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VICAR'S LETTER

On All Saints Day last year, the Bishop of London issued a pastoral letter **“Do this in remembrance of me”** on the Eucharistic life of the Church in London. As our Bishop does not issue pastoral letters every day, this is clearly something he regards as important for the spiritual well-being of his flock.

The section of the letter which caught the attention of the media was his words addressed to those clergy in the diocese who use the Roman Catholic liturgy rather than those authorised in our own Church. The Bishop makes it clear that this is *“a clear statement of their disassociation from the Church of England... a pastoral unkindness to the laity and a serious canonical matter.”*

Less noticed, were words addressed to those at the other end of the liturgical spectrum: *“In some parts of our church it can appear that the service of Holy Communion is an appendix to services of the Word and not accorded the central significance which the express command of Jesus would seem to warrant. The reformers of our own Church, Cranmer and Ridley (as Bishop of London) desired more frequent communion than was the practice in the late mediæval Western Church. Calvin also commends weekly*

Eucharistic practice in his Institutes... At least once in every week the table of the Lord ought to have been spread before each congregation of Christians.”

The Bishop points out that *“Despite the teaching of the early Reformers their intention was overtaken later in the 16th century by a near exclusive focus in some parts of the Church on the ministry of the Word”.*

What he did not spell out is the reality that there are powerful voices in our Church now who regard the celebration of liturgy and sacraments as obstacles to evangelism which should be marginalised in the cause of immediate numerical “Church growth”. The Bishop’s letter points us to a more profound understanding of Church growth but one which is not introverted piety: *“As the community celebrates the liturgy so we are built up into the body through which Christ can engage with our times. We re-member him in a dynamic sense. We do not merely recall his teaching and appearing long ago and far away. We re-member him among us amidst the dis-membering forces of our world. We become ‘very members’ of the body of Christ and members one of another...”*

Citing the great Anglican divine Richard Hooker, the Bishop says The Eucharist is performative and not merely illustrative:

“We take not Baptism nor the Eucharist for bare resemblances or memorials of things absent, neither for naked signs and testimonies assuring us of grace received before but for means effectual whereby God, when we take the sacraments, delivereth into our hands that grace available unto eternal life”.

“It is by this grace that the Eucharist builds the Church. The Holy Communion is not something the Church “puts on” to cater for our “religious” needs and feelings. It is the way appointed by Christ in which the world itself is “re-membered” through the growth of his body.”

One of the intentions of the Oxford Movement, the tradition from which this parish sprang, was renewal of the Church’s liturgical and sacramental life at a time when this was being neglected in favour of more immediately and emotionally attractive forms of worship.

In our own day, we can say as a parish that, “following the good example of those who have gone before us”, we are both loyal to the authorised liturgical provision made by the Church of England and generous in our provision of Eucharistic worship: we have more celebrations of the Eucharist than any other parish in the diocese. Does that mean that we can pride ourselves on having fulfilled all righteousness? Can we say that the Bishop’s Pastoral Letter is for other people but not for us? Are we doing all that is necessary?

The simple answer is, “No!”

The Bishop’s letter has much that we can all profit from in a deepening of our Eucharistic worship; the building of our

Holy Communion with Christ and with our fellow-Christians. It calls us at All Saints to take our Eucharistic worship even more seriously if we are to grow as a Christian community and to draw others into that community by the Eucharistic quality of our lives; that is lives which are thankful for God’s gifts, and sacrificial in the offering of our lives in response to God’s calling to us.

In an earlier age, the life of the Church of England was scarred by ritual disputes and trials; initiated by the protestant-minded against parishes like ours and even against the saintly Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, whom we heard about again in the Dean of Worcester’s sermon on Festival Sunday. No one in their right mind would want to go back to those days but the Bishop is surely right to name disobedience for what it is, to point out its pastoral, missionary and spiritual consequences, and to call people, clergy in particular, to account for it. Catholic Anglicans can hardly complain about charismatics and evangelicals abandoning the liturgy of our Church and say nothing about those of our own tradition who have done so as well.

The tide of protestant hostility to our style of worship died away in large part because of the quality of Christian life which it generated: a negative legalism did not stand comparison with the life of grace which called people to lives of holiness, sent them as priests, religious and lay workers into the slums of our cities, as missionaries to the ends of the earth. The work of those sisters in Poplar portrayed in the television series “Call the Midwife”, is only one of countless examples. We will commend

both our loyalty to the Church and its liturgy, and our sacramental and liturgical worship, to those who have not recognised it, not so much by condemnation as by the quality of our life and worship.

Bishop Richard reminds us that the word “liturgy” comes from the life of Greek city state. Liturgy was a public work undertaken at the command of the civic authorities. Worship is not a leisure activity, it is work; the work of God. It is a work entrusted to us in a particular way to us here at All Saints. It is entrusted to us as a congregation, not just to the clergy. I hope that this Lent will be an opportunity for us to ponder the Bishop’s teaching and renew our obedience to our Lord’s command; to be both more regular and more frequent in our participation in the Eucharist, to be more careful and prayerful in our celebration of it.

Worship and prayer are not therapy as it is often understood, but they do heal and transform. Fr John has just sent me a photograph of a mug with an adaptation of the wartime slogan: “*Keep Calm and Carry On*”. It reads: “*Keep Calm and Go to Mass.*” I couldn’t have put it better myself.

With my prayers for a holy Lent, yours in Christ,

Alan Moses

PARISH NOTES

Lily Caplin writes:

Dear Friends at All Saints,

I would have liked to be able to write to you individually, to thank you for the warm messages of love and sympathy to me and

my family on the occasion of Norman’s death.

This way, I can reach you all.

The family and I have been deeply grateful for the assurance of your support, and especially for your prayers during this sad time.

We miss Norman’s presence with us very much, but take comfort that he is no longer suffering, and is at peace with our Lord.

With love to you all and every blessing.

Lily and the Caplin Family

“Suffer the Little Children to come to me, and forbid them not.”

At the Annunciation, we have experienced something of an explosion of families with children: there are now over sixty children in the Sunday school and Crèche. This is undeniably a blessing but makes for a very different experience on Sunday mornings. How are we to maintain that peace in worship which is so valued by those who worship with us in all three of our churches.

Here at All Saints, we have not had anything like the same growth in numbers, but we do have a number of families with young children again, as well as occasional visitors.

When a service lasts an hour and a half, there are bound to be times when parents with young children need to take them out for a while. We have made provision for this in the Parish Room. Parents should approach one of the sidespersons on duty or Sophie Stone to obtain access. For somewhat older children, there is also a box of books and drawing materials.

“I was sick and you visited me.”

In recent weeks we have had people in a number of different hospitals scattered widely across London: from the Royal London to the Hammersmith, from the Royal Free to Barnet General and Northwick Park.

The clergy do their best to visit as often as possible; as we do with those who are ill at home.

However, All Saints is not the kind of village parish where everyone knows what everyone else is doing or not doing. We live in a huge city where it is easy to go un-noticed. Your clergy try to spot when faces are missing, but sometimes this is difficult. For example, the 5.15 p.m. Mass on Sunday is celebrated by four different priests, so it is easy for us to miss an absentee; especially when we have as mobile a congregation as ours, many of whom we do not see every week.

The clergy want to be there for you when you need our spiritual care but we need to be told when you are ill. A 'phone call or email or a message delivered by a friend or relation is all it takes.

One of the pastoral assistants at All Souls was at a weekday Mass recently and said to the Vicar afterwards, “You do pray for a lot of people”. We are glad to do so and always respond to requests: people can now send them by the parish website as well as putting them on slips at the back of church or simply by asking the clergy or parish office.

Let me explain our system, as it is sometime since I have done this.

Some years ago, we introduced a sort of triage system, so that the lists of names at each service did not become too long. The categories are not hard and fast, and sometimes people move from one to another:

- Those who are critically or seriously ill are prayed for at every Mass.
- Those who are less so, perhaps having routine treatment of one kind or another, or suffering from some long-term illness, at one Mass each day.
- Others, many of them elderly and housebound or in care homes, are prayed for one day a week at all the Masses.

Once again, it is a help to us if people let us know of changes in peoples' situations.

“Call the Midwife”

It has been worth getting home after Sunday Evensong at the moment to watch this BBC drama series based on the memoirs of Jennifer Worth. One person in our congregation who has particular reason to do so is Jean Castledine, who as a young midwife worked with the Nursing Sisters of Saint John the Divine in the parish of All Saints, Poplar: the real life community in which the drama is set. Jean writes about her experience in this issue.

Visiting Preachers

The Vicar preached at Evensong in Lincoln College, Oxford, where **Fr Gregory Platten**, a former curate of St John's Wood in our deanery, is the chaplain. Lincoln was John Wesley's College, where he and others gained the nickname “Methodist” for their methodical ordering of their lives according to the Book of Common

Prayer's calendar of feasts and fasts and daily worship. The chapel pulpit is reached by a precarious set of steps, made more difficult by cassock and surplice. Fr Alan commented before his sermon that he now understood why Wesley took up outdoor preaching: it was safer. His duties on the occasion included judging the student pudding competition: an exercise which involved sampling fifteen highly calorific confections. It's just as well Lent is coming soon.

In Holy Week this year we will be welcoming as our visiting Preacher, the **Revd Dr Gregory Seach**, who is Dean and Director of Theological Studies at Clare College, Cambridge. Dr Seach will be with us from Palm Sunday through to Easter.

The Quiz Night

No less than fifteen six-person teams gathered in St Cyprian's on the evening of Friday January 27th for our latest Quiz competition: the largest entry yet. We had teams from the Annunciation, St Cyprian's and the Glentworth Street residents' association. The questions were challenging, the catering sustaining, the evening thoroughly enjoyable. Our thanks to those from All Saints and St Cyprian's who organised and catered, questioned and compared for so many. While there was not too much cut-throat competition, someone had to win in the end, and on our first visit to this new venue, it was appropriate that it should be the team from St Cyprian's.

London Calling

This new venture at the Annunciation, a series of suppers with guest speakers organised by Billy Murray and Ben Wegg-

Prosser, two members of the congregation there, got under way in February. The theme of the talks is "community", and the first evening looked at "The Community Past and Present".

Our guest speakers were the MP and historian Dr Tristram Hunt, who spoke about the work of the 19th century Christian housing reformer Octavia Hill, and Graham Kings, Head of Strategic Planning and Transport for Westminster City Council, who has worked here for many years and gave a fascinating view of changes in the Marylebone community over the past century or more.

The next supper will be on Tuesday March 6th at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. The theme is "***The Future Community***" and the speakers will be Matthew Taylor of the Royal Society of Arts and Bill Moore, the new chief executive of the Portman Estate.

To book, please use the Annunciation Website or contact Fr Gerald.

"Come apart and rest a while": Parish Retreat 2012

The retreat this year will be at Bishop Woodford House, Ely, from **Friday May 11th - Sunday May 13th**. The conductor will be Bishop Graeme Knowles.

Martin Woolley will happily receive expressions of interest and enquiries on 020 7436 2858, 07976 275383 or at m.g.woolley@btinternet.com. (The order of receipt will be carefully noted to enable peaceful allocation of rooms and facilities.) A fully informative letter will be issued in due course to those who put their names down.

CALL THE MIDWIFE

It was with some trepidation that I sat down to watch the first episode, which has become almost record-breaking viewing, and named the biggest drama-hit in ages. I was a midwife with the sisters in the mid 1950s, filling in time before going to Africa. It proved to be an invaluable preparation for the mission field.

It was good to see the blue habit with its practical short, white veil of the nursing sisters of St John the Divine, who were founded in 1848, with the Mother House and nursing home for the elderly at Hastings, and branch houses for general nursing and midwifery services in Deptford and Poplar. The book is written about the latter district. My concern was that the life and work in post-war east end would be distorted or over romanticised, but I need not have worried, as it brought back many happy memories and was more or less as I remembered.

My first call-out was at 2.00 a.m. to the Isle of Dogs for what seemed like an urgent delivery. I can still 'hear' the eerie silence of the deserted docks as I pedalled my bicycle at great speed to get there in time. The homes were mostly clean, but very poor and overcrowded; the close-knit, extended family of the east end meant there was always someone to help with the many children; to boil the apparently needed water for the delivery and to help generally. Most had a running cold water tap, but few had bathrooms, making do with an outside toilet or one at the end of

the corridor in the tenement buildings; and a trip once a week to the locally provided wash houses. In true east end tradition, our visits were welcoming and friendly and our uniform respected. I never felt threatened, even when cycling down Cable Street late at night and witnessing the prostitutes plying their trade, watched over closely by their 'masters', as they sat outside the little back to back houses, long before the flats were built.

I don't remember the out of hours social life, as portrayed in some episodes (!), but at All Saints Church, just over the East India Dock Road, with its rector, seven curates, three St Denys Community Sisters, a parish and a youth worker (and I have a photograph to prove this!), old and young looked to them for worship and social enjoyment. The well-known S.P.Y. Club opened its doors nightly to several hundred young people, as we joined in the life of that busy and welcoming parish.

Sadly, the sisters are no longer able to provide nursing services and so have dropped 'nursing' from their title and are sisters of St John the Divine, based in Alum Rock, aiming to be a centre of prayer in the Birmingham Diocese. (I do wonder what their reaction will be to the programme!)

It is good to relive past experiences but it would be wrong to want the old ways back, and there are an awful lot of mod cons we are used to now that we would miss!

Jean Castledine

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2012

PALM SUNDAY, 1 APRIL

- 10.45 a.m.** Liturgy of Palms in Market Place,
Procession to Church and High Mass
*Preacher: Revd Dr Gregory Seach, Dean of Clare College,
Cambridge (our Preacher throughout Holy Week this year)*
- 6.00 p.m.** Solemn Evensong and Solemn Benediction
Preacher: Fr Gregory Seach

Monday - Wednesday in Holy Week, 2, 3 and 4 April

- 6.30 p.m.** Low Mass with Homily by Fr Gregory Seach
Low Masses also at 8.00 a.m. and 1.10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 4 APRIL

- 7.30 p.m.** Tenebrae for Maundy Thursday
sung by the Choir of All Saints

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 5 APRIL

- 6.30 p.m.** Concelebrated High Mass of the Lord's Supper
Preacher: Fr Gregory Seach

GOOD FRIDAY, 6 APRIL

- 12.00 noon** The Preaching of the Passion
Preacher: Fr Gregory Seach
- 1.00 p.m.** The Solemn Liturgy
Preacher: Fr Gregory Seach
- 6.30 p.m.** Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, 7 APRIL

- 12.00 noon** Liturgy of the Day
- 9.00 p.m.** High Mass of the Easter Vigil
Preacher: Fr Gregory Seach

EASTER DAY, SUNDAY 8 APRIL

- 11.00 a.m.** Procession, Blessing of the Easter Garden, Baptism
and High Mass
Preacher: The Vicar
- 6.00 p.m.** Solemn Evensong, Te Deum and Solemn Benediction
Preacher: Fr John Pritchard

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 29 February, and every Wednesday in Lent until 28 March
11.00 a.m. Lent Study Group at Yvonne Craig's.

Wednesday 14 March

Bible Study on St Mark's Gospel continues. The group meets for a simple supper at the Vicarage at 7.00 p.m., after the 6.30 p.m. Mass, and aims to finish by 8.30 p.m.

Sunday 25 March — Lent 5

11.00 a.m. High Mass

12.45 p.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church.

6.00 p.m. A Sequence of readings and music for Passiontide,
with the Choir of All Saints, followed by Benediction.

Monday 26 March — Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 a.m. and 1.10 p.m. only, Low Masses at All Saints

7.00 p.m. High Mass and Confirmation at The Annunciation, Bryanston Street
Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop Michael Colclough

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter 1 - 8 April *please see separate notice.*

Saturday 14 April

4.00 p.m. Choral Evensong sung by former choristers from the Choir School with Harry Bramma, organ.

Sunday 24 June

7.45 p.m. The Choir of All Saints "CORONATION MUSIC FOR FIVE CENTURIES". Further details to follow but please note the date now.

MUSIC NOTES

Congratulations to our Organ Scholar James Perkins who has become an Associate of the Royal College of Organists. Well done!

Review — Martin Bruce's CD "De Profundis" (Herald HAVPCD355)

Recordings of church music with an All Saints provenance are very much in the news. Following Dr Bramma's oeuvre and in the wake of our beloved Norman

Caplin comes this CD of music by Martin Bruce, a chorister here at the time of the closure of our Choir School and now the Headmaster of Christ Church Cathedral School, Oxford.

All three composers share a rigorous study of proper historical compositional techniques which, combined with their practical experience (Martin continues as a professional tenor), produces fluent and sensitive music, always serving the texts impeccably. The assembled choir '*Voces Urbanae*', directed by Christopher Watson,

brings resonant and refreshingly disciplined readings of Martin's compelling and, at times, highly original music. There's an eerie echo of All Saints in our own soprano

voices of Kate Ashby and Amy Moore. The fresh and fastidious Clive Driskill-Smith contributes "Ten Variants on Le Tourdion" on the organ of Christ Church Cathedral.

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING, SUNDAY MARCH 25th 2012

A meeting of parishioners will be held on Sunday March 25th 2012 (Passion Sunday) at 12.45 p.m. in the Church at which Churchwardens for the year 2012 - 2013 will be appointed. Members of the Electoral Roll, and residents of the parish on the Electoral Register are eligible to attend. Any person wishing to be considered for the post of Churchwarden must be:

- (a) 21 years or over,
- (b) on the Electoral Roll and
- (c) an actual communicant member of the Church of England.

Nominations must be proposed and seconded, and candidates must indicate their willingness to stand. In addition, candidates are asked to submit a short typed or clearly written statement giving the reasons for their wishing to stand and the benefits they feel they could bring to the post if appointed.

Nominations for the post of Churchwarden MAY NOT be made at the meeting.

Prebendary L.A. Moses, Vicar

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow immediately. Only members of the Electoral Roll are eligible to attend.

At this meeting:

Six members of the laity will be elected to serve on the Parochial Church Council for the years 2012 - 2015.

The retiring members of the Council are:
Mr D. Brash, Mrs J. Drake,
Dr N. Hartman, Miss F. O'Neil and
Mr G. Woodcock.

Of these only Miss O'Neil is **NOT** eligible for re-election.

Candidates for election must be:

- (a) on the Electoral Roll
- (b) at least 16 years of age and
- (c) actual communicant members of the Church of England.

All nominations must be proposed and seconded by persons on the Electoral Roll, and all candidates must indicate their willingness to stand. In addition, all candidates are asked to submit a short typed or clearly hand-written statement giving their reasons for standing for election.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Parish Office or the PCC Secretary. Although nominations may be made at the meeting, it would be helpful if completed nomination forms, together with statements, are returned to the Parish Office by Tuesday March 13th, to enable the papers for the meeting to be available one week before the Annual Meeting.

Sidesmen for the year 2012 - 2013 will also be appointed.

*Dilys M. Thomas,
Honorary Secretary PCC*

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

ST PETER'S CHURCH 2012

“Have you not known, have you not heard? ...Have you not understood the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth... who stretches out the heavens like a curtain... He who brings out their hosts ...calling them by name” Isaiah 40: 21f

Every so often, in the Bible, we are given glimpses of that mystery beyond our comprehension and understanding beyond our narrow personal world. Every so often we are made to think about the relationship between that mystery and ourselves, what might be called the relationship between the cosmic and the personal, the infinite and the finite, between God and us. It is a huge challenge.

Today we can be excited by this reading from Isaiah which challenges us in inspiring language to try and stimulate some understanding of the Creator who creates the earth and its billions of inhabitants. Despite these billions of numbers, the Creator God knows each by name.

This is the hugely significant truth placed before us by Isaiah. The infinite God knows every finite creature. The cosmic Creator knows each person by name. So staggering is this that we long to believe it but find it difficult to accept. It defies all reason. Jesus of course confirms the truth that we are all known by God when he said, *“but even the hairs on your head are **all** numbered”* Matthew 10: 30.

Jeremiah also told us that God *“Knew us before we were born”* Jeremiah 1: 5.

These truths are part of our faith but we can't prove them. What we do know is that when we are the centre of our own world without any reference to an external force for good, then we are diminished and inevitably self-centred and selfish. We have all been living in a society whose highest value has been individualism. There have been good aspects of this but something has got lost in the process.

Post-modernism has driven us to think in this self-centred way. However, I detect a change in the wind. There is something going on 'out there' that makes me think that there is a change of thought taking place. People are beginning to ask what has been lost? Thinkers are beginning to challenge the Dawkins/Hitchens anti-religion viewpoint.

Alain de Botton, a secular Jew, has written a significant book *“Religion for Atheists”*, in which he says *“Religions are too useful to be abandoned to the religious alone”*. Janice Turner in the *Times* last week, who on receiving bad news on her mobile in the midst of the noise and mayhem of Oxford Street, fled into a nearby empty church and found a *‘mysterious place, where she drank in the peace and left restored’*. She wrote, *“God may not be great, but religion can be”* and went on to say *“Doubt is the Church of England’s most attractive quality”*.

Stephen Hough, in the *Telegraph* the other day, wrote an article “*Do not touch me — the wisdom of Anglican thresholds*”. After attending Evensong in Westminster Abbey, he said, “*Evensong hangs on the wall of English life like an old familiar cloak passed through the generations.*”

“Rich with prayer and Scripture it is nevertheless non-threatening. It is a service into which all can stumble without censure — a rambling old house where everyone can find some corner to sit and think, to listen with half-attention, trailing a few absentminded fingers of faith or doubt in its passing stream.”

Both these writers direct us to think again about our lost sense of wonder and transcendence. It is not surprising in my view that Brian Cox and his stargazing talks have been so popular. They are in a sense a secular reflection of our longing to re-discover that ‘other something’ some meaning out there, which some of us call God.

One last comment to put the ‘boot in’ comes from someone who attended Lord Philip Gould’s, the Labour party’s Guru, recent funeral service at All Saints, Margaret Street, in London. Jenni Russell wrote in the *Sunday Times* “*This traditional high church service was an unashamedly compelling and dramatic event... The mourners left the church having lived through something extraordinary. Everyone I talked to was uplifted and dazed.*”

So, suddenly people are talking again about either the need for that ‘mysterious empty space’ or for the ‘ritual that

transcends the ordinary and lifts us into the extraordinary’.

All these writers are also saying that honesty about doubt is crucial for allowing for this mystery to be encountered by all of us. All of them are saying that this is one of the great attributes of the Church of England. Indeed it is, but of course it is the Achilles heel for those who crave certainty.

However, religion in itself is not enough. Religion is the packaging, God is the product. Religion is the precursor to God. Religion without God is like a body without a head. The rediscovery of religion is the first step to the rediscovery of God. Religion is the outward sign of that longing of the soul that lives in all of us.

To have focused on the individual over the recent years has been a good thing. Perhaps the pendulum swung too far and much about the other aspects of life beyond our understanding got lost. God got lost in the process. If there is a swing of the pendulum, a come back for religion, then with a bit of luck people may then discover that the point of religion is the belief in the unknown God.

Ritual, meditation, prayer are all simple ways of connecting to the unknown infinite, the cause of creation, the cause of love, the cause of our transcendence into the infinite.

So there seem to be signs that we should be encouraged to hold our faith and be honest about our doubts, as a witness to those others now seeking food for their souls in a relationship with God.

“Have you not known, have you not heard?... Have you not understood the foundation of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth... who stretches out the heavens like a curtain... he who brings out their hosts... calling them by name.

All of us long for that re-assurance that God who created all things, knows us by name. That is our faith, that is what all our souls long to have affirmed.

Gerald Reddington

100 YEARS AGO

Even at a church like All Saints in which careful attention has always been given to the celebration of the liturgy, there have been occasions when things had grown slack and needed tightening up.

“During the past year I have had many deliberations with brother priests in London as to possible improvements in the liturgical observance of Holy Week. The great solemnity of the year is becoming more and more reduced to an occasion for mission sermons and mission hymns. It must always be the Church’s greatest missionary opportunity, but she has always made her appeal through the ordered recitation of the appropriate scriptures and by the spectacle of the faithful in their penitence and at their prayers. I am anxious therefore to give a greater dignity to our performance of the services than has hitherto been customary.

“In the recitation of the offices the congregation has not yet grasped the importance of making a short break in the voice at the colon in the middle of each verse of the Psalms. Not only does this pause give precision to the recitation, it helps in a wonderful way to the understanding of the verse. During the monotone offices of Holy Week this pause will be carefully made by the choir, and I hope the congregation will succeed in doing the same.”

Today: One of the things that Common Prayer — the corporate recitation of the divine office — can teach us, as well as attention to God, is attention to others. We have to listen to their voices as well as our own. Not everyone who worships at All Saints seems to have grasped this principle. Occasionally, we have worshippers who seem determined to drown out even the celebrant, let alone other members of the congregation.

This is not just a matter of taste or manners — it is a lesson in listening to other people as well as having our say. This is a lesson which has many applications in everyday life.

**SUNDAYS AND
SOLEMNITIES
MUSIC AND READINGS**

**● SUNDAY 4 MARCH
SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT**

HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn: 507

Introit: Reminiscere

Mass: The Western Wynde
— Sheppard

Lessons: Genesis 17: 1 - 7, 15 - 16
Psalm 22: 23 - end
Romans 4: 13 - end

Hymn: 76

Gospel: Mark 8: 31 - end

Preacher: Fr Julian Browning

Creed: Credo II

Anthem: In ieiunio et fletu — Tallis

Hymns: 64, 299 (i), 400
(T A&MR 401)

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

Psalm: 135

Lessons: Genesis 12: 1 - 9
Hebrews 11: 1 - 3, 8 - 16

Office Hymn: 59

Canticles: Service in the Dorian Mode
— Tallis

Anthem: Ne irascaris, Domine — Byrd

Preacher: Fr Gerald Beauchamp

Hymn: 406

BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: 493

Hymn: 72

Tantum Ergo: 470

**● SUNDAY 11 MARCH
THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT**

HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn: 507

Introit: Oculi mei

Mass: Missa 'Simile est regnum
cælorum' — Victoria

Lessons: Exodus 20: 1 - 17
Psalm 19: 7 - end
1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 25

Hymn: 379

Gospel: John 2: 13 - 22

Preacher: The Vicar,
Prebendary Alan Moses

Creed: Credo III

Anthem: O Lord, in thy wrath rebuke
me not — Gibbons

Hymns: 87 (T 486), 464, 333

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

Psalms: 11, 12

Lessons: Exodus 5: 1 - 6: 1
Philippians 3: 4b - 14

Office Hymn: 59

Canticles: The Short Service
— Ayleward

Anthem: Versa est in luctum — Lobo

Preacher: The Vicar,
Prebendary Alan Moses

Hymn: 67

BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: 2

Hymn: 414

Tantum Ergo: 195

● SUNDAY 18 MARCH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn: 507

Introit: Laetare

Mass: Mass in G — Schubert

Lessons: Numbers 21: 4 - 9
Psalm 107: 1 - 3, 17 - 22
Ephesians 2: 1 - 10

Hymn: 461

Gospel: John 3: 14 - 21

Preacher: Fr John Pritchard

Anthem: Gott ist mein Hirt
— Schubert

Hymns: 376, 384 (v 4 Descant
— Caplin), 413

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in G
BWV 541 — Bach

SOLEMN EVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.

Psalms: 13, 14

Lessons: Exodus 6: 2 - 13
Romans 5: 1 - 11

Office Hymn: 59

Canticles: The Fifth Service — Tomkins

Anthem: My shepherd is the living
Lord — Tomkins

Preacher: Fr Julian Browning

Hymn: 407

BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: Byrd

Hymn: 315

Tantum Ergo: Byrd

Voluntary: O Mensch, bewein' dein'
Sünde groß BWV 622
— Bach

● SUNDAY 25 MARCH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HIGH MASS AT 11.00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn: 507

Introit: Judica me

Mass: Communion Service in
the Phrygian Mode — Wood

Lessons: Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34;
Psalm 51: 1 - 2, 11 - 16
Hebrews 5: 5 - 10

Hymn: 370 (T 341)

Gospel: John 12: 20 - 33

Preacher: The Vicar,
Prebendary Alan Moses

Creed: Credo II

Anthem: Is it nothing to you
— Ouseley

Hymns: 84, 383 (ii), 420

A SEQUENCE OF READINGS AND MUSIC FOR PASSIONTIDE AT 6.00 p.m.

with the Choir of All Saints, followed by
Benediction.

BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: Schumann

Hymn: 63

Tantum Ergo: Bruckner

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(* First Mass of Sunday)

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CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2012

1	St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	Unity
2	St Chad; Ember Day	Those in need
3	Ember Day	Theological Colleges
4	✘ 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
5		Parochial Church Council
6		The Armed Forces
7	Ss Perpetua, Felicity and Companions	Renewal in witness
8	Edward King, Bishop	Unity
9		Those in need
10		Society of All Saints' Sisters of the Poor
11	✘ 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
12		Church Schools
13		The homeless
14		Friends of All Saints
15		Unity
16		Those in need
17	St Patrick, Patron of Ireland	The Church in Ireland
18	✘ 4th SUNDAY OF LENT	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
19	St Joseph of Nazareth	Families
20	St Cuthbert	USPG
21	Thomas Cranmer	Archbishop of Canterbury
22		Unity
23		Those in need
24	<i>Walter Hilton; Paul Couturier; Oscar Romero</i>	The Emergency Services
25	✘ 5th SUNDAY OF LENT	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
26	Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	The Annunciation, Bryanston Street
27		The unemployed
28		Hospitals
29		Unity
30		Those in need
31	<i>John Donne</i>	Spiritual writers

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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