



All Saints Parish Paper

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VICAR'S LETTER

In Lent, I spent a week on retreat with the Benedictine Community at Mucknell Abbey in Worcestershire. The community is a relatively new foundation of men and women grafted onto a 19th century convent of Benedictine nuns. One of the monks, Brother Philip, used to work at the University of Westminster and come to the lunchtime Mass here at All Saints. One day, he picked up a leaflet about Anglican religious life and so began the journey which would take him to Mucknell.

The community moved from the Victorian convent in Burford to find a place where they could live in a more environmentally responsible way; “step more lightly on the earth”. A small farm was bought and a new monastery built on a hilltop. The forty acres of land surrounding the abbey had been exhausted by years of potato growing. There were few trees and little diversity of wildlife. Now 8,000 trees have been planted and birds are much in evidence. A walled kitchen garden supplies some of the monastery's food. Heat comes from solar panels and a woodchip boiler which will eventually be fed from the abbey's own woodland. Waste water is dealt with by a natural treatment plant and reed beds. (All this provided me with useful material for a talk I had to give on faith and the environment protection at the Buddhist temple in Margaret Street.)

Earlier in the month, someone much more important was also visiting a Benedictine monastery: the Archbishop of Canterbury was at St Benedict's own monastery of Monte Cassino. There, he spoke of the rôle of Benedictine monks in the evangelisation of England. He recalled the Venerable Bede's recurring emphasis in his *“History of the English Church and People”* on the converting power of the lifestyle of these monastic missionaries. They ‘began to imitate the way of life of the apostles and of the primitive church’. The Saxon king did not force his people to be baptized; they were drawn to Christianity by the simplicity of the lives of Augustine's monks. What changes hearts, for Bede is the visible demonstration of new possibilities for life together — a life without acquisitiveness, a life not ashamed of depending on the generosity of others, a life unified by prayer.

Monastic prayer is based on the recitation of the Psalter and meditative reading of Scripture, which, says the Archbishop, gave people a new language to address God. The Psalms were seen as the speech of Christ, voicing the words of humanity even in their suffering and confusion, showing that all human experience is capable of being taken up and transformed by God in Jesus.

For the Archbishop, this is not just interesting historical information but

relevant to our mission today in historically Christian countries like Britain and Italy. It suggests that we misunderstand mission if we think it is just persuading people to accept certain ideas. The truth of ideas or doctrines only becomes apparent in the light of the life they make possible. To see a common life of mutual generosity, sustained by daily prayer, is to realise that and self-centred and isolationist habits of the world can be overcome by grace. The ‘promise’ of Christianity, the hope of heaven, becomes credible when earthly life is transformed. Such a lifestyle fleshes out what Christians believe about Jesus Christ. It does not just tell us what the Gospel makes possible, it shows us. We are not monastics, so what has this got to do with us? Has the Vicar succumbed to a romantic fantasy, a religious version of the English dream of retiring to a country cottage?

Just after that retreat, I attended a day conference at the British Academy to mark the 250th anniversary of the 1662 Prayer Book. Thomas Cranmer was no supporter of monasteries, but he framed the Book of Common Prayer around a simplified form of the monastic daily office. Instead of seven services, there would be two which he clearly expected parish communities to attend. Congregations were to be formed by the recitation of the Psalter, the regular reading of the scriptures and the celebration of the Eucharist.

We are a congregation of people who are called to pray together. We cannot have all things in common as Luke speaks of the first Christians in Jerusalem doing, and as monastic communities still do. We do not live under the same roof and share the same table every day, or work in the same place, but we are able to worship and pray together often, to have a real degree of common life

in which we share each other’s joys and bear one another’s burdens. Just like one of Benedict’s monasteries, we find in our parish community a school of holiness in which we learn the practice of being Christians.

It is also part of our calling at All Saints, like a monastic community, to offer hospitality to visitors: visitors to London from all over the world; people who work near us and pray in church or enjoy the peace of the courtyard; some are troubled or homeless people (like the one who wrote recently in our visitor’s book of how our church had become a sanctuary to him after the collapse of his life); others are people from other parishes (by no means all of them Anglican) who join us for Sunday Evensong or weekday feasts. The quality of our welcome to them depends primarily on the depth of our spiritual life as it is translated into action.

Some of us are able to devote more time and energy to that common prayer and service on behalf of others than others whose working or home lives prevent that. It is good to see that there has been a quiet upturn in the numbers attending weekday services and we are blessed both in the number of people who are willing to volunteer for all sorts of tasks and in the level of mutual care amongst us. The Easter message calls us to re-commit ourselves to that common life of which Luke speaks in the Acts of the Apostles: **“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”**

The example of that life of generosity and gladness won the respect of others, so that **“day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved”**.

The Archbishop returned to this theme in his sermon of Easter Day. After re-asserting the centrality of the Resurrection to Christian faith, he asks, “How do we know that it is true? Not by some final knock-down would-be scientific proof, but by the way it works in us through the long story of a whole life and the longer story of the life of a community that believes it. We

learn and assimilate its truth by the risk of living it; to those on the edge of it, looking respectfully at what it might offer, we can only say, ‘you’ll learn nothing more by looking; at some point you have to decide whether you want to try to live with it and in it’.”

Yours in Christ,
Alan Moses

A Memorial to Denzil Freeth

One clump of new trees at Mucknell Abbey is behind a bench which looks westward to the Malvern Hills. It is a memorial to our own **Denzil Freeth**, given by his old friend Vera Quin whose son Thomas is one of the monks. I spent part of a sunny afternoon sitting there but the “*blue remembered hills*” had to be “remembered”, as they were hidden by mist in spite of the spring sunshine.

After Denzil’s funeral, it was suggested that there should be some memorial to him to which his friends might contribute. After careful consideration, we settled on the restoration of the green altar frontal designed by Sir Ninian Comper which we have not been able to use for years because of its frail state. This project will cost something in the order of **£7,500**.

If you would like to contribute to this memorial, please send me a cheque for this purpose. **AM**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Fr David Paton, the Master of the Royal Foundation of St Katherine in the East End, is one of that long line of priests All Saints has sent out to serve the wider Church. On Easter Day, he wrote:

“For the last thirty years I have been ministering to others during Holy Week and Easter (and trying to hold the Liturgy together). So it has been a real privilege to ‘come home’ and be ministered to and be submerged in the Liturgy. So thank you and all your team for the love and care that goes into all that is done at All Saints.”

Holy Week at All Saints is always a significant time but this year seems to have had a special quality; an atmosphere

of prayerfulness and recollection which communicated itself. Each of us will have particular memories; a reading or sermon, a prayer or hymn, chant or anthem, a sight or sound. (An Italian visitor said he had never heard Mascagni’s Easter Hymn sung as beautifully as it was by our choir at High Mass on Easter Day.)

All of these are, as Fr Paton says, the result of the labours of a great team of people too many to list here, who work very hard behind the scenes as well as “on stage”. But it is more than human effort or following the ceremonial rules. That special atmosphere is, I am convinced, the fruit of a deepening life of prayer among our people. This results

not just in seriousness but in real joy as we celebrated the resurrection with friends and visitors.

We have particular reason to be grateful this year for the ministry of our Holy Week preacher, **Dr Gregory Seach**, the Dean of Clare College in Cambridge. In a series of eleven sermons which began on Palm Sunday and ended at the Easter Vigil, he took us deep into the Church's memory of the passion and resurrection of Christ to help us to see the world in the light of Christ. All this was done with a quiet authority which clearly comes from a union of prayer and study. He has given us much to meditate on as we continue our life and mission here in London. As he returns to his ministry in Cambridge we wish him every blessing.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS

It has been a joy to have **Ray Oram** restored to us after his recent spell in hospital. Ray kindly provided coffee on Lent 3 and then wine on Mothering Sunday so that we could celebrate his 80th birthday, even though he could not be with us in the flesh.

Sandra Allan has been able to make occasional Sunday evening visits and see at least some of her friends after Evensong.

Philip and **Yvonne Harland** have also been able to be back with us on occasions: even staying for the annual meeting which must count as a work of supererogation.

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent we had a **Sequence of Readings and Music for Passiontide**. This was structured around the second group of **Stations of the Cross** by **Susanna Rust** which are on biblical scenes not found in the traditional fourteen. The new pictures were projected onto a screen so that all could see them clearly. It was a great

joy that Susanna was able to be with us for the occasion. We have not yet been able to use the new set on Friday evenings because we have encountered a problem in locating frames which match the existing ones.

The rigours of Lent were interrupted for us by Lady Day (transferred to Monday March 26th), and there was strong support from All Saints at the Annunciation for High Mass. Our celebrant and preacher was **Bishop Michael Colclough**, the Canon Pastor of St Paul's Cathedral. We are grateful to him for his generosity after a difficult and exhausting time for St Paul's.

During Lent, we have been grateful for the hospitality of **Yvonne Craig** for our study group, to **Quentin Williams** who has played the organ for Stations of the Cross.

At High Mass on Easter Day, Mark Ashby left his usual place in the choir to join Julia and the family for the baptism of their daughter **Lucy Isabella**. **Geoffrey Scott** was also baptised and **Sophie Stone** was received into the communion of the Church of England.

Fr Alan was assisted again at the sprinkling of the people by **Toby** and **Tristram**, the sons of **Fr David Peters** and **Helen Everton**; former members of our choir.

We now have to have two masters of ceremonies on Easter morning: one to deal with the clergy and the other to marshal the children for the procession to the Easter Garden. **Cedric Stephens**, a self-confessed former member of the Society of Herod the Great, has taken to the latter rôle with the zeal of a convert. He was also in action on Palm Sunday, in green high visibility waistcoat, superintending the procession from Market Place. It is good that while we rejoice in the huge increase in numbers of

children at the Annunciation, we are making more visible a place in our life for our rather smaller numbers. Children's activities on Easter Day were rounded off with an Easter Egg hunt in the courtyard organised by **Janet Drake**.

Archdeacon David Painter (curate here with Bishop Michael Marshall and now retired) was with us for Evensong on Easter Day, as was another retired archdeacon on Palm Sunday: **Fr Malcolm Squires** from the diocese of St Asaph in Wales. Seventeen years ago he was one of the priests interviewed with Fr Alan for the post of Vicar. They have remained friends!

At Evensong on Easter Day, the ranks of our servers were boosted by a group of altar boys from All Saints, Notting Hill, under the tutelage of **Ross Buchanan** who is pastoral assistant there.

Absent Friends

Bishop Chad Gandiya, who lodged for a while in the basement flat at No 6 when he worked for USPG, is now Bishop of Harare in Zimbabwe; one of the more embattled posts in the Anglican Communion. The deposed former bishop still has friends in high places

in the Mugabe regime and many priests have been expelled from their churches and homes, sisters from schools and orphanages and congregations are often subject to police harassment when they gather for worship. In response to Easter greetings from All Saints, he writes:

"We had a beautiful Good Friday service in Africa Unity Square which was attended by many thousands of people. The police were also there but this time 'to protect us'. Easter services went well. We are now waiting for the Supreme Court hearing in June. Please continue to pray for us."

(A lower court hearing had recognised the right of the deposed Bishop Konunga to be the Anglican Bishop of Harare, despite the fact that no one in the Anglican Communion, from the Archbishop of Canterbury down, recognises him as such.)

On a happier note, we have also heard from **Fr Allen Shin** in Long Island where he took over the parish of St John's in Huntington after a long vacancy. He is now in the process of appointing a curate, so will have some much-needed help in a busy ministry.

BISHOP OF LONDON'S SERMON AT THE CHRISM MASS IN ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Maundy Thursday, 2012

"Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29.

There was a cheering atmosphere in the crypt below, just as there was when I visited St Alban's, Holborn, earlier in the week. It reminded me of the small ad collected by Barbara Pym in her book *A Very Private Eye*, "**Things you can do in London: Austerity meal (with wine) at St Alban's,**

Holborn". There is too little *hilaritas* in the Church.

Today we remember the last meal that Jesus shared with his friends. The shadow of betrayal and imminent death might have made for gloom and regret but instead Jesus handed over this future in the world to his friends. They were to *re-member* him, and to be *re-membered* by his Spirit into his body, his real presence.

Part of our duty as his friends in this place and time is to pass this story on and to help each other to build the City of God in the midst of this earthly city. The events of these three days which form the climax of the Christian year, reveal the foundations of the two cities. The City of God is founded on blood given. The earthly city has been built on blood taken.

We are part of a drama whose author is God and which is recorded in the Bible. At the heart of this drama is the person of Jesus Christ, who in the generosity of God was sent to embody God's plan for spiritually evolved human life — **“Christ is the image of God”**. God calls us to follow Christ in the here and now and playing our appointed rôle in unfolding divine drama. **“And all of us with unveiled faces seeing the glory of the Lord are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another — for this comes from the Lord the Spirit.”**

We assemble to *re-member* and not to *dismember* the body and to discern together the shape of the cross; the nature of Christian service and to name the hope in our own day.

All around us beneath the exuberance of Jubilee and Olympic Year when two or three are gathered together there is anxious talk about a world in which the tectonic plates are shifting and the distribution of economic and military power is changing. Yesterday's steep fall in the markets may be only a temporary phenomenon but it illustrates the fragility of confidence — the faith we hold together in our earthly city.

In these circumstances, it is a challenge to identify an adequate narrative which explains where we have come from; which is candid about the dangers we face but

which gives us a future with hope.

The public narrative seems to be that after we have surmounted the present financial crisis we shall return to “growth” and the “normality” enjoyed by the post-war generation. Reading the signs of the times, I believe we should be preparing to enter a “new normality”. This is not a time for Christian triumphalism but it is a time that is pregnant with hope for those who are heart and soul committed to building the City of God as we proclaim **“Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake”**.

We have tried together over the past years to discern what it means to proclaim and serve in contemporary London. **London Challenge 2012** was an attempt to do this and it reaches the end of its useful life this year. Much has happened since the Diocesan Synod endorsed the final document in 2006. It is astonishing how much of what we purposed together has in fact come to pass.

- Church planting has indeed re-vivified the church in a number of places.
- The academies of which we dreamed have been opened and the hopes of providing 2012 new places in the secondary schools of the Diocese have been achieved and exceeded.
- Young ambassadors for Jesus Christ have been recruited to serve in the period of the Olympic Games and to contribute to the Olympic legacy. They will be commissioned here at St Paul's on St Mellitus' Day later this month.
- We set out to become a Fairtrade Diocese and were able to celebrate the successful conclusion of the campaign a few weeks ago.

- Our work in energy conservation has set standards for the Church throughout the country.
- Money has been raised to support the link through ALMA which has enriched us spiritually in so many ways. I could go on but the point is made.

One of the privileges of being a peripatetic bishop is that you are for ever turning a corner and finding the Church community hard at work building the City that is to come. Since we met last year I have seen much that is hopeful. The way in which the Church was present and active in binding up wounds and working for social peace in last August's riots was inspiring. Those who belong to Christian organisations like XLP engaging with hard to reach young people, have in the words of St Paul, **"not lost heart"** despite acute challenges. Our efforts to partner with others in regeneration schemes like Tottenham Hale has been greeted with enthusiasm, while the credibility of the Church at the parish level has been recognised by Government financial support in the Near Neighbours project in the East End. Then in the recent School of Prayer, which attracted hundreds of young people, was further evidence of the spiritual hunger of so many who are astonished when they encounter the depth and richness of the Church's experience of prayer.

Time does not permit me to offer many other examples. Between us, however, we have vast experience of how the City of God is built — the city that is founded on blood given and not blood taken. Simply exchanging insights can be inspiring but over the next year we need to renew the vision we hold together of how we serve Jesus Christ in this great city. This will not happen by itself and the experience

represented in this cathedral this morning is too valuable to waste. On April 18th we are making a start with the Area Deans, exploring three questions which will eventually be put to the whole Church in every part of the diocese.

The questions are:

- What is the Spirit saying to us in the life of London?
- Where does the Church invest effort and resources at present?
- In what ways do we need to rethink and act differently?

The intention is to distil our various conversations around these questions and to publish a **"Capital Vision 2020"** in time for it to be adopted by the Diocesan Synod in the spring of next year. It will then be launched at a great assembly of the Diocese in this cathedral in June 2013 when we shall also be commissioning the Churchwardens from every area.

We have deliberately tried to restrict the number of diocesan and indeed national initiatives. I know that they can be irritating. But this is an Add-up exercise, not an Add-on, a distillation of the understanding we have been given as a Church of how to serve in 21st century London.

There is, however, a danger. The conversation could simply lead to an intensification of activism. Nothing will be achieved, and the spiritual evolution of the human race prefigured by the anointed Son of God, will not be advanced without an increase in profound and simple prayer — the prayer that dispels illusion and nourishes mutual love and humility.

We shall be facing a number of contentious issues in the coming year. If,

from whatever point of view, we come to behave like partisans in some political struggle, then we shall not be building the City of God but undermining it. If we can keep our eyes fixed on what we are called to be and do together, then mutual love and the spirit of service will carry us through.

The exhortation on St Vincent de Paul which is printed on the service paper seems to speak powerfully to our times:

“The spirit of the world is restless and wishes to do everything. Let us leave it to itself. Let us have no desire to choose our own paths but walk in those which God may be pleased to prescribe for us. Let us regard ourselves as unworthy that he should make use of us or that others should think of us and then all will be well with us. Let us offer ourselves to him to do and to suffer all things for his glory and the establishment of the Church. He asks for nothing else. If he desires results they rest with him and not with us.

“Let us courageously extend the confines of our heart and will in his presence and let us not decide on doing this thing or that until God has spoken.”

The Chrism Mass takes place in the cathedral on Maundy Thursday and at it the Bishop blesses the sacramental oils used in baptism, confirmation and ordination and in ministry to the sick and dying. The bishops, priests and deacons renew their ordination vows at this service.

THE CHURCH MUSIC OF DR HARRY BRAMMA

Rebecca Taverner of the Organist's Review writes:

This delightful CD is a double celebration

marking the 75th birthday of organist and composer, Harry Bramma, as well as the 150th anniversary of the consecration of All Saints, Margaret Street, with the proceeds to be divided equally between the church's restoration appeal and Music Trust. It is a great pleasure therefore to be able to recommend it without reservation. Purchasers certainly won't regret their investment. Bramma's music is highly spiritual and sincerely touching, steeped in deep knowledge and respect for liturgical traditions, glazed with a consoling devotional *sfumato*. It's just exactly what service music should be — artfully crafted, offering a focus and vehicle for prayer without calling undue attention to itself.

These works were all created, in the composer's own words, “to meet a need or request”, and they range from the one-minute anthem *Be filled with the Spirit* to *Benedicite, omnia opera* at over 11 minutes. The atmosphere is mostly profoundly English, indeed Anglican, in the tradition of Howells and Finzi, the greatest exception being *Kontakion of the Departed* which partially accesses the sound-world of Orthodoxy but at a higher, more west-European pitch. There's a distinctly Gallic flavour to his first and finest setting of *O salutaris hostia*.

The excellent professional choir sings with great colour and vibrancy and the expressive ebb and flow of their phrasing implies much affection for the composer and his music. It's well recorded and nicely balanced in a generous acoustic. I do hope that this CD will encourage more choirs to explore Bramma's work — true service music from a creative mind that truly serves.

We would all say “Amen” to that.



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Wednesday May 2nd at St Matthew's, Westminster

"Social Witness"

Led by three priests from the East End: **Preb Alan Green**, Vicar of St John on Bethnal Green and Area Dean of Tower Hamlets, **Fr Peter McGeary** of St Mary's, Cable Street, and **Fr Brian Ralph** of St Barnabas', Bethnal Green.

The evening begins with Mass at 7.00 pm and will be followed by refreshments.

Tuesday June 12th at All Saints, Margaret Street

"Eucharistic Devotion"

Led by **Fr Peter Groves**, Vicar of St Mary Magdalene's, Oxford.

Mass will be at 6.30 p.m. as usual, and there will be a period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, ending with Benediction.

Future events will feature Mary, Mission, Ecumenism, Confession, the Religious Life.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 3 May

7.05 p.m. HOLY HOUR led by Fr John Pritchard

Friday 11 - Sunday 13 May Parish Retreat at Bishop Woodford House, Ely, led by Bishop Graeme Knowles. Please contact Martin Woolley for details of availability on 020 7436 2858 or 07976 275383 or by email m.g.woolley@btinternet.com

Thursday 17 May ASCENSION DAY

6.30 p.m. High Mass *Preacher*: Bishop Martin Shaw
Low Masses at 8.00 a.m. and 1.10 p.m.

Monday 4 June *The National Pilgrimage to Walsingham*

A day excursion by coach from All Saints, to Walsingham, for the National Pilgrimage. Please contact Ross Buchanan (Tel: 020 7221 1312) if you would like to know more or reserve a place on the coach.

Thursday 7 June CORPUS CHRISTI

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

Preacher: The Ven Jonathan Boardman, Chaplain, All Saints, Rome, and Archdeacon of Italy.

Low Masses at 8.00 a.m. and 1.10 p.m.

Thursday 21 June *Cell of OLW/All Saints*

Evening Visit to Old St Pancras Church. This is an opportunity to visit a church which is believed to have existed since 314 A.D. It is also where the Cell's Founding Secretary, Fr Matthew Duckett, is currently serving as Assistant Priest.

6.30 p.m. Sung Mass followed by refreshments. *All are welcome.*

Please contact Ross Buchanan on 020 7221 1312 for further information.

Sunday 24 June

7.45 p.m. A Diamond Jubilee Summer Concert by The Choir of All Saints, Paul Brough, Conductor. "CORONATION MUSIC FROM FIVE CENTURIES".

Please see separate advertisement in this issue.

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 July *Annual Cell Pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Fr John*

Pritchard, Cell Superior. This is an excellent opportunity to reflect on our devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham and on the rôle of discipleship in our everyday lives. Places are limited but please contact Ross Buchanan (Tel: 020 7221 1312) if you would like to know more or to reserve a place (if you have not already done so).

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

The annual meeting of parishioners and annual parochial church meeting took place in All Saints Church, Margaret Street at 12.45 p.m. on Sunday March 25th 2012, Presiding Officer: Fr Alan Moses, Vicar.

The following were elected as churchwardens:

Mr John Forde Mr Christopher Self

The following were elected as representatives of the laity to the parochial church council:

Mr Damon Brash Ms Dee Candlin Mrs Janet Drake
Mr Patrick Hartley Dr Neil Hartman Mr Geoffrey Woodcock

The following were appointed as sidesmen:

Miss Sandra Allan Mrs Christine Auton Mrs Christine Brown
Mrs Rachael Brown 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
Dr Neil Hartman Mr Graham Hawkes Miss Kate Hodgetts
Mrs Margaret Leggett Miss Frances O'Neil Mr Philip Payne
Mr Keith Postance Mr Andrew Prior Ms Dee Prior
Mr James Shrimpton Mr Charles Thomson Mrs Juliet Windham
Mr Geoffrey Woodcock

At the meeting of the Parochial Church Council after High Mass on Palm Sunday, April 1st 2012, the following elections were made:

Vice Chairman: Mr John Forde
Honorary Secretary: Dr Dilys Thomas
Honorary Treasurer: Mr Patrick Hartley
Electoral Roll Officer: Miss Kate Burling
Senior Sidesman: Mr Keith Postance

The Standing Committee for 2012 / 13 comprises:

The Vicar and Churchwardens (ex officio),
Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Kate Hodgetts, Keith Postance
and Geoffrey Woodcock

ALL SAINTS MARGARET STREET LONDON W1
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
(The Trustees)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 2011 — Part 2

Financial Matters

2011 has been yet another difficult year economically for all, and All Saints is no exception. This is the Treasurer's assessment of the year:

Unrestricted funds

Having produced a surplus in 2010 (£8,863), it was hoped that the PCC would be able to continue the trend and produce a surplus for 2011. Unfortunately, this was not the case as there was a deficit of £9,388 for the year. The principal reasons for this were twofold; firstly, boiler replacement works at No 6 Margaret Street (which it had been hoped might have been delayed) were necessary during the year. Secondly, and perhaps more worryingly, there was a reduction in the level of planned giving. The position we find ourselves in is that there are reserves of only £4,026 on which to draw, which leaves us financially very vulnerable in the event of urgent building works, other unexpected expenditure, or continued deficits. In effect, if revenues cannot be increased, then some of the day-to-day activities may ultimately become threatened and will not allow us to undertake works such as those to No 8 Margaret Street which continue to be put off. There will be a stewardship campaign in 2012 to address this.

In 2012, the PCC faces increased costs both in relation to the Common Fund

contributions and general expenditure. The total amount of Common Fund committed by the PCC is £118,000 but, as the standard cost for our clergy is £103,550, we are only net contributors to the tune of £11,450, which quite rightly goes towards assisting some of the poorer churches within our diocese. Unlike last year, we are not facing an increase in choir costs as the Director of Music had agreed to continue at the 2011 rates for the year, and thanks must be given to him and the individual choir members for this. If we are to continue to enjoy the level of music that we sometimes perhaps take for granted, we have to remember that this does come at a price and therefore we cannot expect the choir to be so understanding in future years.

Restricted Funds

The majority of the restricted income related to funds for the Restoration Appeal £352,383 (2010; £389,167) and included grants and loans of £98,600 from the All Saints Foundation, which enabled us to fully finance Phase III. At the end of the year the balance in the Restoration Fund stood at £11,023, which is the retention due in October 2012 in respect of Phase III. Further details on the Restoration Project appear elsewhere in the Annual Report as do details of the grants made from various appeals during the year.

We are thankful to the Trustees of the All Saints Choir and Music Trust for their continued contribution to the cost of the choir, with grants being made during the year of £32,600 (2010; £26,275). The increase in the level of grants as compared to the previous year is much appreciated and it is hoped that this will increase over future years.

The Council wishes to place on record its thanks to Patrick, not only for all the hard work that he puts in to keep our finances in the best possible shape, but also for his capacity to make the figures readily understood. Our thanks also to Dennis Davis, the Parish Administrator for the assistance he gives Patrick, especially in connection with Stewardship, and the reclaim of Income Tax.

Trusts

The All Saints Foundation

Since it was set up, the Foundation has been most generous in its assistance to the PCC. The continuing contributions towards the restoration, with £88,680 for Phase III, in addition to £250,000 for Phase II, have led to a significant reduction in available funds, and so 2011 was like 2010 a year of consolidation. Money is channelled into the Foundation by various routes, the main ones being legacies and gifts.

The Council would like to place on record its thanks to the current Trustees of the Foundation, and Damon Brash, the Administrator, for their continued support.

The Choir and Music Trust

Unlike the Trustees of the Foundation, the Trustees of the Choir and Music Trust are, by the terms of the Trust Deed, only allowed to use the income generated by the capital, and they continue to hand the majority of it over to the PCC towards the cost of the music. When the Trust was set up, it was

hoped that eventually, sufficient income would be generated to completely cover the cost of the music, and this is still the hope, but, especially in these difficult times, hard to achieve. The Council would like to thank the Trustees and Geoffrey Woodcock, the Administrator, for their continuing support, without which the music here at All Saints would be considerably diminished.

The Ofenheim Trust

The Ofenheim Charitable Trust continues to support our organ scholar, for which we are very grateful. Since the outset, the organ scholars have contributed so much to the life of All Saints, and we hope that they feel that the time spent with us was time well spent.

The Restoration Project Phase III

1. The Works

The work planned for this phase comprised the cleaning, repair and restoration of the chancel, to include re-leading and conservation of stained glass in the chancel and south aisle, cleaning of all architectural surfaces in the chancel, cleaning and conservation of the reredos and tabernacle. Also the restoration of the chancel ironwork screens, and the cleaning and repairs to tiles, steps and other related works. As sufficient funds were available, the upper levels of the baptistery would be restored, and the stained glass windows in the south aisle re-led and conserved. Statutory bodies were consulted; The Victorian Society did not wish to make any comments, Westminster City Council had no objections and English Heritage wrote a very supportive letter to the architect. The Consistory Court granted a Faculty on April 20th 2011, and plans had been drawn up to cover the logistics of the work. The Parish Room would be turned into a chapel once again, but only for the duration of the erection of the scaffolding,

thereafter it would be used as the workshop for the conservation of the panels from the east end of the church. Services would be held in the church, but it would be necessary to 'turn the church round' with the altar on the north wall of the nave, beneath the Nativity panel. It was planned that the work should start in the week beginning May 9th, and indeed with everything in place the scaffolders duly arrived as planned. In addition to the complex internal scaffolding, it was necessary to construct cantilevered external scaffolding to enable the clerestory windows to be removed. Scaffolding for the work in the Baptistry and South aisle was erected when required.

A dais had been erected for the altar, beneath the nativity panel on the north wall, the clergy stalls positioned in front of the Lady altar, and the choir in front of the chancel steps, and we soon became accustomed to worshipping in the new space. Unfortunately, the only means of accessing the organ loft was through the chancel as usual, and once there the organists were almost completely cut off from what was going on in the church, but they coped with the situation remarkably well. One 'plus' of the reorganisation was that the original Butterfield altar could be seen. Those who had been present in the 1970s, when the chancel was out of use, agreed that the arrangement this time was much better.

Work continued, mainly unseen, throughout the summer, and was substantially completed on time, to allow the high altar to be used once more on Sunday October 23rd. During the following week, the iron screens in the chancel aisles were repainted in their original deep red colour, and the application of the gold leaf was completed on All Saints Day. Although some of the restoration in this phase, namely the works to the ceiling and Christ in Majesty were more subtle than those of Phases I and II, the overall effect

was stunning, with the restoration of the windows again of particular note.

The restoration of the altar crucifix and candlesticks were funded separately from the main works by generous donations.

It was very good that some of those directly involved in the work, and many of those who had contributed financially, were able to be present with us at the High Mass on Festival Sunday.

2. The Cost

The final contract sum for Phase III, agreed between Cowell Associates, Quantity Surveyors and DBR (London) Ltd, was £331,017.56. With fees, non-reclaimable VAT and other items, the final total was £433,896.09. One of the difficulties encountered in this phase was, as Mr Forde explained at the 2011 APCM, that the method of reclaiming VAT has changed. There is now a set amount available for VAT re-claims each quarter, and this is divided up between all claimants. Not knowing how much VAT will be recoverable made budgeting very difficult, and in the event the amount received was less than we would have hoped for.

3. Fundraising

As with the two previous phases of the Restoration, Phase III was funded by a combination of grants from outside bodies, individual donations and planned fundraising events. In addition to the continued generous support of the All Saints Foundation, grants for Phase III were received from The J. Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust (£50,000), The Garfield Weston Foundation (£10,000), and thanks to the persistent efforts of the late Mary Burton, the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation (£25,000). Many individual donations, some of which were extremely generous, were received, and the Council would like to thank all who contributed.

The following specific fundraising events were held during the year — the raffle which had been postponed from 2011 raised £553, and the guess the weight of the cake competition a further £50. Colin Kerr's talk 'A Victorian Masterpiece — Restoration of William Butterfield's All Saints, Margaret Street 1859 - 2011', raised £1,030. The Choir once more entertained us to one of their ever popular Cabaret nights on June 5th, and raised the magnificent amount of £1,555. The Vicar put on his walking boots once again, this time to walk the Pilgrim route between Winchester and Canterbury. The sponsorship, which amounted to £9,422.50 was divided between the Restoration Project and USPG. A meeting of the N London Links group raised £280, and Pamela Botsford continued to host poetry teas throughout the year, which added a further £226 to money that she has already raised.

What is obvious, is that in common with Phases I and II, and indeed the renewal of the roof and the restoration of the organ done in previous years, the greatest proportion of the money raised came from the Congregation of All Saints and the wider All Saints family, and we feel that we can all be justifiably proud of what we have achieved.

With funds exhausted, it has been decided that there will be a break before we embark on the next phase, the heating and lighting, but that does not mean that the Council will be idle, and will soon be engaged in the initial planning stages. When the time comes to launch the fundraising effort needed to finance this, which is not such a glamorous project as the restoration of the interior, we are sure that the All Saints family will once again rise to the challenge.

Buildings

With the emphasis on Phase III, there has not been much work done this year on the

other buildings on site. However, the boiler in Number 6 has been replaced, at a cost of £14,052, so the heating should now be more reliable and cost effective. Some minor work was also done in Number 6 prior to Fr Pritchard's arrival.

The Council is fully aware that the exterior of Number 8 is in need of attention, and this remains at the top of its 'to do' list.

The Building Committee was set up to review and advise on maintenance of the buildings on site, thus relieving the workload of the Churchwardens.

This year, although there are several items on their 'to do' list, they have been put in abeyance until such time as the financial position improves. They do, however, continue to inform the Council should they find anything which is in urgent need of attention.

Their work is essential to the smooth running of the site, and we thank Mr Postance and the other members of the committee for this.

Outside use of the Parish Room

Once the Parish Room ceased to be a workshop, we once again welcomed the John Lewis and Waitrose Arts and Crafts Club (SABEEMA) for their Autumn Exhibition, and as in previous years the exhibits were varied and interesting. After that, we had the Card Aid Christmas Card Shop in residence, and although it is not one of their busiest outlets, they do seem to enjoy being with us. Although some disruption is caused by outside use of the room, it does generate some needed income for the Church, but more importantly, it does give the opportunity for people to come to the site, who might not otherwise know of our existence.

Mission

Although a large part of the mission of All

Saints to the wider world is to be open and available to all, something which we do, we also have the responsibility to help those who are not so fortunate in life as we are. We are all committed to this, and demonstrate our commitment not only by responding to ‘one off’ appeals for help, this year the DEC’s Horn of Africa Famine Appeal, for which we raised £1,062.10, but also by the continuing support of our designated mission projects, The West London Day Centre Meal Voucher Scheme, the Church Army’s Marylebone project, and Richard Owen’s work in Trinidad and Tobago. Money to support these projects comes from two main sources, the Lent Appeal and the Festival Appeal. This year, as in previous years, half of the money raised by the Lent Appeal (£1,591) was given to the Bishop of London’s Lent Appeal for work in the dioceses of Angola and Lebombo and Niassa in Mozambique, and our own projects. The Festival Appeal (£6,686.75) was divided between the Marylebone Project, Richard Owen’s work in Trinidad and Tobago, and the Bishop of London’s Emergency4London Appeal, which was initiated in the aftermath of the riots seen in London (and elsewhere in the country in August) provide help for immediate contingencies in front line parishes, and to help work with young people, in particular to assist them find alternatives to gang culture.

Towards the end of the year the Mission Committee discovered that the West London Day Centre had reduced both the number and frequency of the lunches they provided, and restricted them to those who were genuinely homeless, which meant that most of those who come to us are now not eligible. Further investigations discovered that now, only breakfast is provided. In their search for a possible alternative project to support,

the committee discovered that there is, based at the American Church in Tottenham Court Road, the Soup Kitchen, founded in 1986, which aims to provide free hot meals, and other facilities for the homeless, elderly, lonely and poor in Central London. They currently serve around 60 people a day and are open five days a week. At the Committee’s suggestion, the Council agreed to continue to provide breakfast vouchers for those eligible, and to make a donation to the Soup Kitchen. Thanks to Fr Pritchard’s efforts in raising the money, £600 was sent to the American Church before Christmas for the purchase of turkeys.

The Council wishes to thank Mrs Drake and the other members of the Mission Committee for their hard work in ensuring that we, as a Parish, continue to fulfil our obligations to those in need.

To be continued

100 YEARS AGO

Fr Mackay was writing about gifts to the church.

The Paschal Candlestick has been presented to the church by some members of the family of Mr. John Howard Colls in his memory. It is a singularly appropriate memorial to one who set such an illuminating example of integrity in his life. The candlestick is a copy of one in the Certosa (Charterhouse or Carthusian monastery) at Pavia. I was guided to it in Florence by Sir Thomas Dick Lauder, to whose kind effort and advice All Saints owes so much that is beautiful. *(Several years ago the candlestick was restored thanks to the generosity of a parishioner.)*

The magnificent Altar frontal presented to the church some years ago by Mr Pelham Bullivant has been enlarged and

greatly enriched and now forms a beautiful memorial to one of the noble laymen of All Saints. The original design shows our Lord enthroned amid the branches of the vine, emblematic of the Church. This idea is now extended in the figures of St Peter and St Gregory the Great. (*This too has been restored, although the super-frontal needs some attention.*)

On Easter Day a silver gilt processional cross, presented recently to the Church, was used for the first time. This beautiful cross, designed by Mr Bodley, is the gift of the Revd A.E. Clements, who desires to deposit a treasured possession at All Saints. (*When we were worshipping at an altar in the north aisle during the most recent phase of restoration work, we introduced the use of a processional cross at all High Masses and have retained this practice.*)

This gives me the opportunity of speaking of another very beautiful gift which is being prepared for the Church. It is the last material gift of Mrs. Henry Wood to us, and it will consist of a silver processional cross, candlesticks and thurible. The thurible, a most exquisite 16th century one, was found for us in Italy by Sir Thomas Dick-Lauder. The cross will be modelled on a fine Abruzzi cross also discovered by Sir Thomas. We hope the gift may be completed by the Festival.

(The name Dick Lauder caught my eye because the Rectory of Old St Paul's in Edinburgh is named Lauder House in honour of Miss Cornelia Dick Lauder who had it built for the parish when her nephew Canon Mitchell Innes was Rector. I must do some research and discover the connection between them.)

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SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES MUSIC AND READINGS

● SUNDAY 6 MAY 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

HIGH MASS at 11.00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn: 408 (i)
Introit: Cantate Domino
Mass: Missa 'Simile est regnum
cælorum' — Lobo
Lessons: Acts 8: 26 - 40
Psalm 22
1 John 4: 7 - 21
Hymn: 367 (ii)
Gospel: John 15: 1 - 8
Preacher: Fr John Pritchard
Creed: Credo III
Anthem: Morgenlied — Rheinberger
Hymns: 276 (ii), 369, 361
Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in E flat
— Saint-Saëns

SOLEMN EVENSONG at 6.00 p.m.

Psalm: 96
Lessons: Isaiah 60: 1 - 14
Revelation 3: 1 - 13
Office Hymn: 101 (omit *)
Canticles: Wood in E flat (No 2)
Anthem: O thou, the central orb
— Wood
Preacher: The Vicar,
Prebendary Alan Moses
Hymn: 381 (v 4 Descant — Caplin)

BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: Lloyd Webber
Hymn: 471
Tantum Ergo: Lloyd Webber
Voluntary: Postlude in D minor
— Stanford

● **SUNDAY 13 MAY**
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

HIGH MASS and BAPTISM
at 11.00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn: 137

Introit: Vocem jucunditatis

Mass: Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis
de Deo — Haydn

Lessons: Acts 10: 44 - end
Psalm 98

1 John 5: 1 - 6

Hymn: 482 (T 462)

Gospel: John 15: 9 - 17

Preacher: The Vicar,
Prebendary Alan Moses

Anthem: Sicut cervus — Palestrina

Hymns: 513, 280, 364 (T 408 (i))

Voluntary: Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux
— de Grigny

SOLEMN EVENSONG
at 6.00 p.m.

Psalm: 45

Lessons: Songs of Solomon 4: 16 - 5: 2;
8: 6 - 7

Revelation 3: 14 - end

Office Hymn: 101 (omit *)

Canticles: The Second Service — Byrd

Anthem: Exultate Deo — Palestrina

Preacher: Fr John Pritchard

Hymn: 453

BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: Fischer

Hymn: 386 (T 385)

Tantum Ergo: Palestrina

Voluntary: Voluntary — Tomkins

THURSDAY 17 MAY
ASCENSION DAY

PROCESSION and HIGH
MASS AT 6.30 p.m.

Processional Hymn: 109 (ii; Ascension
refrain and verses)

Introit: Viri Galilaei

Mass: Mass in G minor — Jongen

Lessons: Acts 1: 1 - 11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1: 15 - end

Hymn: 135 (T 447)

Gospel: Luke 24: 44 - end

Preacher: Bishop Martin Shaw

Creed: Credo II

Anthem: Ascendit Deus — Philips

Hymns: 133, 134 (v 6 Descant
— Caplin), 132

Voluntary: Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn
— Bach

● **SUNDAY 20 MAY**
7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday after Ascension Day

HIGH MASS at 11.00 a.m.

Entrance Hymn: 296 (i)

Introit: Exaudi, Domine

Mass: Communion Service in
C and F — Stanford

Lessons: Acts 1: 15 - 17, 21 - end

Psalm 1

1 John 5: 9 - 13

Hymn: 130 (i; omit *)

Gospel: John 17: 6 - 19

Preacher: Fr Julian Browning

Anthem: Caelos ascendit hodie
— Stanford

Hymns: 114, 446, 271 (T Vale)

Voluntary: Allegro Risoluto
(Symphonie II) — Vierne

SOLEMN EVENSONG

at 6.00 p.m.

Psalm: 147: 1 - 12

Lessons: Isaiah 61

Luke 4: 14 - 21

Office Hymn: 128

Canticles: The Chichester Service

— Walton

Anthem: God is gone up — Finzi

Preacher: The Vicar,

Prebendary Alan Moses

Hymn: 332

BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: Nicholson

Hymn: 131

Tantum Ergo: Nicholson

Voluntary: Paean — Leighton

● SUNDAY 27 MAY PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)

HIGH MASS at 11.00 a.m.

Processional Hymns: Hail! Festal Day!,
139 (i; v 5 Descant — Caplin)

Introit: Spiritus Domini

Mass: Missa Brevis in B flat

— Mozart

Lessons: Acts 2: 1 - 21

Psalm 104: 25 - 35

Romans 8: 22 - 27

Hymn: 138

Gospel: John 15: 26 - 27, 16: 4b - 15

Preacher: Fr John Pritchard

Creed: Credo III

Anthem: The Spirit of the Lord — Elgar

Hymns: 143 (T 238), 347, 141 (T 226;
v 3 Descant — Caplin)

Voluntary: Komm, Heiliger Geist — Bach

SOLEMN EVENSONG

at 6.00 p.m.

Psalm: 139

Lessons: Ezekiel 36: 22 - 28

Acts 2: 22 - 38

Office Hymn: 136

Canticles: The Gloucester Service

— Howells

Anthem: O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit

— Tallis

Preacher: Fr Gerald Beauchamp

Hymn: 142 (T 490)

SOLEMN BENEDICTION

O Salutaris: French chant

Te Deum: Te Deum in B flat

— Stanford

Tantum Ergo: Pange lingua

Voluntary: Komm, Heiliger Geist,

Herr Gott — Buxtehude

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Services

Sundays Low Mass at 6.30 p.m. (Sat), 8.00 a.m.

and 5.15 p.m. Morning Prayer 10.20 a.m.

HIGH MASS and SERMON at 11.00 a.m.

SOLEMN EVENSONG, SERMON and

BENEDICTION at 6.00 p.m.

Monday to Friday Morning Prayer at 7.30 a.m.

Low Mass at 8.00 a.m., 1.10 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Confessions from 12.30 - 1.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

Evening Prayer at 6.00 p.m.

Saturday Morning Prayer at 7.30 a.m.

Low Mass at 8.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.*

(* First Mass of Sunday)

Confessions 5.30 p.m., Evening Prayer 6.00 p.m.

CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2012

1	Ss Philip and James, Apostles	Renewal in witness
2	St Athanasius	Teachers of the Faith
3		Unity
4	English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era	Those in need
5		Society of All Saints Sisters of the Poor
6	✘ 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
7		The Armed Forces
8	Julian of Norwich	Spiritual writers
9		Friends of All Saints
10		Unity
11		Those in need
12	<i>Gregory Dix</i>	Our Parish Retreat
13	✘ 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
14	St Matthias, Apostle; Rogation Day	Those called to the Ordained Ministry
15	Rogation Day	Agricultural workers
16	<i>Caroline Chisholm; Rogation Day</i>	Industrial workers
17	ASCENSION DAY	Unity
18		Those in need
19	St Dunstan	Religious Communities
20	✘ 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
	<i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i>	
21	<i>Helena, protector of the Holy Places</i>	Holy Places
22		The homeless
23		The unemployed
24	John and Charles Wesley	Unity
25	The Venerable Bede	Those in need
26	St Augustine	Archbishop of Canterbury
27	✘ PENTECOST	OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE
28	<i>Lanfranc</i>	Scholars
29		The Emergency Services
30	Josephine Butler	Prisons
31	Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth	Unity

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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