of the venture we were contemplating had worn off, the Council considered the costs and implications in some detail. The one item, the cost of which seemed to be very expensive, was the restoration of the stained glass, but as was pointed out, the west window and the clerestory windows in the Chancel are very large. Once the windows have been restored and re-leaded, they should not need any major attention for 100-150 years. Looked at in this light, the cost did not seem so prohibitive.

During the discussion, there was a clear determination that the project should be considered as a whole, and not broken down into phases, as this would inevitably lead to delays and increased costs. Also that the project should not be thought of as just the restoration of a grade 1 listed Victorian Church, but as a means to enable the work and mission for which All Saints was founded, to be carried on into the coming decades, if not centuries.

It was with faith that we would be successful that the Council unanimously agreed to embark on the project. It also decided to allocate £50,000 of its reserves to the project and to apply to the All Saints Foundation for a grant of £250,000. This the Foundation Trustees generously agreed, and we were able to launch the official Appeal with £300,000 already pledged. Since then, working parties consisting of people with suitable expertise have been convened to oversee the various areas of the Appeal. There have already been individually organised events in aid of the appeal, notably the two concerts in January by the ‘Curate’s Egg’ and the octet led by

Christine Auton, which between them raised over £1,000.

In the coming months there will be plenty of opportunity for others, and for more formally organised events. The next couple of years will be exciting and probably at times frustrating and worrying, but the Council is sure that all will be completed as planned by the 150th anniversary of the Consecration of All Saints in 2009.

This is probably as suitable a place as any in this report to place on record the Council's gratitude to the Trustees of the All Saints Foundation, and Mr Robin Fletcher, the Administrator, for their continuing support and generosity. If it were not for The All Saints Foundation, the Council would not have even been able to contemplate embarking on many of the projects of the recent past.

Vestments and furnishings

This year has been a relatively quiet one in terms of new vestments and furnishings. The plain top of the best red high altar frontal, having perished, was replaced by Messrs Watts in time for Pentecost. A new second best red frontal, complete with two superfrontals was also made by Messrs Watts, this as a memorial to the late Lillian Ditcham. New under linen, fair linen and dust covers for all three altars were bought by the Friends of All Saints.

The large silver monstrance, designed by Omar Ramsden for St Mary Magdalene's, Paddington, now on loan to All Saints, has been professionally cleaned and a new lunette made.

The set of outdoor torches have been restored in the United States of America, thanks to the efforts of Fr John Rick. Fr Rick was also the means by which the new brass advent candelabrum, a gift of an anonymous donor, arrived at All Saints from the USA.

An anonymous donor has offered to pay for a new crib stable for All Saints. This is being designed by Paul Weston, and it is hoped that it will be completed in time for Christmas 2006.

Mission

The congregation of All Saints remain committed to the mission of the Church at large in spreading the 'Good News' of the Gospel and helping those who are less fortunate and well off than ourselves. We continue to support our Mission projects — The Church Army Hostel in Marylebone, the West London Day Centre luncheon voucher scheme, and St Cyprian's Theological College in Masasi. This year the Council decided that the whole of the Festival Appeal should go to these projects and £5,186.64 was raised. The Mission committee once again arranged for a group to go carol singing in Oxford Street before Christmas. As previously this proved an enjoyable experience and added to the money raised for the mission projects.

In addition to the contributions to our regular Mission projects, we also support Christian Aid Week, where the Parish room is used as a base for collectors, with Mrs C. Ellis 'resident'. Unfortunately this year there were no street collectors from All Saints, but £1,394.71 was collected in envelopes.

There were also two special collections for specific needs this year. £492.90 was raised for the Christian Aid Niger and West Africa food crisis appeal, and £1,364.54 was raised for the Asia earthquake appeal.

Our link with Santo Andre, a parish in the city of Ondjiva in southern Angola is now firmly established, and there is now a flow of information, albeit rather slow, thanks to the necessity of translation into/ from Portuguese. All Saints was the venue

for an ALMA meeting in July when Bishop Andre Soares gave an update on news from Angola and answered questions.

The Lent 2006 appeal will be divided between St Cyprian's Theological College and the Church Army Women's Hostel.

The Council would like to thank Glenn McKee (our ALMA representative) and all the members of the Mission Committee for their continuing commitment to this vital work.

Catering

At All Saints, all 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. This includes not only the regular refreshments in the courtyard after High Mass on Sundays, and the weekly Sunday lunch, but also catering for special occasions. For these the requirements can vary from the simple tea/coffee and biscuits to something much more substantial. Those who provide this very necessary service are all volunteers, and without them it would cease. We are very grateful to those involved, both committee and volunteers but would like to emphasise the fact that there are never enough volunteers, and so would urge everyone to think whether this might be an area where they could be of assistance.

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Committee have the responsibility of reviewing all matters concerned with the safety of all who use the site, congregation, staff, visitors and outside workers and making recommendations to the Council where necessary.

Last year, new lighter ramps for the use of wheelchairs were purchased, and these appear to have been a success. Although

there is little to report this year on the work of the Committee, the Council is grateful that they continue to be vigilant on our behalf.

Visitors

All Saints continues to attract visitors from across the World, not only because it is very beautiful and architecturally important, but because it is an oasis of peace and prayer in a ever more hectic world.

It is always good to be able to welcome back to All Saints Sisters Jean Margaret and Anne Frances, and we were relieved to learn that they were not amongst those affected by the devastating fire at the Oil Depot in Hertfordshire. In addition to the many individuals who come, we welcome every year a wide range of organised groups and some of those visiting this year are mentioned below:

The Danish Choir, Treenighedskirkens, Drengekor, Esbjerg, gave a concert in the Church on June 18th, and The Anglican and Old Catholic Society of St Willibrord held their Festival Eucharist here on November 12th. Members of the Church of the Advent of Christ the King, San Francisco, were here on December 18th with Fr Paul Burrows, when members of their choir joined with the All Saints Choir to sing Evensong.

We were visited by two separate groups from the Victorian Society, and members of the Elgar Society again used our facilities.

Members of the Trinity on the Cove Episcopal Church, Naples, Florida, swelled our ranks at the Easter Vigil and the Friends of St Fin Barre's Cathedral led by the Dean The Very Revd Michael Burrows were with us on February 5th.

Of course many of those who come to the Church, and those who find peace and relaxation in the courtyard, prefer to remain anonymous.

All would we hope agree, that the benefits

of leaving the church and courtyard open from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. far outweigh the obvious risks involved.

Teaching and preaching

The high standard of teaching and preaching which we at All Saints have become accustomed to was certainly maintained during the last year. The Vicar, once again, managed to persuade a goodly number of visiting preachers to ascend the famous pulpit to share with us their thoughts and reflections. There are too many to mention by name, but we thank them all for their care and attention in the preparation of their sermons, which gave us all much ‘food for thought’.

As always it falls to the ‘home team’ to provide the bulk of the formalised teaching, in the form of Sunday sermons. Each member of the team has their own particular style and this makes for a varied ‘diet’. This year Tony Halton, soon to be ordained and serve his title here at All Saints, had to face not only the congregation, but also his tutor as he preached what will be the first of many sermons here. All agreed that he passed this most difficult test with apparent ease.

In addition to their teaching responsibilities here at All Saints, Frs Moses, Aquilina and Gaskell continue to venture far and wide to fulfil preaching engagements, allowing others to benefit from their knowledge and experience.

The two formal teaching courses which began in 2004, ‘On the move’ and ‘The School of Worship’ have continued, greatly appreciated by those who attend.

In Lent 2006, there is to be a series of sermons on great 20th Century Christians, and two lectures in a series on Sacramental Life.

(To be concluded)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The April 1906 issue reproduced an obituary for the Revd Edgar Hoskins:

The Revd Edgar Hoskins, who died yesterday at 18 Bloomsbury Square, at the age of 74, was held in high esteem for his quiet and faithful work in the City benefice of St Martin, Ludgate. He was educated at Eton, and passed to Exeter College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1853. He was ordained deacon by Dr Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford, on behalf of the Bishop of Salisbury, and priest in 1858 by Bishop Hamilton, and became curate of Wilton.

In 1858 he moved to Saint Martin, Sarum, and came to London in 1865 to join the staff of All Saints, Margaret Street, under Mr Upton Richards... Mr Hoskins continued to serve under Prebendary Berdmore Compton, who was appointed vicar of All Saints in 1873, and his 16 years’ association with this church marked him as a faithful adherent of High Church principles as there exemplified, though in later years the development of the “Catholic” movement in certain particulars caused him misgivings, which he would impart to his friends. In 1881, on the nomination of the Dean and Chapter of St Paul’s, he became rector of St Martin, Ludgate... Mr Hoskins carried on a careful though unobtrusive ministry at St Martin’s for over 20 years, and did much for the careful adaptation of the interior of the church to modern requirements. He was a diligent liturgical student, giving long years to research at the British Museum and elsewhere before printing his results. He laid his great knowledge of the primitive and medieval prayers of the Church under tribute

to produce anonymously a manual of devotion for Holy Communion, by which, probably, more people have benefited than by any other volume of its kind. There seems to be now no valid reason why the authorship of the “Treasury of Devotion” should not be made known.

In 1902, owing to failure in health, he decided to resign his benefice, declining to receive a retiring allowance from its revenues, and had since lived in Bloomsbury Square.

The Vicar writes: The mention of the “*Treasury of Devotion*” sent me to my bookshelves to find my copy of this which I had been left by an old lady in Edinburgh whom I had ministered to when she was in a nursing home and whose funeral service I had conducted when I was a curate. Inside the cover she had written her name “Lena Innes”, and “Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh” where she spent her working life as a nursing sister. I can imagine her faithfully using it as she prayed for the children in her charge. The title page says:

*“The Treasury of Devotion
A Manual of Prayer
for General and Daily Use
Compiled by a Priest
Edited by the Revd T.T. Carter MA
Late Warden of the House of Mercy,
Clewer”*

So it is good to know after all these years who the anonymous priest-compiler was and, better still, that he had a connection with All Saints.

A revised version of this book was later produced by Dom Robert Petitpierre, and

one of our parishioners, David Welch, had a much-used copy which was falling to pieces. When Fr Aquilina told me of this, I was able to find a copy on my shelves, so now David has it to use in his daily prayers.

In fact, I have quite a collection of these manuals of devotion inherited over the years from people who had prayed with them. They contained forms of daily prayer, of preparation for the Eucharist and confession, seasonal devotions and forms of intercession, all to supplement the provision of the Prayer Book.

A new generation of such helpful books has been published over the last few years to complement the new services of Common Worship. People might well find them as helpful in their prayer life as the earlier ones were for our forebears. They all serve as means by which our Lord can teach us to pray with the Church and in a disciplined and persevering way.

They include:

“The Pilgrim Prayer Book” compiled by Bishop David Stancliffe, published by Continuum;

“The Habit of Holiness” by Canon Martin Warner of St Paul’s Cathedral, also published by Continuum;

“A Manual of Anglo-Catholic Devotion” compiled by Bishop Andrew Burnham and published by the Canterbury Press.

A rather slimmer publication: *“Some Daily Prayers for Church of England People”* is available on the literature case in church.

**SUNDAYS AND
SOLEMNITIES**
MUSIC AND READINGS

● **SUNDAY 2 APRIL
FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn: 439 (i)

Introit: Judica me

Mass: Mass for five voices — Byrd

Lessons: Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

Psalm 51

Hebrews 5: 5 - 10

Hymn: 379

Gospel: John 12: 20 - 33

Preacher: Fr Ivan Aquilina

Anthem: Meditabor — Rheinberger

Hymns: 84, 95, 461

SOLEMN EVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.

Psalm: 34

Lessons: Exodus 7: 8 - 24

Romans 5: 12 - end

Office Hymn: 79

Canticles: The Short Service — Causton

Anthem: Hear my prayer, O Lord
— Purcell

Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: 76

BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: 269

Hymn: 89 (i)

Tantum Ergo: 195

● **SUNDAY 9 APRIL
PALM SUNDAY**

**LITURGY OF PALMS IN
MARKET PLACE,
PROCESSION TO CHURCH
AND HIGH MASS AT 10.45 a.m.**

At the start of the Liturgy of Palms:

Hosanna Filio David! — Vale

Palm Gospel: Mark 11: 1 - 11

Blessing of Palms: Pueri Hebræorum

— Palestrina

Processional Hymns:

509, 511, Lift high the Cross

Introit: Domine, ne longe

Mass: Mass in B — Rachmaninov

Lessons: Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a

Psalm 31

Philippians 2: 5 - 11

Hymn: 155 (T 117)

Gospel: The Passion according
to St Mark

Preacher: The Vicar

Anthem: God so loved the world

— Stainer

Hymns: 85, 87 (T 486), 86 (omit *)

SOLEMN EVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.

Psalm: 69: 1 - 20

Lessons: Isaiah 5: 1 - 7

Mark 12: 1 - 12

Office Hymn: 79

Canticles: Service in B — Rachmaninov

Anthem: Miserere mei, Deus

— Allegri

Preacher: Fr Ivan Aquilina

Hymn: 90

SOLEMN BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: Rachmaninov

Hymn: 96

Tantum Ergo: Rachmaninov

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL
WEDNESDAY
IN HOLY WEEK

TENEBRAE at 7.30 p.m.

The Offices of Mattins and Lauds for Maundy Thursday with music by Viadana, Victoria, Anerio and Lassus.

THURSDAY 13 APRIL
MAUNDY THURSDAY

HIGH MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER at 6.30 p.m.

Introit: Nos autem_p
Mass: Missa 'Pange lingua'
— Josquin

Lessons: Exodus 12: 1 - 14
Psalm 116
1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26

Hymn: 270

Gospel: John 13: 1 - 17, 31b - 35

Preacher: Fr Ivan Aquilina

At the washing of feet:

A new commandment
After the Lord had risen from
supper — plainsong
Ubi caritas — Duruflé

Anthem: Christus factus est — Bruckner

Hymns: 302, 311 (T A&MR 401)

Post Communion Motet:

Ave verum corpus — Byrd

At the Procession to the Altar of Repose:
268 (R)

Gospel of the Watch:

Matthew 26: 30 - end

● **FRIDAY 14 APRIL**
GOOD FRIDAY

**The Preaching of the Passion by
the Vicar at 12.00 p.m.**

**THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF
THE PASSION at 1.00 p.m.**

Lessons: Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12
Psalm 22: 1 - 11
Hebrews 4: 14 - 16, 5: 7 - 9

Hymn: 94 (T 76)

Gospel: The Passion according
to St John

Preacher: The Vicar

At the Veneration:

The Reproaches — Palestrina
Crux Fidelis
Hymn 95, 79 (Choir)

Hymns: 83, 89 (i), 97

Communion Motet:

Crucifixus — Lotti

SATURDAY 15 APRIL
HOLY SATURDAY

**HIGH MASS OF THE EASTER
VIGIL at 9.00 p.m.**

Mass: Mass in G — Schubert

Liturgy of the Word:

Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a; Psalm 136
Genesis 22: 1 - 18; Psalm 16
Exodus 14: 10 - 31, 15: 20 - 21
Canticle of Moses, Exodus 15
Isaiah 55: 1 - 11; Canticle
Isaiah 12: 2 - 6
Ezekiel 36: 24 - 28; Psalm 42
Romans 6: 3 - 11

Hymn: The Easter Alleluyas, 119

Gospel: Mark 16: 1 - 8

The Litany: Litany of Thanksgiving for
the Resurrection (arr Kitchen)

Offertory Hymn: 296 (i)

Hymns: 102, 113

Post Communion Chant:

Pascha Nostrum

Hymn: 124

Voluntary: Victimæ Paschali Laudes

— Tournemire

● **SUNDAY 16 APRIL**
EASTER DAY

**PROCESSION, BLESSING OF
EASTER GARDEN AND HIGH
MASS AT 11.00 a.m.**

Processional: Hail, Festal Day; 119

Introit: Resurrexi

Mass: Krönungmesse — Mozart

Lessons: Acts 10: 34 - 43

Psalm 118

1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11

Hymn: 110 (v 3 Descant — Benson)

Gospel: John 20: 1 - 18

Preacher: The Vicar

At the Procession to the Font:

Litany of Thanksgiving for
the Resurrection (arr Kitchen)

Anthem: Regina coeli — Mascagni

Hymns: 115, 123, 120

Voluntary: Toccata (5th Symphony)

— Widor

**SOLEMN EVENSONG
at 6.00 p.m.**

Psalm: 105

Lessons: Ezekiel 37: 1 - 4

Luke 24: 13 - 35

Office Hymn: 101 (omit *)

Canticles: Service in C — Stanford

Anthem: Haec dies — Byrd

Preacher: Fr Ivan Aquilina

Hymn: 117

SOLEMN BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: French Chant

Te Deum: Solemn Tone

Tantum Ergo: Henschel

Voluntary: Improvisation on 'Deo

Gratias, Alleluia'

— Paul Brough

● **SUNDAY 23 APRIL**
EASTER 2

HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

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

Introit: Quasi modo

Mass: Missa 'Princeps Pacis'

— Lloyd Webber

Lessons: Acts 4: 32 - 35

Psalm 133

1 John 1: 1 - 2: 2

Hymn: 125 (omit *)

Gospel: John 20: 19 - end

Preacher: Fr Ivan Aquilina

Creed: Credo III

Anthem: 'Tis the day of Resurrection

— Wood

Hymns: 389, 121, 173 (T 265)

Voluntary: Christ lag in Todesbanden

— Böhm

SOLEMN EVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.

Psalm: 143: 1 - 11

Lessons: Isaiah 26: 1 - 9, 19

Luke 24: 1 - 12

Office Hymn: 101 (omit*)

Canticles: Service in A — Stanford

Anthem: Since by man came death

— Handel

Preacher: t.b.c

Hymn: 104

BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: Sumsion

Hymn: 118

Tantum Ergo: Sumsion

Voluntary: Pastoral — Sumsion

• SUNDAY 30 APRIL

EASTER 3

HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn: 351

Introit: Misericordia Domini

Mass: Missa Choralis — Bruckner

Lessons: Acts 3: 12 - 19

Psalm 4

1 John 3: 1 - 7

Hymn: 113

Gospel: Luke 24: 36b - 48

Preacher: Prebendary John Gaskell

Creed: Credo II

Anthem: Christ rising again

— Weelkes

Hymns: 357, 118, 103 (v 4 Descant
—Caplin)

Voluntary: Toccata — Whitlock

SOLEMN EVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.

Psalm: 142

Lessons: Deuteronomy 7: 7 - 13

Revelation 2: 1 - 11

Office Hymn: 101 (omit*)

Canticles: Service in G — Stanford

Anthem: Blessed be the God and

Father — S.S. Wesley

Preacher: The Vicar

Hymn: 105 (i)

BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: Rossini

Hymn: 102

Tantum Ergo: Duruflé

Voluntary: Christe lag in
Todesbanden, BWV 695
— Bach

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BENEDICTION at 6.00 p.m.

Monday to Friday Morning Prayer at 7.30 a.m.

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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.

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(* First Mass of Sunday)

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CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2006

1	<i>Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher</i>	Teachers
2	✕ THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Passiontide begins)	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
3		Parochial Church Council
4		S Marylebone Deanery
5		The Diocese
6		Unity
7		Those in need
8		Society of All Saints Sisters of the Poor
9	✕ PALM SUNDAY	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
10	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	Persecuted Christians
11	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	Renewal in witness
12	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	Friends of All Saints
13	MAUNDY THURSDAY	Thanksgiving for the Eucharist
14	✕ GOOD FRIDAY	The needs of the world
15	HOLY SATURDAY	Preparation for Easter
16	✕ EASTER DAY	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
17	MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
18	TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
19	WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
20	THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
21	FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Those in need
22	SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK	Thanksgiving for the Resurrection
23	✕ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
24	ST GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND	
25	ST MARK THE EVANGELIST	The people of England
26		Our witness to the Faith
27	<i>Christina Rossetti, Poet</i>	The homeless
28	<i>Peter Chanel, Missionary, Martyr</i>	Unity
29	St Catherine of Siena	Those in need
30	✕ THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	Walsingham Pilgrimage
		OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE

Please note:

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



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