



# All Saints Parish Paper

MARGARET STREET, LONDON W.1

**JUNE 2007**

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## From the Churchwardens

Most of you will now know that the Vicar was suddenly and unexpectedly admitted to hospital on Saturday May 5th suffering from severe abdominal pains. At the time of going to print, in the middle of the following week, the cause was unknown and a diagnosis awaited. Clearly this was a time of anxiety for his wife Theresa, his daughter Joanna and son Stephen, and all his family, as well as the family of All Saints. Fr Moses will clearly need an extended period of rest and recuperation.

The month of June has been planned on the basis that the Vicar will still be recovering. Arrangements are being made to ensure that the normal round of the Offices and Masses on both Sundays and Weekdays continue without interruption. A priest will ordinarily be available to hear confessions at the stated time but it might be helpful if you would contact one of the clergy in advance if you intend to come to confession at a particular time.

At the May meeting, in the absence of the Vicar and Fr Aquilina, the Parochial Church Council discussed the matter of the maintenance of the regular round of services and the burden this places on the parish clergy, especially when only one is resident. The importance of the morning Mass to sanctify the day was affirmed and the benefit for those unable to hear

Mass later in the day was appreciated, but the particular problems for the limited number of ordinarily resident clergy was recognised. We are extremely grateful to the visiting priests who have helped us at this difficult time.

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council are determined that the life and mission of the Parish must continue as far as possible as normal whilst the Vicar is indisposed. We are certain that it will bring much assurance to Fr Moses to know that we are making every effort to maintain and advance the life of the Parish whilst he is away.

Contributions from parishioners to the Restoration Appeal Fund continue to come in but considerably more is needed to achieve the goal of completing the restoration by the 150th anniversary of the Consecration, 2009. We would ask you to consider a gift to the Restoration Appeal as an act of faith in the future of this parish church at this time.

On Thursday June 7th the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This is one of the greatest feasts of Our Lord in the Church's year. In the evening the High Mass will be followed by the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of the parish. This is not simply an act of witness but the very manifestation of Our Lord in his Most

Holy Sacrament to the world outside the walls of the church. Our act of witness is to be present to honour the Real Presence of Our Lord and we would ask you all to make every effort to be in the procession that evening.

Please continue to remember Fr Moses, his wife Theresa and all his family in your prayers.

With all good wishes

*John Forde, Christopher Self  
Churchwardens*

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## DIARY DATES

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### **Friday 1 - Sunday 3 June Parish Retreat to St Francis House, Hemingford Grey**

Conducted by **Canon Donald Gray CBE**, formerly Canon of Westminster Abbey. Cost £87.50. *Contact Martin Woolley for details on 07976 275383 or at m.g.woolley@btinternet.com or in the bar on Sundays.*

### **Thursday 7 June Corpus Christi**

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

*Preacher:* The Rt Revd William Ind, Bishop of Truro.

### **Friday 15 June**

**7.30 p.m. AD HOC OPERA** present a new programme of operatic favourites in aid of the Restoration Appeal. Tickets £10 available from the Sunday Shop, Parish Office or from Rachael Leggett after High Mass on Sundays.

### **Friday 22 - Sunday 24 June Annual Parish Weekend Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

The Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham and All Saints. All places are taken.

### **Friday 29 and Saturday 30 June**

**7.00 p.m. SHUSHANIK *Queen of Armenia*** A Play by J.E. Fairweather  
**A Dramatic Reading in the Parish Room**  
*She alone stands between the freedom of Georgia/Armenia and the yoke of the Persian Empire.*  
Admission £5, including a glass of wine.  
*In aid of All Saints Restoration Appeal.*

### **Monday 16 July Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham and All Saints**

**6.30 p.m. Low Mass** with commissioning of new Cell Leadership Team

### **Wednesday 15 August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**6.30 p.m. High Mass** *Preacher:* Fr Ivan Aquilina

**August 22nd - 29th 2007 A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** with Fr Ivan Aquilina, organised by McCabe Pilgrimages. Brochures are available at the back of Church or from Fr Ivan.

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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2006 - 2007 (Part I)

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## Administrative Information

The Parish Church of All Saints, St Marylebone, is situated in Margaret Street, in the West End of London, in the City of Westminster. It is part of the Diocese of London within the Church of England.

The correspondence address is All Saints' Parish Office, 7 Margaret Street, London W1W 8JG. The Parish Administrator is Mr Dennis Davis.

Bankers: National Westminster Bank Plc, Great Portland Street Branch, PO Box 2027, 125 Great Portland Street, London W1W 6AX.

Auditor: Francis Lee & Co, Chartered Certified Accountants, 62 Ainsdale Road, London W5 1JX.

Inspecting Architect: Colin Kerr Esq. BA, B.Arch, Dip Cons (ICCROM), Molyneux Kerr Architects, Unit 14, 112 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LE.

## The Parochial Church Council (PCC)

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a charity excepted by Order from registering with the Charity Commission. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules.

There are two charities which are connected with the All Saints' PCC. The All Saints' Church Marylebone Choir and Music Trust Fund, which has as its object to maintain and promote the performance and appreciation of church music in Marylebone, and in particular at All Saints.

The All Saints Foundation which includes among its objects the maintenance and repair of the Parish Church of All Saints.

Both charities can be contacted at the correspondence address.

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## Churchwardens 2006 - 2007

Mr J. Forde

Mr C. Self

## Parochial Church Council 2006 - 2007

The Revd A. Moses      Vicar (Chairman)

The Revd I. Aquilina \*\* Assistant Priest

Mr J. Forde      Churchwarden (Vice Chairman)

Mr C. Self      Churchwarden

Dr D. Thomas \*      Hon Secretary

Mr P. Hartley      Hon Treasurer

Mr R. Buchanan      Miss J. Castledine

Mr D. Craig \*      Mr M. Duckett

Mr P. Faithfull      Miss H. Foxhall Forbes

Miss C. Hodgetts      Mrs E. Lyon

Mr R. Oram      Mr K. Postance

Mr C. Swift \*\*      Miss P. Thompson

Mr F. Williams      Mr M. Woolley \*

Mr S. Cooper

Miss M. Ellis

Mr A. Hargreaves-Smith \*\*\*

Miss F. O'Neil

Mr G. Prince

Mr C. Williams

\* Deanery Synod Representative      \*\* Member of London Diocesan Synod

\*\*\* Member of General Synod

**Standing Committee 2006 - 2007**

The Revd A. Moses (Chairman)	Mr J. Forde
Mr C. Self	Dr D. Thomas
Miss J. Castledine	Mr K. Postance
	Mr P. Hartley
	Mr C. Swift

<b>Electoral Roll Officer</b> 2006 - 2007	Miss C. Burling
<b>Senior Sidesman</b> 2006 - 2007	Mr K. Postance
<b>Assistant Secretary</b> 2006 - 2007	Mr R. Buchanan

**Mission Committee 2006 - 2007**

The Revd A. Moses (Ex-Officio)	Mrs J. Drake (Chairman)
Mrs C. Brown	Mr M. Duckett,
Mr G. McKee	Miss F. O'Neil
	Mr C. Self

**Catering Committee 2006 - 2007**

The Revd A Moses (Ex-Officio)	Mrs J. Drake
Miss C. Hodgetts	Mr C. Self

**Health and Safety Committee 2006 - 2007**

The Revd A. Moses (Ex-Officio)	Mr C. Self (Chairman)
Mr R. Buchanan	Mr M. Duckett
	Mr C. Williams

**Restoration Committees 2006 - 2007****Fund Raising:**

The Revd A. Moses (Chairman)	Dr H. Bramma
Miss C. Black	Mr R. Clark
Mr P. Hartley	Mr P. Hunter
	Miss Z. Willems

**Publicity:**

The Revd A. Moses	Miss F. O'Neil (Chairman)
Mr M. Cullingford	Miss R. Hirst
Mr N. Mayhew-Smith	Mr W. James

**Events:**

The Revd A. Moses	Mr C. Self (Chairman)
Mr S. Cooper	Mrs J. Drake
Miss C. Hodgetts	Miss M. Ellis
	Miss R. Leggett.

**The Electoral Roll**

A new electoral Roll has had to be prepared before the Annual Parochial Meeting 2007, and this exercise is now complete. All members of the congregation have been encouraged to join the new Roll, to show their commitment to the life and work of the parish. The preparation of a new Roll inevitably leads to a temporary reduction in numbers, especially in a parish like All Saints where the congregation is never

static, but it is encouraging that new people join each time there is a new Roll.

The number on the old Roll was 296. The number on the new Roll, to be laid before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, is 199.

The Council would like to place on record their thanks to Kate Burling, our Electoral Roll Officer, for her sterling work keeping the Roll up to date, and the efficiency with which the new Roll has been prepared.

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.

As a result of changes in legislation, the Diocese has instructed all parishes to conduct a fire risk assessment and take the appropriate measures. Consequently, the Council commissioned a report from Mr J. Jackson (Fire risk assessment advisor) and are currently seeking appropriate ways to implement his recommendations. Although All Saints is not considered to be in a major risk group, it is certain that we will be visited by the Fire Brigade within the next four or five years.

### **Health and Safety**

The Health and Safety Committee is concerned with the safety of all who use the site, congregation, staff, visitors and outside workers, and making recommendations to the Council where necessary. Apart from the fire risk assessment already mentioned, there is little to report this year. However, the Council is grateful that the Health and Safety Committee continue to be vigilant on our behalf.

### **Finance and Stewardship**

Despite having a major restoration appeal underway, the Council continues to debate fully the ongoing financial position. Although this is the responsibility of the whole Council, the Hon Treasurer bears the greatest burden. In Patrick we have a Treasurer to whom no problem seems to be insurmountable, and who manages to make the accounts easily understood by those whose grasp of figures is not as good as his own. As has been said in previous years, All Saints is not a well-endowed Church and the day-to-day running costs, together with expenditure on the buildings

in our care, has to be met by members of the congregation.

These costs are similar to those of a small business, and that we manage to keep on a firm financial footing is due to their generous and often sacrificial giving. Buildings of the age of All Saints have a habit of springing unpleasant surprises on their owners, and it is to be able to cope with emergencies that the Council has to ensure that it has sufficient reserves.

The Treasurer has provided the following brief report on the financial activities of the past year:

“In 2006 it has been a case of ‘steady as she goes’. The financial results for the year show that we had a surplus on unrestricted funds of £8,931, as against a deficit in 2005 of £24,460, after taking account of the PCC’s contribution in that year of £50,000 to the Restoration Appeal. If one takes into consideration the fact that in 2006 there were minimal legacies (2005: £14,495), then the results are very similar to the previous year. I am therefore encouraged that the regular giving continues to exceed our standard outgoings. There is still no room for complacency, however, as the major repairs to No 8 Margaret Street budgeted for, still have to be undertaken and may put pressure on the PCC’s reserves which are in no way substantial.

“Giving by the congregation towards regular costs amounted to £214,000, representing an increase of £6,000 on the previous year. This is encouraging but if All Saints is to continue on an reasonably firm financial footing, this year on year increase needs to continue to be replicated, to keep in line with the annual increases in Common Fund contributions, choir and music costs and

costs generally.

“We are also thankful for the income from the various rental properties, which despite some periods of vacancy this year, held up well.

“Overall annual regular costs increased by approximately £8,000, with the largest increases being £4,500 in relation to the Common Fund, and £7,000 in relation to choir and music costs, although this latter increase was partly offset by an increase in the Choir and Music Trust Fund’s contribution from £28,900 in 2005 to £31,720 in 2006.

“There was a surplus on restricted funds of £137,513, leaving a balance of £256,788 at the year end. The surplus is almost entirely the result of the continued contributions to the Restoration Appeal and is currently on deposit with the CBF Church of England Deposit Fund.”

Our thanks to Patrick, not only in his capacity as Hon Treasurer, but also this year for being acting Administrator to both the All Saints Foundation and The Choir and Music Trust Fund. We would like to thank the Trustees of both the All Saints Foundation and the Choir and Music Trust fund for their continuing diligence in their duties to support the work of All Saints. Also the Trustees of the Cinderford Charitable Trust for their continuing support of our Organ Scholar.

## **Restoration Projects**

### **The South Aisle Screen**

It will be remembered that the Council decided that the replacement of the south aisle screen, with one more in keeping with the chancel, should be in memory of Helen Clayton. The necessary Faculty has been obtained and the screen is being

constructed. The date of its installation is not yet certain as, with most projects of this kind, it has taken longer than anticipated. The Council is still attempting to find a suitable home for the current screen.

### **The Major Restoration Project**

On the practical side, the Conservation Plan has been completed, and very soon it will be necessary to start the work of preparing the tender documents, in itself a major exercise. Fairly early on, the Council decided that it would be a good idea to clean one of the tile panels, to give an idea of what the ‘finished product’ would look like. The panel at the back of the north aisle was chosen. There were those who were afraid that the colours might be rather garish after cleaning, but their fears have not been realised, and the result is remarkable. The family of Valerie Hargreaves-Smith very kindly decided to have the Nativity panel cleaned in her memory, and the result has been exceptional.

The Council commissioned a specialist report on the VAT position of the Restoration and as a result of the advice given were able to reduce the anticipated overall cost to £2,150,000, including contingencies, fees and applicable VAT, for a projected start in late 2007.

### **Fund Raising**

The three committees which have been set up are all working in their different ways to achieve the same aim, namely the raising of the money necessary to enable the vision which has inspired the project to become reality.

The Fund-raising Group has identified possible trust and grant-giving bodies to whom an appeal for funds can be made. Dr Brama, with his experience of the

organ appeal, as been hard at work drafting suitable letters to be sent to prospective donors. In this he has been ably assisted by Jacob Philips. An application will be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for assistance, and we wait to see what the outcome of these applications will be. Charlotte Black, another member of this group, was able to interest Mr Simon Jenkins in our project, and he held a reception in the Church in March, to which he invited many prominent and influential people. The Bishop of London attended and spoke to the guests about the appeal. It is hoped that this initiative on Mr Jenkins' part will yield tangible results for the Appeal.

The Publicity Group concerns itself with the unenviable task of making the Appeal more widely known. Thanks to the work of Nick Mayhew-Smith we have an excellent Appeal brochure and poster, and the new display in the Baptistery. The group is planning to hold a reception for local businesses in May.

It is probably the Events Group, headed by Chris Self, which has had most impact on the congregation. In the last year they have overseen a series of widely different happenings in aid of the appeal, which have raised in excess of £5,000. Some have been the inspiration of individual members of the congregation, such as the opera evening and the mediæval play in Latin, others the result of the deliberations of the committee, and others arranged by people not members of our congregation. There have been too many to list all of them, but we would like especially to thank Dr Duggan for donating so many excellent prizes for the two successful raffles, the members of the local links groups for their 'inspired' sponsored

Saturday 'linkathon', the Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham for organising the highly successful and entertaining Quiz night, and last but not least the choir for their cabaret night at the Phoenix Pub. Events like the two last mentioned not only benefit the Appeal, but are good for the Parish as they bring together people in a more social atmosphere.

Plans are being made for further events in the coming year, notably the Choir Gala Concert on May 11th and a further opera evening. Any ideas for future activities are always welcome.

To the end of March, the Appeal had raised (in round figures) £610,000, made up as follows, £250,000 from the All Saints Foundation, £50,000 from PCC reserves, £42,000 from various Trusts, £6,000 raised by the Events Group and £262,000 individually given or pledged.

The Council is very aware of the enormous goodwill which there is towards the Appeal, and the not inconsiderable time which so many give freely for the furtherance of the cause. To them all, we would like to extend our grateful thanks. Keep up the good work, there is still a long way to go yet.

### **Vestments and Furnishings**

It is good to be able to report that at last the Sanctuary stools have been re-upholstered, and are back in use. New choir stall cushions have also been donated by a generous anonymous donor.

In use for the first time on Maundy Thursday 2006 at the Altar of Repose was a new large tabernacle, generously donated by a parishioner.

The new crib, donated by an anonymous member of the congregation, and designed



by Paul Weston, was blessed at the Midnight Mass of Christmas. There have been many favourable comments, and the Vicar has been asked more than once where it is possible to obtain a similar one. The Crib figures have been repaired and deep cleaned, and will shortly be returned to the workshop for re-painting, the cost being met by the Friends of All Saints.

The Paschal Candlestick has been restored and re-silvered by Hayes and Finch, the work having been paid for by an anonymous donor.

More details can be found in the Churchwardens' report on the Fabric and Articles.

The Council wishes to place on record its thanks to all those generous people who provide funds for us to be able to restore and where necessary replace the furnishings of the church.

### **Mission**

The congregation of All Saints remains 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. There is some uncertainty at present as to whether St Cyprian's will remain an USPG project, and this could possibly affect our involvement.

The Festival Appeal 2006 was divided equally between these projects and the All Saints Restoration Appeal, and the Council decided that the Lent 2007 appeal should also be divided, half towards the All Saints Mission Projects and half for the Diocesan

Lent Appeal to help free currently enslaved people (the UN estimates that there are now five times as many 'slaves' as there were in the time of William Wilberforce).

The Church Army Marylebone Project celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, and the Vicar and Janet Drake attended the celebrations. The Project provides a range of services at its Cosway Street premises, amongst which is the provision of four emergency beds for those vulnerable to first time homelessness. The Unit provides a secure environment, food, and clothing, and puts residents in touch with support and other agencies during the three nights that they are permitted to stay. The support that All Saints gives funds the provision of one of these beds for 365 days of the year.

Once again there was a collection at All Saints during Christian Aid Week, when just under £1,000 was raised.

The Mission Committee hosted a supper on July 20th when the speaker was Brother Anthony of St Cyprian's College. Although these events take organisation and are usually attended by a relatively small number of people, they are, the Council believes, valuable, and we hope that further such gatherings will be arranged in future.

Glenn McKee continues to be our ALMA representative. We note that although the link has been formed between All Saints and the parish in Angola, there has been little news from there recently.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Committee members for their continuing work on our behalf.

An innovation this year, not at our instigation, was the presence of a Card Aid Christmas Card Shop in the Parish room in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Although signposting to the shop was not of the best, due to the constraints of the



Local Council regulations, there seemed to be a suitable number of customers. Furthermore, the council received £1,388, its share of the profits.

The Council would be very happy to accommodate the Shop again if asked.

### **Teaching and Preaching**

Here at All Saints we take for granted a standard of preaching that few other congregations enjoy, not only from the ‘home’ team, but also from the large number of visiting preachers that the Vicar is able to attract to this famous pulpit. As usual there have been too many to mention by name, but our thanks to them all for the time and effort they take in the preparation of their sermons.

Many of these sermons are printed in the Parish Paper, which gives the opportunity to revisit their ideas and thoughts.

The long running School of Worship continues with enlightening contributions from external speakers, and members of our own congregation.

To celebrate the centenary of the (New) English Hymnal, there was a series of talks during October entitled ‘Sing unto the Lord’ when Denis Moriarty, Dr Harry Brama, Ross Buchanan and Frances O’Neil spoke about their favourite hymns. Each session ending with the singing of the hymn.

The Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham arranged a very interesting series of speakers for their regular meetings, including in October a talk by A.N. Wilson entitled ‘John Betjeman’s journey of faith’.

The series of sermons on Sunday evenings in Lent 2007 entitled ‘God so loved the world’ seemed so very appropriate for the current era, dealing as they did with the relationship of the Church with the world of the 21st Century. The speakers all have significant experience in areas of

life which pose serious questions for the Christian, and the Mission of the Church.

In addition to being the main-stay of the preaching here at All Saints, the ‘home team’ are asked to preach at other churches, in the Diocese of London and beyond, and continue to instruct on a one-to-one basis anyone for whom this is helpful.

### **Deanery Matters**

The Deanery Synod meets only infrequently, but at the meetings matters which have been handed down from Diocesan or General Synod are discussed, together with necessary business such as the appointment of School Governors. The meetings are also an opportunity for each parish’s representatives to inform the others of their activities and problems. The Deanery Clergy also meet on a regular basis. David Craig, Dilys Thomas and Martin Woolley remain All Saints Deanery Synod representatives.

Of course, in addition to being Vicar of All Saints and Area Dean, Fr Alan is Priest-in-Charge of the Annunciation, Marble Arch, and together with Fr Aquilina and Fr Bunker he takes the Sunday service there regularly.

It is good to be able to report that the congregation there appears to be on the increase. Members of their congregation again joined All Saints congregation for the Corpus Christi High Mass and Procession, and we celebrated their Feast of Title With them.

At ‘higher levels’, Aiden Hargreaves-Smith is still a member of General Synod. In addition he also is a member of the Appointments Committee of the Church of England, and the Senior Appointments Review Group, and a Governor of Pusey House.

Fr Aquilina is an elected member of the

House of Clergy of the London Diocesan Synod and Christopher Swift is a member of the House of Laity of the same Synod. It is good that All Saints should be taking an active rôle in the life of the Church beyond the courtyard gates.  
*To be concluded in the July Parish Paper.*

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## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY 29 APRIL 2007

### RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

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**The following were elected as Churchwardens:**

Mr John Forde                      Mr Christopher Self

**The following were elected to the Parochial Church Council:**

Mrs Janet Drake                  Miss Kate Hodgetts  
Mr Ian Marsh                      Mr Raymond Oram  
Mr Grenfell Prince              Mr Craig Williams  
Mrs Juliet Windham

**The following were appointed as sidesmen:**

Miss Sandra Allan	Mrs Christine Auton	Mr Richard Britten
Mrs Christine Brown	Mrs Mary Burton	Dr Yvonne Craig
Mr Martin Cullingford	Mrs Jasmine Cullingford	Miss Gillian Dare
Mr Richard Haley	Dr Monica Hall	Sir Nicholas Harington Bt
Miss Jean Harmsworth	Mr Graham Hawkes	Miss Kate Hodgetts
Mrs Margaret Leggett	Miss Frances O'Neil	Mr Philip Payne
Mr Keith Postance	Miss Hilary Rodger	Mr Mark Seymour-Taylor
Mr James Shrimpton	Mr Christopher Swift	Mr Charles Thomson
Mrs Juliet Windham	Mr Geoffrey Woodcock	

**At the meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday May 8th 2007 the following officers for 2007/8 were appointed:**

<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Mr John Forde
<b>Hon Secretary</b>	Dr Dilys Thomas
<b>Hon Treasurer</b>	Mr Patrick Hartley
<b>Electoral Roll Officer</b>	Miss Catherine Burling
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Mr Ross Buchanan
<b>Senior Sidesman</b>	Mr Keith Postance

**The Standing Committee for 2007/8 comprises:**

The Vicar and Churchwardens (Ex Officio)		
Hon Secretary	Hon Treasurer	
Mr Ross Buchanan	Mr Christopher Swift	Miss Patricia Thompson

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**SERMON PREACHED BY FR IVAN D. AQUILINA AT  
EVENSONG ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,  
APRIL 29th 2007**

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On Lady Day 1347 Catherine of Siena was born to Jacopo Benincasa and Lapa de Piagenti. She was born into a large family in a time which ones rôle in life was a given. It was decided to keep her at home to learn all that needs to be learnt to be a fine housekeeper. Her parents being devout Christians made sure that Catherine went to the Church near their house regularly. There the young Catherine drank from the fount of wisdom and holiness that was the pulpit of that Church entrusted to friars whose sole passion was to seek Truth. The young and growing Catherine sat still at the feet of such Masters and listened.

There are many stories I can share with you about the great Catherine of Siena, all wonderful and engaging. All of them irradiating the glorious light of the Risen Christ. This woman, who died at the age of 33, even before death became a spiritual Master and was followed literally by a large band of disciples. When the popes decided to go to Avignon it was Catherine who single-handed spoke to the Pope and made him return to Rome. This holy follower of St Dominic who was illiterate was not only canonised but in 1970 became, together with St Theresa of Avila, the first woman Doctor of the Church. Her legacy was declared as truly Catholic doctrine that is safe for all generations and in all places to use.

There is so much I would like to praise Catherine for from here below, today being her feast day, but I only want to offer you one thing. Look where we left

her in her childhood, at the church next to her house, sitting in stillness and listening. This listening enabled her to learn deep mysteries upon which she lovingly contemplated and so developed a union so deep with Christ that we can only describe it as a Mystic Marriage whose outer signs were the signs of the Passion.

Stillness and Listening: what two golden words does Catherine of Siena hand over to us today! We that are so restless, so busy, always doing never being, we who are encouraged to enjoy the sound of our own voice rather than to listen and learn from others, these two words from Catherine to us are a healing balm, a belated Easter gift: Stillness and Listening.

But I cannot dwell on the saint of this day without looking at the saint that we shall celebrate tomorrow: St Pius V. In so many ways he has a lot in common with St Catherine and yet he is so different.

The 16th century Antonio Ghislieri was born to a large and poor family. He could not receive the education he wanted, and so a decision was taken to make of him a full-time shepherd on the hills near his home town of Bosco Marengo. One cold and misty day as he was shepherding in the solitude of those hills he sees approaching two friars clad in black and white. They are relieved to see him as they are lost and night was falling. Antonio asks them to sit and shares with them what is left of his lunch, he gives them directions and also asks searching questions about God and

the faith. The friars are impressed with his natural knowledge and see in him much potential and a great passion for God. The friars change their course and go with him back home where they ask his parents to send Antonio with them to the Monastery in Voghera. There he becomes a friar with the name of Michele. His passion for God and his simplicity of a shepherd never ceases. He was soon noted for his holiness and was appointed bishop and Cardinal. He eventually was elected Pope with the name of Pius V in a very difficult time for the Church. This was the aftermath of the Council of Trent and the Church was still getting to terms with the Reformation whilst constantly being physically attacked by the Muslims. For this sickly but saintly ex-shepherd no problem was an issue, he left no stone unturned to consolidate the Church. He secured the frontiers of Christendom sealed by the battle of Lepanto in 1571. He spread the devotion of the Rosary and whilst reforming the Roman Curia he gave the Church what later came to be known as the Tridentine Liturgy. It is the liturgy that brought about the much loved English Missal and that inspired the reforms of Vatican II which have influenced so much our own new liturgy: Common Worship.

All this heritage and holiness are the direct result of an act of kindness from unknown friars towards a shepherd boy. The message that I hear St Pius giving to us today is that of kindness. An act of kindness, even a very small one, goes a very long way. In these acts Christ is seen and met as a shepherd boy on the hills of Bosco Marengo or as the Gardener in the Easter Garden.

So these are the three words I invite you to think about this fourth week of Easter: Stillness, Listening and Kindness. May the prayers of St Catherine and St Pius enable us to enter into the depths of these important concepts of our Christian discipleship. It is in this stillness, listening and kindness that Christ shepherds us, that we can listen to him and in which we are given streams of living and life-giving water.

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## SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES MUSIC AND READINGS

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### ● SUNDAY 3 JUNE TRINITY SUNDAY

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

*Entrance Hymn:* 148 (omit \*)

*Introit:* Benedicta sit

*Mass:* Missa Papæ Marcelli

— Palestrina

*Lessons:* Proverbs 8: 1 - 4, 22 - 31

Psalm 8

Romans 5: 1 - 5

*Hymn:* 146

*Gospel:* John 16: 12 - 15

*Preacher:* Mr Matthew Duckett, Ordinand

*Anthem:* O beata et gloriosa Trinitas

— Palestrina

*Hymns:* 147, 358 (ii), 159

*Voluntary:* Fugue in E flat, BWV 552

— Bach

#### SOLEMN EVENSONG

##### at 6.00 p.m.

*Psalm:* 73: 1 - 3, 16 - 28

*Lessons:* Exodus 3: 1 - 15

Matthew 28: 16 - 20

*Office Hymn:* 144  
*Canticles:* Service in D — Wood  
*Anthem:* Der Geist hilft, BWV 226  
— Bach

*Preacher:* Fr Ivan Aquilina  
*Hymn:* 373 (T Coe Fen)

## SOLEMN BENEDICTION

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

*Tantum Ergo:* Bach  
*Voluntary:* Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572  
— Bach

## THURSDAY 7 JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI

### HIGH MASS AND PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED

#### SACRAMENT AT 6.30 p.m.

*Entrance Hymn:* 269  
*Introit:* Cibavit eos  
*Mass:* Mass in B flat — Schubert  
*Lessons:* Genesis 14: 18 - 20  
Psalm 116  
1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26  
*Hymn:* 281  
*Gospel:* John 6: 51 - 58  
*Preacher:* The Rt Revd William Ind,  
Bishop of Truro  
*Creed:* Credo III  
*Anthem:* O sacrum convivium — Tallis  
*Hymns:* 268 (part 1), 308, 305  
*Motet during Ablutions:*  
Ave verum corpus — Mozart  
*Processional:* 521, 271, 272, 307, 296  
*Tantum Ergo:* 268 (R; part 2)  
*Voluntary:* Le banquet c el ste  
— Messiaen

## ● SUNDAY 10 JUNE TRINITY 1

### HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

*Entrance Hymn:* 448 (T 195)  
*Introit:* Domine, in tua misericordia  
*Mass:* Mass in four parts  
— Monteverdi  
*Lessons:* 1 Kings 17: 17 - end  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 1: 11 - end  
*Hymn:* 408 (i)  
*Gospel:* Luke 7: 11 - 17  
*Preacher:* Fr Ivan Aquilina  
*Creed:* Credo II  
*Anthem:* O sacrum convivium  
— Guerrero  
*Hymns:* 73, 274, 484 (T 167)  
*Voluntary:* Pr eludium in A minor,  
BuxWV 158 — Buxtehude

### SOLEMN EVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.

*Psalm:* 44  
*Lessons:* Genesis 8: 15 - 9: 17  
Mark 4: 1 - 20  
*Office Hymn:* 150  
*Canticles:* Service in B flat — Purcell  
*Anthem:* I was glad — Purcell  
*Preacher:* Fr Neil Bunker  
*Hymn:* 461

### BENEDICTION

*O Salutaris:* Fischer  
*Hymn:* 441  
*Tantum Ergo:* Palestrina  
*Voluntary:* Voluntary for a Double  
Organ — Purcell

● **SUNDAY 17 JUNE**  
**TRINITY 2**

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

*Entrance Hymn:* 440 (v6 Descant  
— Brent-Smith)

*Introit:* Factus est  
*Mass:* Missa Brevis — Palestrina  
*Lessons:* 2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 10,  
13 - 15

Psalm: 32  
Galatians 2: 15 - end

*Hymn:* 359 (T 322)  
*Gospel:* Luke 7: 36 - 8: 3  
*Preacher:* Fr Ivan Aquilina  
*Anthem:* Be still my soul — Whitlock  
*Hymns:* 287, 353, 354  
*Voluntary:* Prelude and Fugue in C  
minor, BWV 549 — Bach

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

*Psalm:* 52  
*Lessons:* Genesis ch 13  
Mark 4: 21 - end  
*Office Hymn:* 150  
*Canticles:* The Second Service  
— Tomkins  
*Anthem:* My shepherd is the living  
Lord — Tomkins  
*Preacher:* Fr Neil Bunker  
*Hymn:* 436 (v 4 Descant — Blake)

**BENEDICTION**

*O Salutaris:* Tallis  
*Hymn:* 384 (v 4 Descant  
— Caplin)  
*Tantum Ergo:* Victoria (No 2)  
*Voluntary:* Fantasia in B minor,  
BWV 563 — Bach

● **SUNDAY 24 JUNE**  
**THE BIRTH OF**  
**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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

*Entrance Hymn:* 169  
*Introit:* De ventre  
*Mass:* Missa à 8 — Hassler  
*Lessons:* Isaiah 40: 1 - 11  
Psalm 85  
Acts 13: 14b - 26  
*Hymn:* 12  
*Gospel:* Luke 1: 57 - 66, 80  
*Preacher:* Fr Neil Bunker  
*Creed:* Credo III  
*Anthem:* Love bade me welcome  
— Vaughan Williams  
*Hymns:* 8, 286, 170 (i)  
*Voluntary:* Præludium in C, BuxWV 137  
— Buxtehude

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

*Psalm:* 82  
*Lessons:* Malachi Ch 4  
Matthew 11: 2 - 19  
*Office Hymn:* 168  
*Canticles:* Service in E — Watson  
*Anthem:* Lobet den Herrn, BWV 230  
— Bach  
*Preacher:* t.b.c.  
*Hymn:* 5

**BENEDICTION**

*O Salutaris:* French Chant  
*Hymn:* 3 (ii)  
*Tantum Ergo:* de Séverac  
*Voluntary:* Prelude and Fugue in E  
minor, BWV 533e  
— de Grigny

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## CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2007

1	<b>St Justin, Martyr at Rome</b>	Those in need
2		Our Parish Retreat
3	✠ <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
4	<i>Petroc, Abbot of Padstow</i>	Truro Diocese
5	<b>St Boniface</b>	The Church in Germany
6	<i>Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood</i>	Religious Communities
7	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	Thanksgiving for the Eucharist
8	<b>Thomas Ken</b>	Those in need
9	<b>St Columba</b>	USPG
10	✠ <b>THE 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
11	<b>ST BARNABAS THE APOSTLE</b>	Renewal in witness
12	r Requiem (8.00 a.m. only)	The departed
13		Friends of All Saints
14	<i>Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine</i>	Unity
15	<i>Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer</i>	Those in need
16	<b>St Richard of Chichester</b>	Chichester Diocese
17	✠ <b>THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
18	<i>Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr</i>	The homeless
19	<i>Sundar Singh of India</i>	The Church in India
20		The unemployed
21	v for Unity	Christian Unity
22	<b>St Alban, first Martyr of Britain</b>	Those in need
23	<b>St Etheldreda</b>	Our Walsingham Pilgrimage
24	✠ <b>THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
25	v for Peace	Peace of the World
26		Church Schools
27	Ember Day <i>Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria</i>	Theological Colleges
28	<b>St Irenaeus</b>	Persecuted Christians
29	<b>STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES</b>	
	Ember Day	Those in need
30	Ember Day	Those to be Ordained

**Please note:**

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

r — Requiem — the monthly Requiem, 8.00 a.m. this month

v — a Votive Mass



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