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## VICAR'S LETTER

Our series of "Ten to One Talks" on Sunday is making its way around the church. Last Sunday, in good time for Christmas, we reached the Nativity panel on the north wall. This brings together, as so many depictions of Christ's birth do, the arrival of the shepherds at the stable, as told by Luke, and the visit of the Wise Men from the East who offer their gifts, which we find in St Matthew's Gospel.

Our Saviour's birth has been celebrated in music as well as in painting and sculpture. The Bidding Prayer at the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (one of the Church of England's most inspired liturgical inventions) invites us **"let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger"**.

The infancy stories in Matthew and Luke continue to fascinate and charm; perhaps because they echo so much of what we feel about the birth of a child. The Christmas Crib and the Nativity Play can both be said to descend from the tableau of Christ's birth arranged by St Francis when he celebrated Christmas at Greccio in 1223. St Francis was reflecting a growing emphasis in prayer and imagery on the humanity of Jesus. This grew out of the Church's

doctrine of the incarnation which had come from reflection on St John's Gospel with its meditation on the **"Word made flesh"**. That Gospel and doctrine speak to us of the union of divine and human in the person of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word. The liturgy holds these two approaches together so that one informs the other. The ancient prayers of our liturgy set the story of the birth of Jesus in the context of God's creation and redemption of the world. Together with St John they serve as a necessary corrective to the tendency to sentimentalise the Christmas story. Equally, crib and carol help put human flesh on what might seem arid doctrine.

It's apt that the feast of St John the Evangelist, the "Prologue" of whose Gospel we sing on Christmas morning and as the climax of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, should fall in Christmas week. This year, it will have a particular poignancy at All Saints because Fr John Pritchard will be leaving us in February to become Priest-in-Charge of St John the Evangelist, Upper Norwood. The church is a magnificent building designed by John Loughborough Pearson, set in a residential area close to Crystal Palace. Fr John will be licensed by the Bishop of Southwark on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. I am sure there will be a large supporting crowd from All Saints.

Not only do we have to appoint a new Director of Music in the New Year (the process is under way and the interviews take place in January), and a new assistant priest, but we will also be looking for a new parish administrator. After thirty years of faithful service, Dennis Davis has decided to take early retirement. As many of you know, he returned from holiday this summer suffering from angina. After successful treatment, he is now free from pain but is undergoing a strenuous course of rehabilitation. Dennis will be leaving at the end of February. We hope that, freed from the stress of a busy city centre parish office, he will be able to enjoy a long and happy retirement. We will organise appropriate farewells to all three of our “leavers” so that we can pay suitable tribute to all that they have given to the parish and through it to the wider Church.

This issue of the Parish Paper, with no less than three funeral or memorial sermons, reminds us that a number of other friends who have been in very different ways part of the human face of All Saints, an expression of the incarnation, have been taken from us by death in the past year. As those who believe in the communion of saints, we believe that, as that same carol service Bidding Prayer says, as their hope was in the Word made flesh, they worship with us still, but “on another shore and in a greater light”.

Given these major changes in our parish staff, not to mention the state of Church of England politics after the General Synod vote on women bishops, this might not have been the most convenient or peaceful of times to be elected to chair the House of Clergy in the Diocesan Synod. I am still finding out how much this new responsibility involves but I am honoured

by the trust my fellow clergy have placed in me and grateful as always for your support and prayers.

With all these departures, I might be tempted to say, “I, only I am left”, were it not for the strong corps of committed volunteers, lay and clerical, and the new faces willing to join them, who make so much of the life and mission of All Saints possible.

A last thought before Christmas. While preparing to preach at St Paul’s on the feast of St John of the Cross, I immersed myself again in his poetry and came across this small gem, in Roy Campbell’s English translation:

***“Concerning the Divine Word”***

*With the divinest Word, the Virgin  
Made pregnant, down the road  
Comes walking, if you’ll grant her  
A room in your abode.”*

May we all make room for Christ in our lives and homes this Christmas and may I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful and fruitful New Year.

Yours in Christ,

***Alan Moses***

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## **TERESA BUTLER**

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Members of Teresa’s family and friends from All Saints gathered for a Mass for Teresa on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup>. The Vicar’s sermon at the service is published in this issue.

Teresa’s son Glen and his wife Jennifer wrote to the Vicar:

*“...to thank you so much for the service for Teresa and the dedication of the bench. It was very special, very moving and*

*absolutely what she would have wanted.*

*Our special thanks to you and Father John and also to those who went to the trouble of laying on nibbles and drinks which were unexpected but much appreciated.”*

The bench can be seen below the Annunciation scene and facing the gate.

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## **CHRISTOPHER RAWLL**

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A Mass of Thanksgiving for Christopher was celebrated on Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>. Christopher’s brother Peter and nephew Andrew read lessons and Peter spoke about Christopher at the reception afterwards. Canon David Hutt, Fr Gerald Reddington and Dr Peter Galloway were in choir. Dr Galloway and Christopher were co-authors of “Good and Faithful Servants,” the history of the first twelve Vicars of All Saints, also spoke at the reception. The Vicar’s sermon at the Mass is published in this issue.

Letter from Peter Rawll (Christopher’s brother):

*Dear Alan,*

*I write for all the family to express our thanks for all the arrangements on Saturday, particularly for your friendship and celebrating the Mass of thanksgiving for brother Christopher.*

*We came nearer to understanding how much All Saints Church came to mean for him, and the opportunity it gave to realise his talents on his spiritual journey.*

*I would like to think that he would have been both pleased and humbled by the occasion.*

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## **GRAHAM HAWKES**

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Graham had been ill for some 18 months but had shown great resilience. His end came quite quickly and peacefully in Trinity Hospice. A large congregation of family and friends from a variety of walks of life gathered for his funeral Mass. His ashes have been interred at his local church of St Mary’s, Merton, where he started as a choirboy. Fr Alan’s sermon at the Mass is also in this issue.

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## **BISHOP AMBROSE WEEKES**

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Bishop Ambrose had asked that his ashes be interred in the family vault in the churchyard of Holy Trinity, Queenborough in the Isle of Sheppey. This took place on Monday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Fr Alan and Bishop Ambrose’s executors, Stephen Borton (a former chorister of All Saints) and Michael Fletcher, met Bishop Ambrose’s cousin Ian at Sevenoaks and were then driven in his 1930s vintage Rolls Royce (called Rosemary) to Queenborough. Our progress was stately rather than speedy. Rosemary does not like to be rushed: she overheats if driven at more than 50 miles per hour. Fr Alan, sitting next to the driver, had to keep a wary eye on the temperature gauge, while Michael navigated.

We arrived in Queenborough, rather later than expected, but a dozen or so people, including the Vicar and a Churchwarden, were there to greet us. With the wind sweeping in off the Medway, the weather was bitterly cold, so it was just as well that the committal service is brief. After placing Bishop Ambrose’s remains among his ancestors, family and friends gathered around to admire the car, before the visitors retired to the Flying Dutchman

pub for something warming. Three of us who had to be back in London rather more quickly than Rosemary could convey us, walked to Queenborough Station to catch a train. On the way we passed the house in the High Street where Bishop Ambrose was born and grew up, and the council offices over which his redoubtable mother, Alderman Mrs Weekes, presided as mayor for a number of years.

Bishop Ambrose's niece Mary has completed the editing of his memoirs for publication and they are now with the printers. We will publish details when available so that his friends might purchase this memento of him. All profits from the sale are to go to All Saints.

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## RESTORATION

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*“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”* (John 1: 5)

Plans are proceeding for the refurbishment of the lamps at the church gate. Tests carried out by Catherine Hassel, who did the research on the internal decoration scheme, have revealed that in the 1890s they were painted a bronze green. Looking at some early photographs from our archives with Freya Wigzell from the Victorian Society, who was keen to know more about the railings removed during the Second World War, it is clear that they were a much lighter colour.

Meanwhile, I spent a fascinating hour or more in church with our architect Colin Kerr and a lighting designer Simon Mills. I am now much more knowledgeable about the effect of different kinds of light on different surfaces. As one for whom the church building is a working space not just a lovely building, my concern was that a

new lighting system should allow us to read what and where we need to, as well as illuminating the building in a sensitive way. When we embarked on the restoration programme, we made a conscious decision to leave a new lighting system until we saw what the building would be like when it had been cleaned. The transformation has been so great in terms of the brightness of the place, even on overcast winter days, that something more subtle will be possible.

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## PEOPLE

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**Fr Neil Bunker** gave a talk at a lunchtime meeting in Church House during the General Synod. He spoke about the developments in care for the mentally ill from the perspective of a priest who has spent most of his ministry as a chaplain in mental hospitals and now is the Mental Health Liaison Chaplain for Westminster. The City of Westminster has one of the highest incidences of mental health problems in the country. Treatment is now largely based in the community rather than in large institutions. Fr Neil's ministry includes bringing together health services and church and other faith groups. He has visited an extraordinary number of such communities: on one occasion having to sit through a very long sermon in which the preacher spent the whole time attacking the Church of England! It's just as well Fr Neil is such a gentle-natured person. We are delighted that he is able to be with us here at All Saints more and grateful that he has offered to help out as much as he can when Fr John has moved.

**Fr Ian Brothwood** is known to regulars as our usual celebrant on Wednesday

lunchtimes. On Friday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Vicar and John Forde travelled to Croydon for his institution as Vicar of St Michael and all Angel's, Croydon. Like St John's, Upper Norwood, the church is an imposing building designed by Pearson. It was full for the occasion and there were no less than three bishops: Southwark, Edmonton, and Croydon. The parish has had a difficult time in the last few years, so we pray that with Fr Ian's steady hand on the tiller it will reach calmer waters.

**Colin Menzies** has been elected as chair of the Nikaeen Club. Founded in 1925, this is an association of clergy and laity which provides the Archbishop of Canterbury with a network of ecumenical expertise and the capacity to offer hospitality to visiting Christian leaders, heads of non-Anglican churches and international ecumenical bodies.

**Clive Wright.** Congratulations to Clive who celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with us, Joy and members of his family, on Advent Sunday, with wine and cake. As Clive said after the toast, he has been worshipping intermittently at All Saints since he was a young man and its community means a great deal to him.

## **STOP PRESS — A NEW BABY**

**Sophia Julian Maria Cullingford** was born on 12/12/12 in the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and weighed in at 3lbs 14 oz.

**Jasmine** and **Martin** wish to thank everyone at All Saints for the many prayers and messages of support during a difficult time. They look forward to introducing her to everyone.

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## **TOUR OF THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**

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On Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>, sixty of us from All Saints assembled outside the Palace of Westminster. After being split into three more manageable groups of twenty, and going through the security checks, we were collected by our guides and given an informative tour of both chambers and other parts of the Palace. It was fascinating to be able to stand in the chambers of Lords and Commons, which seem much smaller than they appear on television and to be reminded that their chapel-like layout was because they originally met in what was St Stephen's Chapel.

The Palace is contemporary with All Saints and much of its design and decoration was the work of Pugin, so there was much that was familiar to those of us who live with Victorian Gothic. William Dyce, who did the original wall paintings at the east end of All Saints, which gave endless trouble until Comper finally replaced them, was working in the House of Lords at the same time. Just as we have been undergoing a massive renovation, so too is the Palace.

Everyone seemed thrilled with the experience and we are grateful to Penny Mordaunt MP for making it possible and Fr John for organising it.

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## **CATHOLIC EVANGELISM**

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At St Matthew's church, Westminster, on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2012, Fr Tim Sledge, vicar of Romsey Abbey, led a group of men and women exploring vocation in ordained ministry. The title of the day was 'Catholic Evangelism' and sought to address an area for which many Catholic

Anglicans feel ill-equipped.

We learnt that Catholics in the Church of England have a great resource for evangelism and need not lack confidence in proclaiming the Gospel and helping people to become Christians.

Before you know the God who saves ('Jesus'), you need to know the God who is with you ('Emmanuel'). This is no surprise if our faith is rooted in the Incarnation.

The Blessed Virgin Mary gives us a model for evangelism and evangelists. Her visit to her cousin Elizabeth shows what it means to be a 'walking sacrament'. Good pastoral visiting is about making Christ known in every encounter.

What might evangelism look like in the parish?

Firstly, before a parish can evangelise it needs an energised spirituality. Confidence in Scripture and common prayer is essential. The sacraments, nurture groups, teaching, pilgrimage and social action help us to grow in understanding and a community of faith can be built up.

Secondly, relationships must be central to parish life. Fr Tim quoted a young woman writing of moving to London: 'I was not looking for a friendly church. I was looking for a church where I could make friends', and a bishop: 'we need more prayer and more parties'. And Woody Allen: 'Ninety per cent of life is turning up'.

Thirdly, worship should be evangelising. A survey of those attending showed that Catholic parishes feel they are doing well at worship, not so well at nurture and even less well at outreach. We were encouraged to look at playing to our strengths: how worship crosses over with nurture and

outreach. For example, the pastoral process and building up of relationships through the occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals) are part of the evangelistic process. Our tradition is well resourced for quiet evangelism: the use of silence, the use of music, symbols and movement, for example.

Fourthly, look where God is already at work and then plan evangelism. The Holy Spirit is always there before you. Fr Tim gave an example of a church wanting a 'mission plan'. The parish priest listed a long tale of woe and in his despondency had thought that the ten new boys wanting to join the choir were a difficulty rather than a big hint from the Almighty.

Lastly we were reminded that we have been and are being evangelised. Considering our own journeys of faith can help us understand how the Gospel might be proclaimed and how we might help people to become Christians.

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## STUDY GROUPS

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We have run two successful groups during Advent: one during the day and the other in the evening. The daytime one met in the Vicarage and studied Archbishop Rowan's book "*The Lion's World*" which is a study of C.S. Lewis's Narnia novels.

Among the participants were Martin Woolley who had been taught by Lewis in Cambridge, and Margaret Spencer who, as a young student from Scotland, had several long walks and talks with Lewis while visiting Oxford with a friend. As you can imagine, the discussion was both lively and stimulating. The evening group met at Fr John's house and looked at the Patriarchs and Prophets, John the Baptist

and Mary, as Advent figures.

Lent will be early in 2013, so plans are being made for groups daytime and evening.

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## WALSINGHAM CELL TALK

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Fr Michael Bowie, the Rector of Berkhamstead (where Fr Pritchard worked before he came to All Saints) gave a

talk on the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, negotiating his way skilfully through the theological minefields which surround this dogma. Copies of his talk are available.

The next Cell meeting will be on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2013, when the **Bishop of Wakefield, the Rt Revd Stephen Platten** will address the cell after the 6.30 p.m. Mass.

## LENT 2013

### “KEEPING A HOLY LENT”

**Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.**  
**All Saints, Margaret Street**

In the introduction to the Liturgy of Ash Wednesday the priest invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, by:

- **Self-Examination and Repentance**  
*Prebendary Alan Moses, Vicar of All Saints*
- **Prayer** *Sister Judith SSM, St Saviour's Priory, Haggerston*
- **Fasting and Self Denial**  
*The Revd Dr Edward Dowler, St Luke's, Enfield*
- **Reading and Meditating on God's Holy Word**  
*The Revd Dr Sam Wells, St Martin in the Fields*

A day on these themes, to help us observe Lent, organised by Anglican Catholic Future in the Diocese of London.

*If you would like to come, please let the Parish Office know.*

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## DIARY DATES

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**Sunday 6 January 2013 — The Epiphany**

**11.00 a.m. High Mass**

*Preacher:* Fr Christopher Woods, Secretary, Liturgical Commission and National Worship Advisor.

**6.00 p.m. Epiphany Carol Service** with the Choir of All Saints.

**Sunday 13 January — Baptism of Christ**

**11.00 a.m. High Mass**

*Preacher: Fr Neil Bunker*

**Monday 14 January**

**7.00 p.m.** Meeting of the Parochial Church Council in the Parish Room

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18 – 25 January**

**Friday 1 February — Presentation of Christ — *Candlemass***

**6.30 p.m. Procession and High Mass *Transferred from 2nd February***

*Preacher: The Venerable Malcolm Squires,  
former Archdeacon of Wrexham.*

**Saturday 9 February**

**2.00 p.m. Tour of the National Gallery — The Holy Spirit in Art**

*See Sunday Notice sheets or parish website for more information.*

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**TERESA BUTLER**

**THE VICAR'S ADDRESS AT REQUIEM MASS FOR TERESA  
ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

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When my father died, because he loved gardening, we read St John's Easter morning story at his funeral, before we laid him to rest in a country churchyard, against the backdrop of the fields and hills which he had seen all his life.

There are no hills or fields here, but there is a garden: the courtyard of this church. It provides a place of peace and rest for the weary office workers and shoppers amidst the bustle and noise of W1.

Teresa did not have an easy life, bringing up four children on her own, and she was not always easy to be with. But this place was a refuge for her; somewhere she found peace and solace, friendship and the warmth of human kindness.

So her family have asked that there might be a service for her, here in the church which she loved so much, and as

a memorial to her, have given a bench for the courtyard so that others might find rest and peace there. At the end of this Mass, we will all go outside and bless the bench in her memory.

In the Gospel Mary Magdalene mistakes Jesus for the gardener, until he speaks her name: "Mary". Teresa's name is on the bench, so people who never knew her but see it may wonder who this lady was and why she was important to some people.

Her family will of course remember her.

We in this church will remember her, year by year, on the anniversary of her death, and more often as we pass this bench and pause perhaps to recall the lady I always thought of as a wee sparrow.

But most important of all, she is remembered by Jesus who calls her by



name, as he called Mary Magdalene in that other garden so long ago. He calls her to be with the God who is his Father and hers. He calls her to share in the life of the

heavenly city. There, by the river of the water of life, there grow trees which are for the healing of all our ills.

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## GRAHAM HAWKES — SERMON PREACHED BY THE VICAR AT THE FUNERAL MASS, NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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Before the Commendation at the end of this service, Canon Derriman, who has known Graham for many more years than I have, will pay tribute to him. He has kindly let me see what he has prepared in advance. It has informed what I want to say, but I am not going to steal his best lines! The duty of a preacher at a funeral is to proclaim the Gospel; not in a vague and generalised way but in relation to specific lives: in this case, Graham's life.

In discussions and debate about human conduct, "nature" is often set over against "nurture". Does our behaviour spring from our DNA; were we just made that way, good or bad? Or does it come from our upbringing and education; are we formed into good people or bad by family and social context, church and school?

The division is of course an artificial one. Most people will recognise that both have rôles to play. But it came to mind when I began thinking about this sermon for Graham's funeral.

The Graham I came to know in the years he has worshipped here at All Saints, and whose earlier life I learned something of in conversations, and now have a fuller picture of, was a genial, gracious and good man; generous-spirited, large-hearted and open-minded. The smile we see on the

front cover of the service booklet was not something put on for the camera. It came from within and reflected the warmth of his personality.

Christians are sometimes divided into the "once born" and the "twice-born". The "twice-born" are those who undergo dramatic Damascus Road style conversions from misspent lives. The "once-born" are often those who seem to have been good-natured from the start; born that way. They have, like Graham, been brought up in loving Christian families, grown up in the life of the Church, and been formed by both. What seem their innate qualities have been shaped and strengthened by the influences they have experienced.

But inheritances can be squandered. It is clear to me that Graham did not waste the gifts he received by "nature" or "nurture". His career in education was marked by a care which went far beyond contracts and clock-watching. He brought to his work that personal commitment, and commitment to people, which makes all the difference to how institutions function; which makes of a school or college something greater than a qualification factory; a place from which young people emerge more rounded and whole than they went in. He went on caring about this and doing something about it long after he retired. During his working

life and in retirement, Graham seems to have been involved in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and respected and valued in all of them for the same reason. How did he find the time?

St John of the Cross says, **“Where there is no love, put in love, and you will find love”**. I don’t know whether Graham knew that maxim, although he might well have heard it in sermons down the years, but he certainly put it into practice. Those who would be virtuous and good must practice virtue and goodness.

St John of the Cross also said that, **“In the evening of life we will be judged on love”**. And we can give thanks that one who gave so generously, himself found loving companionship with Jerry — even if it was a relationship which had to be sustained with the help of modern means of communication from opposite sides of the world much of the time.

The Church of England is slowly and painfully coming to recognise the goodness of such relationships. It is, I think, one of the miracles of grace that Graham, and others like him, have been enabled to see beyond the Church’s official stance to God’s love for all his children. While there is a long way to go, we can give thanks today for the happiness Graham and Jerry found with and in each other and in the possibility of making a public act of commitment to each other in their Civil Partnership.

Being on the margins can sometimes make people defensive and prickly, but it can also give a new insight and openness.

When Graham was asked, in the light of All Saints, Margaret Street’s frosty reputation, if he minded that one of the hospital chaplains who would be ministering to him was a woman, he replied with a smile: “How can someone in my position object?”

That photograph on the service sheet reminds me that it was a surprise to find out how old Graham actually was. He wore his years well. Was this an accident of genetics, or was it the result of a good and contented life? Since his cancer was diagnosed some 18 months ago, Graham has conducted himself with a quiet and cheerful courage which sprang from his deep faith in God, and the love which he shared with Jerry and with so many friends. He carried on through months of chemotherapy, knowing that the end was inevitable, but determined to make the most of whatever time he had left with those he loved. There was nothing of funereal gloom about him.

When the time came to discuss this service, he wanted it to be a joyful occasion of thanksgiving for all that he had received in life: both the gifts of others and the opportunity to give of himself.

Graham loved organ music as you know, and he has chosen one of the most exuberant pieces in the repertoire\* to be played while he is carried from the church today. I’m sure it will bring a smile to our faces, a tap to our feet, and joy to our hearts as we say farewell from this life to one whom we hope to meet again in the next, where we will all enjoy the music of heaven.

\* “Sortie” by Lefébure-Wely.

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## SERMON AT THE MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR DR CHRISTOPHER RAWLL, 1 DECEMBER, 2012

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*“Honour the physician with the honour due to him...”* Sirach 38: 1.

When I preached at Christopher’s funeral service, the notes which Andy and the family had provided were a great help in filling in gaps in my knowledge of Christopher’s career as a physician. In conversation over the years I knew him, I had learned some of this, but it was good to be able to put things in the right order and to see beyond the self-effacing reticence which was Christopher’s way. His brother Peter is here today and will say something after the service.

I am not going to repeat everything I said at the Crematorium, but it is right that at this Mass of thanksgiving for his life — something which he would probably have resisted — we should **“honour the physician”**. As Christians, he and we recognise the work of the physician and as a sharing in God’s healing work of love.

Christopher’s life began in the leafy Birmingham suburb of Harborne. After King Edward’s School he studied medicine at Birmingham University and might have seemed destined for a professional life in the Midlands.

But he took a different path, joining the RAF as a medical officer and being stationed in various outposts of the empire at a time when the sun was setting on it: Iraq, Ghana, the Maldives. Christopher clearly did more than his duty: applying his mind to research into Filarisia, a mosquito-borne parasitic disease. The value of this work was recognised in the award of the Lady

Cade Medal, the Diploma in Tropical Public Health, and appointment as an Officer of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

In the late 60s, by now promoted to the rank of Wing Commander, he came home to work at the Ministry of Defence, specialising in occupational health and industrial medicine. On retirement from the RAF, he followed a path trodden by a good many others from military to civil aviation to work with what we now know as British Airways. Based at Heathrow, he managed the medical centre and played a key rôle in development of new operational systems. He travelled a good deal to speak at international conferences and his work in occupational health was recognised by election as a Member of the Faculty of Occupational Health at the Royal College of Physicians.

As Christopher’s professional career developed, so did his spiritual life. Brought up in the faith at St John’s, Harborne, he had been chairman of the Anglican Society at university. He became a Reader while in the RAF; leading services and preaching sermons. When he returned to London, he was at St John’s, Palmers Green, for a while before he settled here at All Saints, Margaret Street. This was to be a place whose past and present life he would be passionately concerned with and absorbed by. He was a server and sub-deacon, an occasional preacher from this pulpit, member of the PCC and Churchwarden. With Dr Peter Galloway, he wrote “Good and Faithful Servants,” the history of the first 12 Vicars of All Saints, Margaret Street: as I am No

13, they were spared having to write about me and I have been spared reading it; but when the books are opened, they will no doubt be there. Peter is here this morning, and I have asked him to say something of Christopher after the service.

Christopher did not just know dates and fact: information. He understood deeply the spirit of Catholic Anglicanism. We are singing three hymns by John Henry Newman to whom he was particularly devoted: but unlike Newman, he remained loyal to the Church of England.

He loved the fabric of this place as well as its history: he funded the restoration of the frontal on the altar this morning which is a century old. For some reason, the super-frontal — the narrow strip at the top — wasn't completed. Perhaps we should get it done now in memory of him. He would have delighted in the restoration of this place which has gone on over the last few years.

Chris was also active in the work of the Diocese of London. He served on the Bishop's Council, Diocesan and Deanery Synods, and was Warden of Readers. The Bishop of London, after a nudge from the Area Dean, recognised his many contributions to the life of the Church in London by awarding him the Medal of St Mellitus.

After retirement, All Saints became his home from home. He helped in office and sacristy and shared in our daily worship. He loved books, collecting and reading them. A steady stream of photocopies would appear in my pigeonhole: things he had discovered or remembered that he thought would interest or help me. He also kept me up to speed on celebrity culture. Each week,

he would buy a copy of "Hello" magazine and, after reading it, would pass it on to my daughter. As the delivery boy, I would leaf through it quickly, so that I would know who was "famous for being famous" that week. My education in these matters has slipped since those days.

My position allowed me to see how he was a quiet and discreet person to whom others could turn for advice and help. There were a good many acts of discreet personal kindness. More than one person has told me of his exerting a calming influence on some of our parishioners prone to rushes of blood to the head on ecclesiastical matters.

It became clear to those of us who saw him day by day that Christopher's physical health was declining. Doctors, like the clergy, are not always the best people at looking after themselves: "**Physician, heal thyself**". My attempts to persuade him to take things easier didn't get anywhere, but suddenly, he decided that he could no longer come up to town. After that, apart from medical appointments, he largely limited his life to the area around his home in Richmond, slipping quietly into the parish church where Paul Velluet — a fellow-enthusiast for church architecture who is here today — would see him.

We would keep in touch by telephone and letter. When historical inquiries came in, I would ring him, knowing that he would be able to spare me a good deal of time in finding the answer. It was also a good excuse to stay in touch. Not long ago, he spoke to me of his regret at the abruptness of his departure from here and its effect on his friends.

In recent years he had spent a good deal of time at the Renal Unit in Hammersmith

Hospital and I saw him there earlier this year. He looked better than I had seen him for some time, with a rather neat beard. But it was clear that his condition was worsening and he did not want, at his age, to begin the process of dialysis; preferring to let nature take its course.

He told me how grateful he was to his nephew Andy and niece Kate, one in Chiswick and the other in Wimbledon, for their kindness in ferrying him to and from hospital and drawing him into family occasions.

In the weeks since Christopher's death, a number of people have said to me that he always seemed to them a deeply private person. By this they did not mean that he was unfriendly or unsociable, but rather that he kept his inner life to himself.

Those who have the cure of souls know that we are complex beings. There is a deep and not always well-understood relationship between body and soul. The physical and spiritual interact and affect one another in ways often only dimly understood. Christopher's physical decline seemed linked with a psychological one.

He lived at a time, and worked in a profession where his sexuality had to be a matter for discretion. People respond to this kind of pressure in different ways: in Christopher's case perhaps it reinforced a tendency to guardedness and introversion and to keep areas of his life separate: his relationship with Eric whom he cared for until he died for example. If he had been born in a later generation, things might well have turned out differently.

Churches like this one have long provided a spiritual home, a safe space, for people

who don't quite fit in "St Suburbia's" or the "Church of the Holy Nuclear Family": mum and dad, two kids and the dog. Chris found such a place here and having found it was able to give much to it.

Most of us are more complicated beings than we know, or would like others to know. It is a gift of grace when others understand us and still love us. It is a mark of grace working in our lives when we can accept that love.

It is our belief and trust that God knows us better than we know ourselves; that he loves us better than we love ourselves; that he knows what we might be with his grace as well as what we are; that knowing and loving, he forgives. In him is our hope of healing and wholeness, and as we give thanks for him today, that is what we pray for Christopher.

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## 100 YEARS AGO

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*This is a time of people moving on, but this is nothing new at All Saints. The January 1913 Parish Paper carried this report of someone going to minister in South London:*

"On Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>, a presentation was made to Mr Percy Wareham by the children of the Catechism. Mr Wareham has left us on his ordination by the Bishop of Southwark to the assistant curacy of St Agnes', Kennington. His work among the children during the last three years has been quite invaluable, and he has succeeded in winning all hearts. Father Shedden, in making the presentation, stated that but for Mr Wareham's assistance he doubted whether either the Catechism or the Boys' Club could ever have been

established here. The high regard and affection that the children have for him was evidenced by the considerable sum which they contributed out of their small means; together with the contributions of a few of the adult members of the Catechism, the subscription was sufficient to enable us to buy a really beautiful image of St Joseph carrying the Holy Child in his arms, carved in wood. This was presented to Mr Wareham with the good wishes, the gratitude and the prayers of all the Catechism. We are losing a very dear friend, but feel that Kenningon is gaining one who will be a most valuable priest.”

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## SUNDAYS AND SOLEMNITIES MUSIC AND READINGS

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### ● SUNDAY 6 JANUARY EPIPHANY

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

*Procession:* 50 (T 338), 36  
*Introit:* Ecce advenit  
*Mass:* Orgelsolomesse — Mozart  
*Lessons:* Isaiah 60: 1 - 6  
 Psalm 72  
 Ephesians 3: 1 - 12  
*Hymn:* 49 (ii)  
*Gospel:* Matthew 2: 1 - 12  
*Preacher:* Fr Christopher Woods,  
 Secretary, The Liturgical  
 Commission and National  
 Worship Advisor  
*Creed:* Credo III  
*Anthem:* There shall a star from Jacob  
 come forth — Mendelssohn  
*Hymns:* 48, 51, 47  
*Voluntary:* Puer nobis nascitur  
 — Lebègue

## **EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE AT 6.00 p.m. With the Choir of All Saints**

### ● SUNDAY 13 JANUARY BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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

*Entrance Hymn:* 470  
*Introit:* In excelso throno  
*Mass:* Missa ‘O magnum mysterium’  
 — Victoria  
*Lessons:* Isaiah 43: 1 - 7  
 Psalm 29  
 Acts 8: 14 - 17  
*Hymn:* 58 (T 128 (ii))  
*Gospel:* Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 - 22  
*Preacher:* Fr Neil Bunker  
*Anthem:* See, see, the Word is incarnate  
 — Gibbons  
*Hymns:* 52, 57, 55  
*Voluntary:* Les enfants de Dieu  
 — Messiaen

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

*Psalms:* 46, 47  
*Lessons:* Isaiah 55: 1 - 11  
 Romans 6: 1 - 11  
*Office Hymn:* 46  
*Canticles:* Service in E flat (No 1)  
 — Wood  
*Anthem:* Holy is the true light — Harris  
*Preacher:* Fr Gerald Beauchamp  
*Hymn:* 114

#### **BENEDICTION**

*O Salutaris:* Nicholson  
*Hymn:* 387  
*Tantum ergo:* Nicholson  
*Voluntary:* Flourish for an occasion  
 — Harris

● **SUNDAY 20 JANUARY**  
**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**OF EPIPHANY**

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

*Entrance Hymn:* 56

*Introit:* Omnis terra

*Mass:* Missa Brevis — Berkeley

*Lessons:* Isaiah 62: 1 - 5

Psalm 36

1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

*Hymn:* 367 (ii)

*Gospel:* John 2: 1 - 11

*Preacher:* Fr Julian Browning

*Creed:* Credo II

*Anthem:* Lo, star-led chiefs — Crotch

*Hymns:* 302, 431, 484 (T 167)

*Voluntary:* Prelude and Fugue in E flat  
— Saint-Saëns

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

*Psalm:* 96

*Lessons:* 1 Samuel 3: 1 - 20

Ephesians 4: 1 - 16

*Office Hymn:* 54

*Canticles:* Service in B flat — Purcell

*Anthem:* Lullaby, my sweet little baby  
— Byrd

*Preacher:* Fr John Pritchard

*Hymn:* 345

**BENEDICTION**

*O Salutaris:* Tallis

*Hymn:* 481 (T 462)

*Tantum ergo:* Victoria (No 2)

*Voluntary:* Magnificat noni toni  
BuxWV205 — Buxtehude

● **SUNDAY 27 JANUARY**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**OF EPIPHANY**

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

*Entrance Hymn:* 415 (T 346; v 6 Descant  
— Gray)

*Introit:* Adorate Deum

*Mass:* Missa Brevis in F — Mozart

*Lessons:* Nehemiah 8: 1 - 3, 5 - 6, 8 - 10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 31a

*Hymn:* 407

*Gospel:* Luke 4: 14 - 21

*Preacher:* Fr John Pritchard

*Anthem:* O ye little flock — Amner

*Hymns:* 513, Hark, hark, my soul!, 438

*Voluntary:* Christum wir sollen loben  
schon BWV 611 — Bach

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

*Psalm:* 33

*Lessons:* Numbers 9: 15 - end

1 Corinthians 7: 17 - 24

*Office Hymn:* 54

*Canticles:* The Wells Service  
— Malcolm Archer

*Anthem:* O magnum mysterium  
— Poulenc

*Preacher:* Fr Julian Browning

*Hymn:* 360

**BENEDICTION**

*O Salutaris:* Harry Brama (No 2)

*Hymn:* 239

*Tantum ergo:* Harry Brama (No 2)

*Voluntary:* Sicilienne — Duruflé

# CALENDAR AND INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2013

1	<b>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b>	God's blessing on the New Year
2	St Basil the Great and St Gregory of Nazianzus	Bishop of London
3		Unity
4		Those in need
5		Hospitals
6	✕ <b>EPIPHANY</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
7		The Emergency Services
8		The homeless
9		Friends of All Saints
10	<i>William Laud, archbishop</i>	Unity
11	<i>Mary Slessor, missionary</i>	Those in need
12	St Aelred; <i>Benedict Biscop, scholar</i>	Religious Communities
13	✕ <b>BAPTISM OF CHRIST</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</i>	
14		Parochial Church Council
15		The unemployed
16		Peace of the world
17	St Antony of Egypt; <i>Charles Gore</i>	Unity
18	<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b>	<b>18 – 25 January</b>
		Those in need
19	St Wulfstan	Roman Catholic Church
20	✕ <b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
21	St Agnes	The Orthodox Churches
22	<i>St Vincent of Saragossa</i>	The Free Churches
23		Appointment of Director of Music
24	St Francis de Sales	Unity
25	<b>Conversion of St Paul</b>	Those in need
26	Ss Timothy and Titus, companions of St Paul	Vocations
27	✕ <b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>	<b>OUR PARISH AND PEOPLE</b>
28	St Thomas Aquinas	Theologians
29		The Armed Forces
30	St Charles, king and martyr	The Queen and Royal Family
31	<i>John Bosco, priest</i>	Church Schools

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**Please note:**

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

