



Oswestry gets to work

The Society's new apostle: an interview with Bishop Paul Thomas

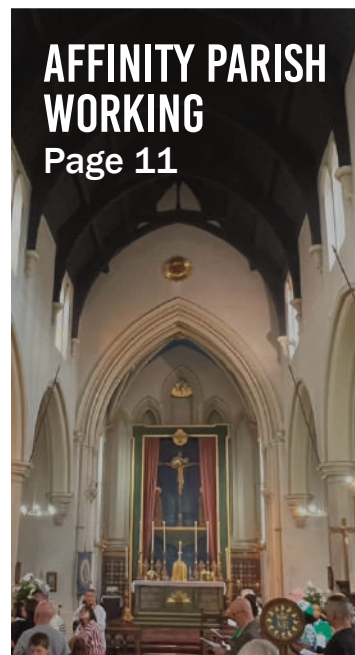


The See of Oswestry was a Victorian invention but never actually activated, redolent of an era when the Church of England was growing and confidence was high as so many new churches were constructed. The recent plan to restore the See of Maidstone to the Diocese of Canterbury and reallocate the See of Ebbw Vale to the evangelical wing meant a rethink for the first time since the system of Provincial Episcopal Visitors (PEVs) – or ‘flying bishops’ – had been set up in the 1990s. In part this is remarkable because of the assumption 30 years ago that these alternative arrangements would have a limited shelf life. In fact the opposite is true. Traditionalist parishes and vocations continue to grow. They maintain a need for as many (if not more) bishops than three decades ago, and in the last three months alone we have seen the consecration of Bishop Stephen Race to the See of Beverley, and now Bishop Paul Thomas to the See of

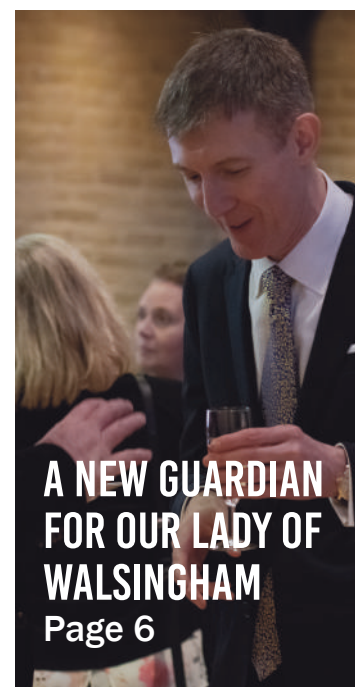
Oswestry for the western half of the Southern Province (Bishop Norman Banks of Richborough ministers to the eastern half).

In many ways this has come as a surprise to a number in the Church of England who expected the ordination of women as priests and then bishops twenty years later as a done deal. Far from it. The need for the Anglican connection with the wider universal church is essential. Catholic parishes are the beating heart of that orthodoxy and without them the Church of England would cease to be recognisable to them as a church. It is a problem in the UK too, now a nation where the majority of the population no longer considers itself to be Christian. In itself this is not so different from other nations in the West, but it does ask questions about the core of who we are and what we do.

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A Message for Holy Week & Easter 2023

St Vincent Ferrer (died AD1419) was a phenomenal preacher – possibly the Billy Graham of his day. It is said that thousand upon thousands were converted to the faith of Christ through his preaching. In one of his treatise on the spiritual life he writes: “But in your desire to be of use to the souls of your neighbours, you must first of all have recourse to God with your whole heart, and simply make this request of him. Ask him, in his goodness to pour into you that love in which is the sum of all virtues, through which you may be able to achieve what you desire.”

During Lent, but particularly in Holy Week, we are confronted with what that might mean in reality. That love, in which is the sum of all virtues, was mocked, abused and killed. As Christians, we consciously align ourselves with that love. And in committing ourselves to reveal that love in our own day, we know we run the risk of being mocked, abused and killed too. Is this something we are really prepared to do for the sake of others? That is what Jesus asks of us. To love as he loves. This flies in the face of contemporary culture which promotes self-satisfaction, self-development, self-enhancement and so much more, putting personal pleasure and well-being above all else. That is how modern capitalism works and it's ultimately meaningless.

Jesus doesn't diminish the individual – on the contrary, he reveals how God loves each individual uniquely. But we are loved within community and fellowship and we find fulfilment and purpose when we actively pursue the well-being of others.

Every Lent, I set out to become more Christ-like. As every Lent draws to a close I wonder if I have succeeded – I generally think not. But that doesn't mean I give up. I want to pray with all my heart the prayer that St Vincent Ferrer suggests. Will you join with me this year? – “Father, pour into me that love in which is the sum of all virtues.”

Enabled by that love we will, together, serve (and probably suffer) in the imitation of Christ. Others will then know that we are his disciples. Inspired by the good news of the glorious Resurrection, through us others will come to know Jesus as their loving Saviour – with St Peter they will cry out, “Lord ... you have the words of eternal life.” And with St Mary Magdalene, as they discover that God calls them by name and makes them his own, “Rabbouni! (which means Teacher).”



May you be blessed with a holy and transformational Lent and through your Eastertide rejoicing may the Risen Lord be made known in your homes and places of leisure and work – and throughout our land.

+Stephen Beverley

The Rt Revd Stephen Race, Bishop of Beverley

Image: Christ on the Cross with the Magdalen, the Virgin Mary and Saint John the Evangelist (c.1643) by Eustache Le Sueur (1616-1655); Oil on canvas, the National Gallery (bought 1994).

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Mutual flourishing, therefore, and the continuity of our sacramental integrity is extremely important. It means we can continue to teach the faith of old as handed down to us, bringing new Christians to faith and keeping ourselves within the unbroken line of apostolic ministry, from the earliest days of the Church. And it is vital – in the strength of that identity and mission – that we continue to have bishops and priests, ordained in the assurance of historic apostolic succession. Into such a scene comes the new Bishop of Oswestry, Fr Paul Thomas, who became the Vicar of St James, Sussex Gardens, near Paddington Station in the Diocese of London, in 2011. He is still there, for the time being, until his family's new accommodation in the Midlands becomes available and he is able fully to take up his position as a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Lichfield with oversight of the former Ebbsfleet parishes.



Striking a wry note, and typical of his dry sense of humour, Bishop Paul mentions “a new sense of devotion to St Christopher”. The patron saint of travellers has perhaps never felt so important. “When you are setting out each day to journey great distances, the intercession of a heavenly patron in that task is of some comfort.” From Derby, at the top of the western half of Canterbury Province, down to Truro, it is around 300 miles. This is all his patch for anyone looking to alternative episcopal oversight in those dioceses. To drive between the two is the best part of six hours – or ten hours and three train changes via rail. This is not a job for someone afraid of long distances. Already he has been on the road. Within 48 hours of his consecration he was at St Agatha, Sparkbrook, for their patronal festival. The following day he was at Stony Stratford (St Mary & St Giles) and Castlethorpe (St Simon & St Jude). 24 hours with Fr Gary Ecclestone to discuss the Healthy Churches Project followed, looking at points up and down the province where his See will need to minister and be present, all the while balancing the pastoral with the strategic. Next came pastoral visits to clergy on the way to Plymouth to be with the people of St Francis of Assisi in Honicknowle, who have suffered a devastating fire. “It’s pastoral ministry. You just go, don’t you? Even though you don’t know what you might find when you get there.”

Within the opening weeks of his episcopal ministry, the diary is filling as he quickly comes to terms with what it means to be bishop. ‘For you I am a bishop, with you, after all, I am a Christian. The first is the name of an office undertaken, the second a name of grace,’

famously said St Augustine of Hippo. The new Bishop of Oswestry is clear that his ministry must be one of service. “Otherwise what?” he says. “Otherwise it slips into managerialism and overlordship. And that is something that quickly becomes hierarchical and self-referencing.”

Having just started wearing a pointy hat, he has a neat take on this ‘inverted triangle’. He is, in fact, very clear. “Episcopal ministry is here to serve. That triangle doesn’t have the bishop at the top but at the bottom. It’s about the sanctification of the people of God. If I am here for anything then it is service, teaching, and pastoral care.” Bishop Paul has been ringing around his clergy, booking in appointments and co-ordinating his visits to see as many people as possible, also making sure he gets to places which have not seen a bishop for a while.

He knows too that he needs stamina, and it is handy that he has run long distances before. “People keep telling me this is a marathon not a sprint. But you need to get up to speed first and find that pace which sustains your rhythm for the rest of the race.” He speaks whereof he knows, having run marathons in Scotland and Wales – most notably a double-marathon distance over two days, from Brecon to Cardiff. He understands the importance of stamina and as something distinct from fitness. “I shall need to find a way of keeping to a discipline of fitness along with everything else. This can be a bit sedentary: you’re sitting behind a desk, or at the wheel of a car, or in a train carriage, or in meetings. Finding that balance is something I come to seek.” The ‘ministry of the diary’ is also essential, he notes, in order to do the job well – efficiently and building in time to attend to the whole mosaic of his life and vocation.



Prayer is also important. “I draw from that deep well, each day – morning by morning. What are we without a deep pattern of prayer?” he asks, a rhetorical flourish which is picked up and developed as he continues speaking. He references his time as a parish priest and what it means to be in holy orders. “I don’t know how to do anything else, and I don’t think I want to do anything else.” He acknowledges he will miss having a regular altar at which to say mass but his “firm intention is to exercise this ministry as a priest in apostolic orders – it is a different rhythm of sacramental life”. Never has it seemed more obvious that Christians are, in the words of Austin Farrer, a ‘walking sacrament’ – except in this case the bishop is more a ‘travelling sacrament’.



Bishop Paul grew up in rural Carmarthenshire and studied medieval English at Cardiff. Those cadences ripple through his speech – a Welshman’s music and immersion in the beauties of classical language. His sermons show a careful attention to metaphor and motif, alert to the images of scripture and the power of the Lord in our midst. This was also echoed in the fraternal letter of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew which was read aloud at the beginning of Bishop Paul’s consecration service – “the eternal melody of timeless patristic teaching,” he says.

It was to the parish of St James, Sussex Gardens, that he welcomed the Patriarch last year for an Ecumenical Evensong, a special moment for the Church of England in the 21st century. Togetherness and being close to the mind of the universal church is important for Bishop Paul. His previous parish held the Greek Orthodox Cathedral Church of Saint Sophia on Moscow Road and he became accustomed to working across denominational boundaries for positive ecumenical results. This is becoming an increasingly vital area for engagement among church leaders.

The See of Oswestry cares for an area of distinct differences. Its bishop will need to be a man for all seasons, as well as of many parts. He brings experience of social and economic contrasts from a central London parish with everything from the homeless to multimillion pound houses and postwar housing estates. The dioceses on his patch now have all these distinctions writ large: parishes with extreme deprivation and socioeconomic challenge, alongside seriously wealthy parts of the country. He is married to Louisa, who herself hails from the Midlands, and they have two young sons; they will be experiencing change this year along with the new bishop. We pray for them all, and for the gift of the Spirit, for none can bear the weight of this calling in their own strength, but only by the grace and power of God. Bishop Paul will need them in abundance and he brings blessing to his people and all God’s church.

My Diaconal Year

Fr Thomas Cotterill offers a reflection on his first months of ministry

'Enjoy it whilst it lasts. Next year, you'll be behind a pillar at the end of the line of concelebrants.' Words spoken to me and I'm sure many a deacon about the importance of making the most of the year we spend solely in diaconal orders. (I note Canon Rebecca Swyer's reminder in IME sessions that 'once a deacon, always a deacon'). Without pre-empting God and the Bishop for what will soon be asked of me and given to me, I reflect on my time so far as a deacon with great joy.



Working alongside my kind and supportive training incumbent, I have much enjoyed getting to know and ministering to congregations across my title parishes, St Bartholomew's and St Paul's in Brighton. Preaching and teaching have been particular highlights for me, and I hope for those who have heard my musings, enabling what I studied at seminary to be communicated to the disciples of Christ on the south coast whom I am privileged to serve. For me, being embedded in a community and building and sustaining pastoral relationships are the foundations for how I live and work as a deacon.

Some months on from ordination, Brighton as a place remains as full of surprises as it did on day one. The fact that this is also said by parishioners who have lived here many more years than me is reassurance that with respect to Brighton 'twas ever thus!

My involvement in the two church primary schools attached to my title parishes has been a particular joy for me. Leading and contributing to assemblies week by week has been something I have especially enjoyed, even though I had little experience of such activity before ordination. The inquisitiveness of children is certainly something which keeps me on my toes! Moreover, the privilege of helping with First Communion preparation with a



group of students from Years 5 and 6 was brought home to me when the Bishop of Lewes baptised many of them and admitted all of them to Holy Communion, something which was almost as special to me as it was to the students themselves and their friends and families.

Amidst the business of coastal parish life, I have also found deaconing at some of the do's that mark our calendars a great honour. Whether surrounded by however many Christmas trees Fr Houlding managed this year or amidst the homeliness of England's Nazareth or, more recently, under the eye of the Primate of All England at the recent consecration of the new Bishop of Oswestry, I have been humbled by opportunities to serve the Church beyond the part of the vineyard I call home.

Yet, for all the splendour and fun of such events, the one overriding highlight of my deacon's year has been my ministry to the sick and housebound. Taking the Sacrament to those who cannot get to Mass and sensing the comfort drawn from Our Lord's presence in the Host has kindled within me a much deeper love for the Sacrament of the altar. As Priesting approaches, I pray that I would be as worthy as I can be of the call to stand at God's altar and offer the sacred mysteries.

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Man was made for the Sabbath

Fr Michael Brydon writes from the Fishermen's Church: St Matthew's, Douglas, on the Isle of Man

*HEAR us, O Lord, from Heaven, Thy dwelling-place;
Like them of old, in vain we toil all night,
Unless with us Thou go, Who art the Light;
Come then, O Lord, that we may see Thy face.*

The Manx Fishermen's Evening Hymn is much loved on the Isle of Man. When the BBC tried to truncate it for Songs of Praise there was a gentle mutiny. It is based on a prayer by Thomas Wilson, Bishop of Sodor and Man from 1697 to 1755. It



was Wilson who was responsible for founding St Matthew's to serve the growing town based around the harbour.

The present building, erected between 1897 and 1907, was one of the first churches to be unlocked between services and to have free seats; it also offered a variety of parish groups ranging from a brass band to the Church Lads' Brigade. Its Catholic tradition was not always appreciated by past bishops and there were occasions when the departing congregation found themselves being pelted with missiles by local roughs.

Thankfully the present Bishop of Sodor and Man and Archdeacon are very supportive. I moved to Sodor and Man to be chaplain to the bishop and it was not on my agenda to take on a half-time parochial responsibility. It was the faithfulness and vision of the congregation which made me change my mind. They had embarked on an ambitious renovation of their two halls, so that they could serve the community better. I also appreciated the fact that they had a sense of fun along with a determination to maintain their Catholic tradition as a gift to the whole Island. It is certainly the only church where you will still find Mass celebrated on all Feast Days.

We are gently growing in both faith and numbers. We have tried to make more of our maritime



heritage. The RNLI was founded on the Isle of Man and when we offered the carol service collection to them, they brought the lifeboat, decked out in lights, to the adjacent quayside. I have also taken on the role of Chaplain to the Sea Cadets and was grateful for their help at Epiphany. We are very close to the Town Hall and for the last two years I have been chaplain to the mayor, which has helped to increase our civic links.

Like many Catholic parishes the surrounding housing has largely been cleared. People with family links are very loyal, but it has meant that the congregation is more eclectic. The parish is shaped like a frying pan, with the church at the extremity of the handle and the population now in

Spreading the Catholic Faith - a Guyana venture

Fr John Twisleton recalls the fruitful work of the Guyana Diocesan Association

The Guyana Diocesan Association (GDA) and I go back over 40 years to a friendship I built with my then fellow Company of Mission Priests colleague Canon John Dorman. It was he who planted in me the idea of investing a period of my life in Guyana, South America to assist with training priests. By 1987 12 indigenous candidates had been trained so that the sacraments were available regularly across most of Guyana's interior. The invitation, which I took up with Fr Allan Buik and my wife-to-be Anne, at the Alan Knight Training Centre at Yupukari, was to lead training for a second group of six men. These were fishermen before they were priests and fishermen in another sense after their priesting in April 1990. "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people" Jesus said (Matthew 4.19).

Over the years I have spent involved with GDA, sadly closed in 2022, I have reflected on the different scale of evangelistic fishing in England and Guyana. The priests I trained have both rivers teaming with fish and communities readily caught up into worship when there is a priest "to fish for people". I am very aware of the contrast in size of congregations apparent between the Diocese of Guyana and the Church of England dioceses I have served in. The Diocese of Guyana is not short of "fish", to continue the analogy, though she could always do with more "fishermen". There remains a great shortage of priests although recent years have seen encouraging signs of new vocations. It was tremendously refreshing, as a priest used to small congregations, to sweat away at giving Holy Communion to hundreds of folk week by week. I recall one Sunday Mass in Guyana when I emptied the Tabernacle and had to re-consecrate twice to provide for the multitude that flocked to the rails. On another occasion I recall a Saturday when 1000 young people aged 15-30 turned out for the annual Diocesan Sports Competition, something most heartening. We in the Church of England were said at that time to be losing 1000 young people every week. I am convinced that giving 3 years of my life to train priests for Guyana was a good investment of my time and talents and would encourage any readers, especially those in the ministerial priesthood, to consider a time of overseas service. Few places are as beautiful as the forested interior of Guyana, a beauty that has drawn a succession



of missionaries from the Church of England over two centuries. The country lies on the north-east coast of the South American continent, between Venezuela on the west, Surinam on the east, Brazil to the south with the Atlantic Ocean facing it on the north. It is as large as the combined areas of England, Scotland and Wales. The Church Union has worked for years with other Anglo-Catholic agencies to serve mission and ministry there at the invitation of successive bishops working with GDA to facilitate exchange of gifts and personnel supportive of the Diocese of Guyana. That support of Anglican work has been respectful of the variety of religions serving Guyana's diverse peoples, notably of Indigenous, African and Indian heritage. One privilege of living in Guyana is the mutual respect evident there between faiths and increasingly between diverse racial groups. Despite the misuse of power during the colonial era many Guyanese keep affection for the UK and the Commonwealth. Though now part of the Church in the Province of the West Indies the Diocese of Guyana similarly retains an affection for the Church of England, which will survive the demise of GDA, especially gratitude for its contribution to raising up priests to serve Guyana's vast interior. This work was crowned by the consecration of an indigenous assistant bishop, The Right Revd Alfred David, in 2021 from among the priests trained at the Alan Knight Centre.

Reflecting on the key role of Archbishop Alan Knight over his 42 year reign up to 1979, Robert Moore writes: 'A robust Anglo-Catholic, he made the Church under his direction one of the great centres of traditional Catholic ritual and devotion

in the Anglican Communion... He was never an easy man to categorise... but there were two areas in which he admitted no contradiction: his faith in God and his love of Guyana'. Those words summarise the man responsible in more than one sense for my own call to the Diocese of Guyana. This was linked to the Diocese being infected by his "robust Anglo-Catholicism" with a momentum that was to reach after his passing into Guyana's interior through his memorial, the Alan Knight Training Centre I came to serve in 1987 through Canon John Dorman. That call to train priests for Guyana for me linked to the Anglican Church there being then one of the great centres of explicit Catholic Faith within the Anglican Communion. My invitation to serve came from Knight's Afro-Caribbean successor Bishop Randolph George, well known in the Catholic movement within the Church of England where he served his Curacy.

Christian vocation is continually inspired by holy men and women. When I received the letter from Canon Dorman that shifted me Guyana-wards I could find no excuse for prevarication. There was a spiritual force behind Canon Dorman on that and so many other occasions linked to his docile yet courageous flowing with the Holy Spirit. The need for Amerindian priests was evident. It is demonstrated by a record of one of John's tours of Guyana's interior when he baptised more than 100 children, gave Holy Communion to over 1000 and heard nearly 100 Confessions. It was primarily through John's initiative with that of Archbishop Alan Knight, Bishop Randolph George and men like myself that the Amerindian communities today have priests so that the Sacraments are now available to all Guyanese even those in the remotest parts of the rainforest. In celebrating the passing of GDA I am mindful of the ongoing mission partnership of equals across the world that lives on geared to building up the body of Christ in faith, love and numbers.

'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest' (Matthew 9.37-38).

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the pan part. The Bishop of Sodor and Man has recognised that problem and has recently appointed a Bishop's Missioner, whose responsibilities include discerning how best we both serve and love the whole parish.

On entering St Matthew's, you see a large carved wooden fish, which is a reminder of its original mission as the fishermen's church. The fish, of course, was adopted as a Christian symbol of hope during the challenging days of the Roman Empire. It still provides hope for me and the rest of St Matthew's today, as we navigate the choppy waters of life in 2023. As St Antony of Padua remarked, 'It is only fishes who survive the Deluge'.

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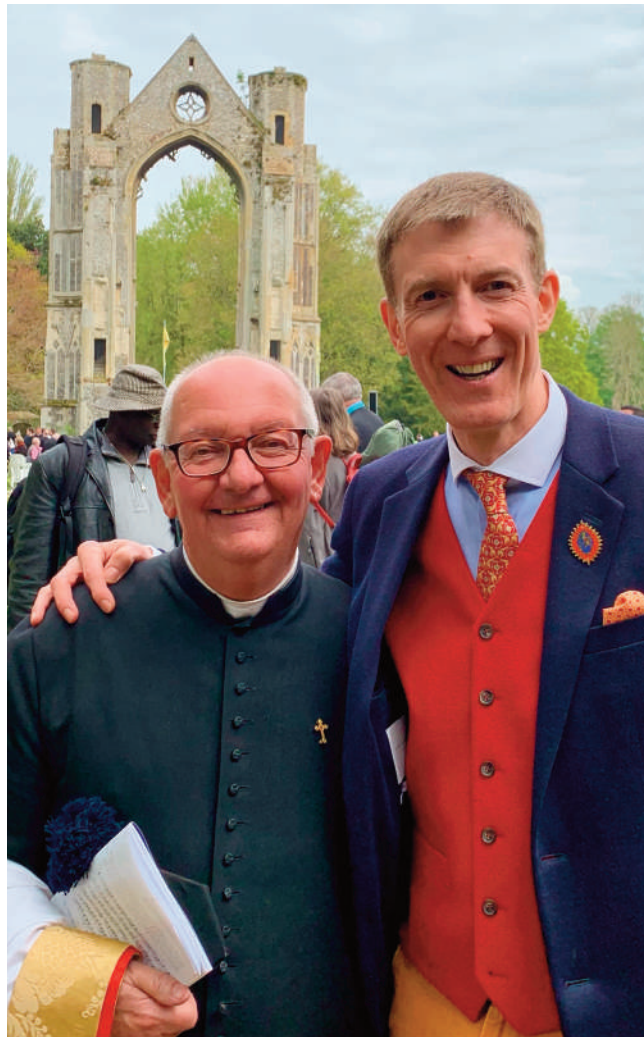
A New Guardian for Our Lady of Walsingham

Bishop Philip North welcomes Aiden Hargreaves-Smith as a new Guardian of the Holy House at the Shrine

Aiden Hargreaves-Smith, a renowned church lawyer and member of the General Synod, has been elected as Guardian of the Holy House and will join the College of Guardians upon his installation at the Shrine after Easter, on Monday 24 April 2023. Originally from West Yorkshire, Aiden studied languages then law at the University of Manchester, before moving to London. A member of the congregation at All Saints, Margaret Street, he was first elected to the Church of England's General Synod in 2000 and has extensive experience, including at St Anselm Hall, Pusey House, and on the Crown Nominations Commission. Professionally, he is Partner and Head of Church Law at Winckworth Sherwood, serving as Registrar of the Diocese of Chelmsford and the Diocese in Europe.

In words of welcome, Bishop Philip North as Master of the Guardians said: "It is with great joy that we welcome Aiden Hargreaves-Smith into the College of Guardians. He will bring immense understanding of ecclesiastical law and safeguarding and a rich experience of the Church of England, not least its synodical processes. Most importantly he is a faithful and committed pilgrim of over 40 years and has a deep devotion to Our Lady and the Incarnation. His profound love of Walsingham will equip him to make a rich contribution to the life of the College and the governance of the Shrine." Originally formed in 1931, the College of Guardians comprises twenty priests and laity who are the legal trustees of the Shrine.

Aiden first came on pilgrimage to Walsingham as a teenager and speaks warmly of his long relationship with the Shrine. "I can still remember the sense of wonder and excitement



I felt as a teenager from the Diocese of Wakefield arriving at the Shrine for the first time. In truth it has never left me. Neither has the feeling that, even for a Yorkshireman 'abroad', this holy place is home: a place where every one of us is welcome. A place where we seek refuge and comfort, healing and wholeness, encouragement, and inspiration – and, with Mary's prayers and by the grace of God, find them. A place where we can learn how better to navigate our life's pilgrim journey, in the company of those God has given us as companions on the way. A place where the unity Christ wills for his Church is still taken seriously."

"In a church and world that can seem ever-changing, that sense of belonging we feel in Walsingham, both individually and corporately, is a precious thing," he continues, pointing to how Church unity has been an important theme in his life. "For me, it is rooted in Our

Lady's constancy, and the model for all Christian discipleship she gives us in her humble devotion to God and complete love for her Son. It is nurtured by the prayers and shared experience of countless faithful pilgrims."

There is also a poignant personal note to Aiden's relationship with the Shrine today. "A particularly special time I've come to appreciate greatly is being at the Shrine on the anniversary of my mother's death each year and then joining in the joyful and ecumenical celebrations of Our Lady's Assumption."

"The Shrine has been part of my life for almost four decades," he concludes. "My immediate response is profound gratitude – to all the many fellow pilgrims from whom I have gained so much over the years, as well as to the wonderful clergy and staff of the Shrine – and a renewed commitment to prayer. Other than that, I shall be following Our Lady's example and treasure up all these things and ponder them in my heart."

Images: Aiden with Mrs Barbara Marlow at Assumptiontide 2018, and with Fr Stephen Dickinson, also from the Diocese of Wakefield and a fellow pilgrim to the Shrine over many years.



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Tuesday of Holy Week 4th April:
6.00pm Stations of the Cross & Mass
Wednesday of Holy Week 5th April:
12 Noon Stations of the Cross & Mass
Maundy Thursday 6th April
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Watch of the Passion
Good Friday 7th April
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Holy Saturday 8th April
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Good Friday 7pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross
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Joint Services for the Triduum
Maundy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
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Saint Bartholomew's - 1500
Saturday - Easter Vigil
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Monday & Tuesday
7:15pm Mass and address
Wednesday 10:30am Mass and address
Maundy Thursday - 7.15pm The Liturgy and Watch 'til 9.00pm.
Good Friday - 2pm Stations of the Cross, 7.15pm The Liturgy.
Holy Saturday - 7.15pm Easter Vigil.
Easter Sunday - 10.30am Sung Parish Mass.
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Palm Sunday 2nd April
10.30am Parish Mass with Procession and Blessing of Palms
Monday in Holy Week
10am Mass
Tuesday in Holy Week
10am Mass
Wednesday in Holy Week
10am Mass / 11am Coffee Church
Both at St Saviour's BS23 3EN
Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Celebration of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet and Procession to the Altar of Repose
Good Friday
10.30am Procession to the Cross
2pm The Liturgy
Holy Saturday
7pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday 9th April
10:30am Easter Sunday Mass
Parish Office Tel: 01934 415379
e-mail: allsaintsandstsaviour@btconnect.com
Visit our website www.allsaintswsm.org

Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol

Easter Services

Good Friday - 2.00pm
Easter Day - 10.00am

Contact Philip Goodfellow
Churchwarden
07733 111 800

St.Martin, Salisbury

Palm Sunday - 10.30am Procession of Palms from Saint Martin's Centre and Parish Mass at 10:30am.
Holy Week - see website or phone Parish Office
The Easter Triduum
Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch until 10:00pm
Good Friday
8:00am Watch of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30am The Solemn Liturgy.
Holy Saturday - 8pm The Easter Vigil
Easter Day in the Lord's Resurrection
10:30am Parish Mass and Procession

Office: 01 722 503123.
www.sarumstmartin.org.uk

St Michael's, Heavitree (Church Lane EX25EH)

Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Sung Mass, Procession and Watch until Midnight.
Good Friday:
noon Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Easter Day
8.00am Said Mass
10.30am Parish Mass
Parish Priest Fr.Ben Rabjohns,
01 392 677150

St Peter's Crabbs Cross, Littlewoods,

Redditch, Worcestershire B97 5LB
Holy Week & Easter Services
Good Friday
Easter Workshop for under 11's
Good Friday 10.30am to 12.15pm
Stations of the cross and walk of witness 1pm
Good Friday Liturgy St George and St Matthias 3pm
Holy Saturday
Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter 7.30pm
Easter day
Easter Mass 10.30am
Contact: Diane Mowatt
01527 542222

St Luke's, Jersey

Palm Sunday
0830 Low Mass
1000 Solemn Mass with Palm Procession
1800 Passiontide Concert
Maundy Thursday
1930 Mass of the Lord's Supper with Watch until midnight
Good Friday
1100 Stations of the Cross for children
1400 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
2030 The Easter Vigil
Easter Day
0830 Low Mass 10.00 Solemn Mass
Fr Nick Barry SSC 01534 851445
www.stlukesjersey.com

ALL HALLOWS EASTON BRISTOL BS5 0HH

Holy Week & Easter
Palm Sunday
10am Mass with Procession of Palms
Monday in Holy Week
7.15pm Stations of the Cross.
Tuesday 7.15pm Mass.
Wednesday 10am Mass.
Maundy Thursday 7.15pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Good Friday 10am Family Liturgy of the Passion for children and adults.
Holy Saturday 7.15pm Easter Vigil Mass with lighting of the Easter candle.
Easter Day 10am Family Mass.
Contact Fr Jones Mutemwakwenda
01179551804 www.allhallowseaston.org
Email: allhallowseaston@hotmail.com

St. Martin of Tours,

Barton, Barton Hill Road, Torquay, TQ2 8JA
Palm Sunday - 09:30am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Mass.
Tuesday - 7pm Mass
Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm Mass, followed by the Gethsemane Vigil.
Good Friday - 10.30am Stations of the Cross, 2pm The Liturgy.
Holy Saturday - 8pm Easter Vigil.
Easter Day - 09:30am Parish Mass
Fr Nick Debney 01803 914771

St Mary the Virgin,

Fore Street, St Marychurch, Torquay, TQ1 4PZ
Palm Sunday
11am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Mass.
Monday - 10am Mass
Wednesday - 10am Mass
Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm Mass, followed by the Gethsemane Vigil.
Good Friday - 10:00 - Walk of Witness, 2pm - The Liturgy.
Holy Saturday - 8pm Easter Vigil.
Easter Day - 11am Parish Mass
Fr Nick Debney 01803 914771

Bathwick Parishes, Bath

St.John's (Opposite the Fire Station)
Palm Sunday
9am Sung Mass
Maundy Thursday
10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross
Good Friday
3pm Liturgy of the Crucifixion of the Lord
Holy Saturday
8.00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Day 9am Sung Mass
St.Mary's (Bottom of Bathwick Hill)
Palm Sunday
10.30am Parish Mass
6pm 'Via Crucis' (Way of the Cross) Devotional Service
Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by Watch
Good Friday
12 noon Liturgy of the Crucifixion of the Lord
Easter Day 10.30am Parish Mass
Contact Fr.Peter Edwards 01225 460052
or www.bathwickparishes.org.uk

St.Helen, Athersley and St.John the Evangelist, Carlton

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.
0800 Mass St. Helen Athersley.
10.30. Solemn United Benefice Mass with blessing and procession of Palms and solemn reading of the passion at St. Johns Carlton 5.00pm Benediction St. Helen Athersley
Monday of Holy Week
10.00 Mass. St. John Carlton 7.00pm Mass and address. St. Helen Athersley
Tuesday of Holy Week 10.00 mass. St. John Carlton 7.00pm Mass and address. St. Helen Athersley
Wednesday of Holy Week 10.00 Mass. St. John Carlton 7.00pm Mass and address. St. Helen Athersley.
MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet , stripping of the Altars and watch till midnight.
GOOD FRIDAY 10.00 Stations of the Cross. St. John Carlton 3.00pm. LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION. St. Helen Athersley.
HOLY SATURDAY 7.30pm The Great Vigil of Easter and first Mass of Easter.St. Helen Athersley.
EASTER DAY 0800. Mass. St. Helen Athersley 09.30 Parish Mass . St. John Carlton 11.00 Parish Mass. St. Helen Athersley 5.00pm Benediction. St. Helen Athersley. Followed by Easter Party.

St.Luke, New Rossington

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday : 3.00 pm
Maundy Thursday
Last supper : 7.00pm
Good Friday
The Lord's Passion : 3.00 pm
Easter Day
He is risen : 3.00 pm
Contact - Mrs Lynne Rodwell
07805 092010

The Parish Church of S.James the Great,

Albert Hill, Darlington, Co.Durham DL1 2LU
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 10:00am Parish Mass - will be live streamed
HOLY WEEK
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
9:30 am Said Mass with Homily followed by Stations of The Cross
MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper; Procession of Blessed Sacrament to Garden of Repose and Evening Watch of The Passion
GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 2:00 pm Confessions 3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy
EASTER SUNDAY 9:45 am Parish Mass - will be live streamed followed by Sherry Reception in Church Hall
For more information, visit our web site: www.stjamesdarlington.org
Or telephone Father Michael Way - 01325 954069

The Parish Church of S Ignatius the Martyr,

Suffolk Street, Hendon, Sunderland, SR2 8BY.
Palm Sunday
8.00am Mass, 10.30am Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem & Solemn Mass
Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch of the Passion until 10.00pm
Good Friday
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
8.00pm The Easter Vigil
Easter Day
8.00am Mass, 10.30am Solemn Mass
For further information, please telephone 0191 567 5575 or 07833 994930

All Saints, South Shields.

Palm Sunday - 10am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Mass.
Maundy Thursday - 8.00pm Mass of the Last Supper and Watch 'til Midnight.
Good Friday - 10am Stations of the Cross, 2pm The Good Friday Liturgy.
Holy Saturday - 8.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Easter Day - 10am Sung Mass.

Fr.Mervyn Thompson,
Team Rector: 0191 456 1851

ST MARY'S HORDEN, COUNTY DURHAM

Palm Sunday
1030 Blessing of Palms, Procession and Parish Mass
1800 Solemn Vespers and Benediction
Monday to Wednesday
Daily Mass, address and devotion - see website
Maundy Thursday
2000 Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch of the Passion
Good Friday
0930 Stations of the Cross; 1400 Solemn Liturgy of the Passion; 1800 Servite Rosary
Holy Saturday
0930 Maria Desolata; 2000 Vigil and Solemn First Mass of Easter
Easter Day
1000 Parish Mass and Maria Consolata and Blessing of Eggs
1800 Solemn Vespers and Benediction
The Revd Kyle G. McNeil SSC
0191 586 0606
www.stmaryshorden.co.uk

S.Chad, Toller Lane, Bradford

An English Missal Parish of the Society
Monday and Tuesday
18h Mass
Wednesday
19h30 Mass
Maundy Thursday
19h30 Solemn Mass followed by Watch till Midnight
Good Friday
9h Mattins and Litany
13h Hour of Meditation
14h The Liturgy of Good Friday
Easter Even
10h45 Ceremonies, Vigil and Solemn Mass
Easter Day
9h30 Mattins and Litany
10h45 Procession and Solemn Mass
18h30 Solemn Vespers and Benediction (Latin)

Please see <http://schads.church> for details

SEAHAM: COUNTY DURHAM

S John (SJ) Seaham Harbour SR7 TSA with All Saints Deneside (AS) & S Mary's Seaham (SM)
HOLY WEEK & EASTER
Palm Sun 11am Solemn Mass & Procession (SJ)
Mon. Tues , Wed (SJ) 9.30am & 7.00pm Mass **Mon - Tues & Wed** 7.30pm Compline & Homily: SJ
Maundy Thursday: 7.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, transfer of the Blessed Sacrament, & Solemn Watch SJ
Good Friday: 9.30am Stations of the Cross (AS) 1.30pm Devotional Service (SM) 3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (SJ).
Holy Saturday: 7.00pm Easter Vigil Liturgy & First Mass of Easter (SJ).
Easter Day: 9.00am Solemn Mass (AS) 10.00am Sung Mass (SM) 11.00am Solemn Mass |(SJ) 5.00pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction (SJ)
Parish of The Society in the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Beverley.
Priests: Fr Paul Kennedy SSC 0191 3665496
5816774 Fr John D' Silva 07309669680
Fr Chris Collins 0191 5817186
<http://www.stjohns-seaham.org.uk>

The Parish Church of S. Helen Auckland, Bishop Auckland

Palm Sunday
10.00 am Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem and Parish Mass. 4.00 pm Evensong
Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week
7.00pm Holy Mass and Devotion
Wednesday in Holy Week
10.00 am Holy Mass and Devotion
Maundy Thursday
7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by The Watch of the Passion
Good Friday
2.00 pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
2.00pm Children's Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday
7.30 pm The Easter Vigil and The First Mass of Easter
followed by Fireworks and Parish Party
Easter Day
10.00 am Solemn Mass followed by drinks in the Ark
Fr Robert McTeer SSC
www.sthelenschurch.co.uk

St.Aiden's Grangetown, Sunderland SR2 9RS
Palm Sunday 10.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Solemn Sung Mass. 6.00pm: Chrism Mass – celebrated by Rt. Rev. Stephen Race SSC The Bishop of Beverley.
Monday
7.00pm Said Mass (with Address).
Tuesday
7.00pm Said Mass (with Address).
Wednesday
7.00pm Said Mass (with Address).
Maundy Thursday
7.30pm. Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet and The Watch until Midnight. **Good Friday**
2.00pm Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.
Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil 8pm
Easter Day Solemn Sung Mass 10am Benediction 6.00pm
Contact: Fr David Raine SSC
0191 5143485 farvad@sky.com

Christ the King, Bowburn, Durham, DH6 5DS
Palm Sunday 11am Procession of Palms and Sung Mass meet at the Pit Memorial on Prince Charles Avenue
Maundy Thursday
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the watch at the Altar of Repose until 10pm Night Prayer **Good Friday** 3pm The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death
Holy Saturday
8.00pm The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter followed by Easter Party and Fireworks
Easter Day 11am Festival Mass followed by a children's Easter egg hunt
Parish Priest: Fr. John Livesley SSC: 01388 814817

St.Mary the Virgin, Handsworth, Sheffield
Palm Sunday
9.45am Procession and Mass
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
9.30am Morning Prayer and Mass.
Maundy Thursday
9am Morning Prayer.7pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and Watch.
Good Friday
9am Morning Prayer
2pm Liturgy of the Passion.
Holy Saturday
9am Morning Prayer
7pm The Vigil.
Easter Day
10am Family Mass.
Website -
www.stmaryshandsworth.org.uk
Rector Fr.Keith Johnson SSC
01 269 3983

St. Andrew's, Tudhoe Grange, Spennymoor, DL16 6NE
Palm Sunday 9am Procession of Palms and Sung Mass. Meet outside the churchyard gate. 5.15pm Stations of the Cross and (6pm) Evensong
Maundy Thursday
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the watch at the Altar of Repose until 10.45pm Night Prayer **Good Friday**
12 noon The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death, 1pm Easter story and Easter Garden building for children
Holy Saturday
8:00pm The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter, followed by Easter Party and Fireworks at Christ the King **Easter Day**
9am Festival Mass followed by a children's Easter egg hunt / 6pm Evensong & Benediction
Parish Priest: Fr. John Livesley SSC: 01388 814817

All Saints, North Street, York.
Palm Sunday 10.30am Blessing and distribution of palms and Low Mass; 5.30pm Blessing and distribution of palms, procession and Sung Mass.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
12.45pm Low Mass. **Maundy Thursday**
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Procession to Altar of Repose and Stripping of Altars.**Good Friday** 12 noon Stations of the Cross; 7.30pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion. **Holy Saturday**
7.30pm Easter Vigil with Baptism, Confirmation and First Mass of Easter at St Mary's, Bishophill Junior. **Easter Day**
10.30am Low Mass; 5.30pm Sung Mass, Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
www.allsaints-northstreet.org.uk

THE PRIORY BENEFICE
Grimethorpe, Brierley, Ryhill, South Kirkby
Palm Sunday
10.30am Benefice Mass [South Kirkby]
Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch [Grimethorpe]
Good Friday
2.00pm The Liturgy [South Kirkby]
Holy Saturday
7.00pm Easter Vigil and Lighting of the Paschal Candle [Ryhill]
Easter Day
Easter Day 9.15am Mass [South Kirkby]
10am – Mass [Grimethorpe]
10.30am - Mass [South Kirkby]
Parish Clergy - 01 226 107705

St.Catherine of Siena, Richmond Road, Sheffield
Palm Sunday
10.00am Blessing of Palms, procession & Parish Mass / 4.00pm Preparation for Easter, Confessions, Exposition & Benediction
Maundy Thursday
8.00pm Mass of the Lords Supper & watch
Good Friday
10.00am Childrens Messy Church
2.30pm. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday & Veneration of the Cross
Holy Saturday 7.00pm The Easter Vigil
Easter Day 10.00am Parish Mass
Contact Fr.Philip Knowles 0114 239 9598

The United Benefice of S. Hugh of Lincoln, New Cantley & Holy Trinity, Doncaster.
All worship at S. Hugh's.
Contact Fr J Stokoe 01302 371256
Palm Sunday
Procession of palms and mass of the Passion, 10.00am
Evening prayer and Benediction 4pm
Tuesday, Mass at 10.00am, followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday, Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.30pm, Mass 6.30pm
The Easter Triduum.
Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper and watch, 7.30pm until 10.00pm.
Good Friday,
Celebration of the Passion 3.00pm
Holy Saturday,The Easter Vigil beginning at 7.30pm **Easter Day** Mass at 10.00am
ALL WELCOME

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
South Westoe, South Shields, NE33 3PD:
Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday: Masses at 8am (BCP) and 11am with blessing and distribution of palm crosses.
Maundy Thursday:
Mass of the Lord's Supper, Passion Watch and Compline at 8pm.
Good Friday:
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.
Holy Saturday:
Easter Vigil at 7.30pm.
Easter Day:
Masses at 8am (BCP) and 11am.
For further information, contact: fathermarkmawhinney@gmail.com

The Parish of St Peter and St Leonard, Horbury (WF4 6AS) with St John, Horbury Bridge (WF4 5NU)
Palm Sunday 9am Sung Mass, St John's / 10.30am Procession and Sung Mass, St Peter's
Maundy Thursday 7pm Sung Mass, Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament and Watch, St Peter's **Good Friday** 10am Children's Liturgy, St Peter's / 1pm Meditation, St John's / 3pm Good Friday Liturgy, St Peter's **Easter Eve** 9am Devotion, St Peter's / 7pm Easter Vigil, St Peter's
Easter Day 8am Mass, St Peter's / 9am Sung Mass with Blessing of Eggs, St John's / 10.30am Sung Mass with Blessing of Eggs, St Peter's / 5pm Evensong and Benediction, St John's
Daily mass except Mondays; confessions Wednesdays 6pm or by appointment
Follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @horburychurch or find us at horburychurch.com

The Parish of Swinton & Pendlebury
PRINCIPAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Palm Sunday
8am & 5.30pm
Mass at St Peter, Swinton M27 OWA
9.30am Blessing of Palms, etc., & Sung Mass at All Saints, Wardley M27 9UG at Saint Peter's at 10.30 a.m., and at Saint Augustine, Pendlebury M27 8UX at 11am.
Maundy Thursday
Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm at All Saints and Saint Peter, followed by watch at the Altar of Repose (at Saint Peter until 12 midnight)
Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Augustine at 5pm **Good Friday**
10am Stations of the Cross at St Peter
12noon Liturgy of the Day at St Augustine's
3pm Liturgy of the Day at St Peter
7.30pm Liturgy of the Day at All Saints
Holy Saturday 8pm The Easter Vigil at St Peter, followed by an Easter Party
Easter Sunday
8am. & 5.30pm Mass at St Peter
9.30am Festival Mass at All Saints
10.30am Festival Mass at St Peter
11am Festival Mass at Saint Augustine
12.15pm Festival Mass at St Peter
Easter Monday
11am Solemn Mass at St Peter
7.30pm Mass at All Saints'
For full details of all services, times at which the office is said, and for the sacrament of repentance, please see the notice boards or the parish magazine, or contact the clergy.
Fr Jeremy Sheehy, rector, 0161 794 1578

ST GEORGE'S PRESTON
HOLY WEEK & EASTER
A church of The Society under the episcopal care of the Bishop of Burnley. www.sgp.org.uk or www.facebook/stgeorgethemartyrpreston
Palm Sunday
10.30am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Solemn Mass
Monday Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week
7.00pm Mass with Address
Maundy Thursday
8.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper with Watch
Good Friday
10.30am Stations of the Cross
2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy
6.30pm Maria Desolata
Holy Saturday
8.00pm Paschal Vigil and First Mass of the Resurrection
Easter Day
10.30am Sung Mass
Confessions by appointment.
Parish Priest: Fr David Craven SSC
01772 755125
dacraven@hotmail.com

St Augustine's, Tonge Moor, Bolton
Fridays of Lent 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Sundays of Lent 6.30pm Evensong and Benediction **Palm Sunday 9.00am** Said Mass (St Aidan's) **10.30am** Sung Mass with Palm Procession **6.30pm** Evensong and Benediction
Holy Monday 6.15pm Mass with address
Holy Tuesday 6.15pm Mass with address
Holy Wednesday
10.30am Mass with address (St Aidan's) & 6.15pm Mass with address
Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watch until Midnight
Good Friday 10.30am Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday 8.30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday 9am Sais Mass (St Aidan's) **10.30am** Sung Mass **6.30pm** Solemn Evensong with procession and Benediction.
Confessions as advertised and by appointment.
Fr.Tony Davies 01204 523899

ALL SAINTS' MIDDLESBROUGH
Linthorpe Road TS1 2LR
Palm Sunday
9.45am Blessing of Palms, Procession, Sung Mass
Maundy Thursday
7pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Watch of the Passion
Good Friday 3pm Solemn Liturgy
Easter Eve 7pm The Vigil at S Columba's, adjacent to Sainsbury's
EASTER DAY
9:45 Procession renewal of baptismal promises Sung Mass
Further details contact
Canon Glyn HOLLAND SSC 01642 820304.

Parish of St Anne, St Annes on Sea
Holy Week and EASTER 2023
Holy Monday - Mass 12 noon
Holy Tuesday - Mass 10.30am
Holy Wednesday - Mass 9am
Sacrum Triduum:
Maundy ThursdayMass of the Lord's Supper and Watch 7.30pm
Good Friday
Stations of The Cross 10.30am
Solemn Liturgy of The Passion 3pm
Saturday
Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter 8pm
Easter Day
Parish Mass 10.30am
Parish Priest: Father Glen Brooks SSC CF
01253 728358 frglen@outlook.com
Church Office (Mon - Fri 9.30am - 12noon)
01253 722736
Website: www.stannesparishchurch.org

St Hilda's Prestwich Greater Manchester
A Society Parish under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Beverley
Services during Holy Week
Palm Sunday
10.55am Blessing of Palms followed by High Mass.
Maundy Thursday 7.30pm High Mass followed by Watching.
Good Friday
2.00pm Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday 8.00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 11.00am High Mass
Parish Priest: The Reverend Father Ronald Croft 07395 160 845 or email sthildaprestwich@gmail.com

St Michael, Coppenhall, Crewe.
Palm Sunday
10am Blessing and Procession of Palms and Solemn Mass
Maundy Thursday
7-30pm Mass of the Last Supper followed by Watch 'til 10pm
Good Friday
12 noon Stations of the Cross
1pm Liturgy of the Day
Holy Saturday
7-30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter
Easter Day
8am Low Mass / 10am Solemn Mass
Confessions by Appointment
Contact Fr.John Xavier Leal SSC 01 270 215151

St.Barnabas, West Street, Crewe, CW1 3HX
A Parish of the Society of St.Wilfrid & Hilda.
Palm Sunday Services 10am, 5.30 & 6.00pm (as usual) and Palm Ceremonies
Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper and Watch at the Altar of Repose until Midnight
Good Friday Liturgy of the Day 2.00pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and Mass 8.00pm
Easter Day Solemn Mass and Procession to the Garden10am, Low Mass 5.30pm, Solemn Evensong and Benediction 6.00pm
Confessions by appointment.
Children and Families always welcome.
Please ring Fr.R.D.Powell, SSC 01 270 212418

Saint Catherine's Burnley BB10 4AB
HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES
Palm Sunday
Said Mass 8:15am
PARISH MASS & PROCESSION 10:30am
Maundy Thursday
PARISH MASS 6:30pm
Watch until 12:00 midnight
Good Friday Stations of the Cross: Children 10.30am
Stations of the Cross: Adults 11.00am
THE SOLEMN LITURGY 12 noon
Holy Saturday
EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF THE RESURRECTION 8:00pm
Easter Day
Said Mass 8:15am
PARISH MASS 10:30am
Evening Worship & Benediction 6:00pm
For other times please contact Father Roger Parker 07977 291166 or see our website: www.saintcatherines.one

Mendlesham, St.Mary
Sunday's
9.30am. Sung Mass
Full Holy Week Rites
Contact Fr.Philip Gray SSC on 01449 766359
www.stmarysmendlesham.org.uk

St Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood
A LARGE VIBRANT CONGREGATION WITH AN EXCELLENT MUSICAL TRADITION WELCOMES YOU TO SHARE OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES.
Palm Sunday 10.00 Blessing of Palms, Procession, Passion Gospel and Sung Mass, 18.00 Choral Evensong
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week
20.00 Said Mass with Homily
Maundy Thursday
20.00 Sung Mass of the Last Supper with foot washing and watch until midnight
Good Friday 10.00 Stations of the Cross
15.00 Liturgy of the Passion
17.00 Maria Desolata
Holy Saturday
20.00 Easter Vigil followed by Parish Party
Easter Sunday
08.00 Mass, 10.00 Sung Mass
18.00 Choral Evensong & Benediction
Much of our worship is live streamed via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/StThomasBrentwood
For more information visit our website www.st-thomas.org.uk
Contact us via email brentwood.st.thomas.martyr@gmail.com or phone 01277 201094

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MONKS ROAD, LINCOLN
Palm Sunday 9.30am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Mass
Monday-Wednesday 7.00pm Mass, Address & Compline
Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 3.00pm Liturgy of the Day. 7.00pm Maria Desolata
Holy Saturday 9.00pm Easter Vigil Ceremonies and Mass
Easter Sunday 9.30am Sung Mass
Vicar- Fr Paul Noble SSC

St John the Baptist, Lound, Suffolk
Sunday 2nd April:
Sung Mass with Palm Litany 10.30am
Maundy Thursday:
Low mass with Easter Vigil 8pm
Easter Sunday:
Mass 10.30am at St.Mary's, Somerleyton.
Contact 07828661970

St Mary at the Elms, Elm Street, Ipswich IP1 2EF
Website www.stmaryattheelms.org.uk
Palm Sunday 10.45 Sung Mass with Procession of Palms
Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper with washing of feet and Watch at the Altar of Repose
Good Friday 2pm. Celebration of the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday(Easter Eve):
8pm.The Easter Vigil
Easter Day: 10.45 Sung Mass
Contact: Fr John Thackray SSC 07780 613754

St.Peter, Stockport
St Peter's Square SK11NZ
Palm Sunday
10.30am SUNG MASS
Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch til 9.30pm
Good Friday
1.00pm Stations of the Cross
2.00pm Liturgy of the Day
EASTER DAY
10.30am SUNG MASS
enquiries Fr Ken Kenrick 0161 483 0675 website stpetersstockport.org.uk

All Hallows, Gospel Oak, Hampstead, NW3 2LD

A Society Parish under the Bishop of Fulham

Palm Sunday - 10am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Solemn Mass of the Passion.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week - Mass 9am and 7pm.

Holy Thursday - 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the Watch until Midnight.

Good Friday
12 noon Stations of the Cross,
1.30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday 8.00pm Solemn Mass of the Paschal Vigil followed by fireworks and lots of bubbly.

Easter Day 11am Blessing of the Easter Garden and Solemn Mass of the Resurrection (Coronation Mass - Mozart) - Parish Lunch (Paschal Lamb!)

For further details: **Prebendary David Houlding**
Master Emeritus SSC

St.Gabriel's, Pimlico, London, SW1,

Palm Sunday
8am Holy Communion, 10.30 am Sung Mass with Blessing of Palms and Procession, 6 pm Service of Penitence.

Maundy Thursday
8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch 'til Midnight.

Good Friday
3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 8pm The Easter Vigil.

Easter Day
8am Holy Communion, 10.30am Sung Mass, 6pm Evensong and Benediction.

For further details and other services, please see www.stgabrielsspimlico.com

All Saints Notting Hill W11 1JG

(Nearest tubes Ladbroke Grove and Notting Hill Gate)

Palm Sunday
11am Procession and Parish Mass with a choir from Sweden

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week 7pm Mass and Sermon

Maundy Thursday

8pm Mass and Watch of the Passion

Good Friday

2pm Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday 11.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day

11am Procession and Parish Mass

www.allsaintsnottinghill.org.uk

The Parish of St. Saviour & St. Peter, Eastbourne

A Parish of The Society affiliated to Forward in Faith Holy Week

Palm Sunday 9am Mass with Blessing of Palms, 10.30am Palm Ceremonies, Procession of the Palms and Solemn Mass.

Monday & Wednesday Mass at 10.30am and 5pm,

Tuesday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11am. Mass at 12 noon and 5pm.

Maundy Thursday - 8.00pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet, Procession to the Altar of Repose and Watch until Midnight concluding with Compline.

Good Friday 10am Stations of the Cross, 2pm Liturgy of the Day.

Holy Saturday 7.30pm The Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter.

Easter Day 9am Mass, 10.30am Procession and Solemn Mass of the Resurrection.

Parish Priest : Fr. Mark McAulay SSC 01323 722317

www.stsaviourseastbourne.org.uk

St.Mary's, Tottenham

Palm Sunday
10am and 12noon Masses at St Mary's
5pm Mass at the Good Shepherd

All with a Procession

Maundy Thursday

8pm at St Mary's. Watch until Midnight

Good Friday

1pm Solemn Liturgy at St Mary's

6pm Solemn Liturgy at Good Shepherd

Holy Saturday

8pm Easter Vigil at St Mary's

Easter Sunday

10am and 12noon Masses at St Mary's

5pm Mass at the Good Shepherd

More information at

www.smarystottenham.org

S Mary's, Lansdowne Road, N17 9XE

Good Shepherd, Mitchley Road, N17 9HG

S. Augustine Kilburn

The Cathedral of North London NW6 5XD

Palm Sunday

10.30am Procession & Solemn Mass

Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Supper with Watch to midnight.

Good Friday

10.00am Stations of the Cross

12.00 noon Liturgy of the Lord's Death

Easter Sunday

7.00am Vigil Mass

10.30am Solemn Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

See website for daily & Sunday mass times

www.staugustine.london

St George's Church, Bickley Park Road, Bromley BR1 2BE.

Palm Sunday

10.30am Procession and Sung Mass.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

8pm Sung Mass.

Maundy Thursday

8pm Sung Mass of the Last Supper.

Good Friday

3pm The Liturgy of the Day.

Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Day

8am Low Mass, 10.30am

Procession and Sung Mass.

All enquiries contact Fr Henry Everett on 020 8295 6411

St Silas, Penton St N1 9UL
(nr Angel tube & Chapel Market)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday

11.00am Palm Procession & Parish Mass

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper

(followed by Vigil until 9.00 p.m.)

Good Friday

3.00pm The Liturgy of the Passion

Easter Eve 7.00pm Easter Vigil

with First Mass of Easter

Easter Day

11.00 a.m. Festival Mass

www.saint-silas.org.uk 020 7837 4228

The Parish Church of All Saints' Benhilton

All Saints' Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3DA

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday - 2nd April

8.00am Low Mass

9:30am PROCESSION & SOLEMN MASS

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

7.30pm Low Mass (& Homily)

Maundy Thursday - 6th April

8:00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

& Watch before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Good Friday - 7th April

9.00am Morning Prayer

1:30pm LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

6:00pm Evening Prayer

Holy Saturday - 8th April

10.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm THE EASTER VIGIL MASS

Easter Day - 9th April

8.00am Low Mass

9:30am SOLEMN MASS

For any further information, please contact:

Parish Priest: Fr David Chislett SSC (07860 636270)

Churchwardens: Mrs Linda Roots (020 8644 7271)

Mrs Carolyn Melius 020 8642 4276

The Annunciation, Chislehurst.

Palm Sunday

8.00am Low Mass, 10.00am Procession

and Parish Sung Mass, 3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 10.00am Low Mass

Tuesday 7.30pm Low Mass

Wednesday 10.00am Low Mass

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Sung Mass

followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday 12 noon Stations of the Cross,

3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.

Holy Saturday 8.00pm Easter Vigil.

Easter Day

8.00am Low Mass,

10.00am Parish Sung Mass.

Contact: 020 8467 3606

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

35a Durham Road, East Finchley, London N2 9DP

Palm Sunday

Blessing of the Palms, Procession and

Sung Mass 10am

Mon- Wed

Mass with address 6pm

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper (with watch

until midnight) 8pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 12 noon

Solemn Liturgy 3pm

Holy Saturday

Vigil and First Mass of Easter 8pm

(Followed by fizz and canapes)

Easter Day Sung Mass 10am

www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsef>

All Saints, South Wimbledon

Palm Sunday 11am Blessing of Palm Crosses, Procession and Solemn Mass.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - Masses 7.30pm. **Maundy Thursday** - 8pm Solemn Mass and Watch until 11pm.

Good Friday - 1pm Stations of the Cross, 2pm Liturgy of the Day.

Holy Saturday - 8pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter.

Easter Day - 11am Solemn Mass, 6.30pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction.

Contact: Fr Christopher Noke 020 8940 6106

Holy Week Worship at Holy Trinity Ramsgate and St Andrew, Deal.

April 2nd PALM SUNDAY: Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Solemn Mass with the Reading of the Passion. Holy Trinity, Ramsgate at 9:00AM and St Andrew's, Deal 11:00AM beginning in the Union Road Car Park

April 3rd – 5th Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass and Homily at St Andrew's, Deal 9:30AM and Holy Trinity, Ramsgate at 6:00PM **Tuesday April 4th**

The Chrism Mass (Blessing of the Oils) at Canterbury Cathedral with Bishop Norman. 12 Noon. All are welcome.

April 6th MAUNDY THURSDAY:

Mass of the Last Supper with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altars followed by the Watch at the Altar of Repose 8:00PM **Holy Trinity**, Ramsgate at 6:00PM with

Watch until 8:00PM **St Andrew's**, Deal 8:00PM with Watch until Midnight.

April 7th GOOD FRIDAY: Children's Way of the Cross at 10:00AM in Holy Trinity, **Ramsgate**.

The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at Noon in Holy Trinity, **Ramsgate**.

The Way of the Cross at St Andrew's **Deal** 2:00PM

The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at 3:00PM at St Andrew's, **Deal**.

April 8th HOLY SATURDAY. EASTER EVE The Great Easter Vigil at 8:00PM for both parishes. The Blessing of the New Fire, Reading of the Prophecies, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and First Mass of Easter.

April 9th EASTER DAY The Parish Mass of Easter Day at **Holy Trinity**, Ramsgate at 9:00AM

The Parish Mass of Easter Day at **St Andrew's** Deal 11:00AM

Contact Fr Paul on 01843 654102

THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL SW11

PALM SUNDAY 1050 Blessing of Palms,

Procession & Solemn Mass (beginning at

Battersea Arts Centre)

Mon - Wed in Holy Week

1830 Confessions

1900 Rosary / 1930 Mass

Holy Thursday

2000 Mass of the Lord's Supper,

Procession & Vigil Compline at 2350; Vigil

ends at midnight

GOOD FRIDAY 1000 Stations of the Cross

1330 Confessions

1500 Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 1900 Confessions

2030 Candle Ceremonies,

Vigil & First Mass of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY 1100 Solemn Mass

Contact: Fr Philip Kennedy SSC

020 7228 5340 / ascensionsw11@gmail.com

Portsmouth The Ascension, PO2 OJG

Palm Sunday

6pm Readings and Music of the Passion

Holy Wednesday 8pm Tenebrae (sung)

Good Friday

6.30pm Maria Desolata

Holy Saturday

8pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Day

11am Procession and Parish Mass

St Saviour PO2 8PB

Palm Sunday

11.00am Procession and High Mass

Maundy Thursday

8pm Mass of the Last Supper and Watch

Good Friday

1.45pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Easter Day

9.30am Procession and Parish Mass

All Most Welcome

Vicar: Fr Benjamin Weitzmann SSC 02392 439711

Kindred and affinity: ministry through boundaries

How parishes are supporting one another and strengthening tradition across the structures and miles

On Christmas Eve, 20 minutes before Midnight Mass is due to begin at Holy Trinity, Taunton, Fr Julian Laurence strolls into his sacristy and sees that all is in order. He has not come the distance of 20 yards from his vicarage, but 20 minutes in the car via the Somerset hills and the A303 from the parish of the Good Shepherd in Furnham, Chard, and a vigil mass. Since October he has been making the distance of 13 miles regularly to look after the congregation there which is once again in vacancy, and has been for some time. “I used to be in Yeovil and know the parish of old, for more than 30 years,” he explains. “Whatever we are doing is very much in the early stages, but it’s always a pleasure to go there and I’m pleased to offer support in some way which helps the place keep its tradition.”



The Good Shepherd in Furnham

The Good Shepherd for a while was part of a team ministry but it wasn’t a success and has been trying to find a way forward for another extended period, offering house-for-duty or .5 stipend options. A retired priest is on hand and offers ministry, but it is a familiar story of a parish needing security and hope. “I won’t pretend I’m giving them anything like a .5 priest with my time,” says Fr Julian. “But so far we are making it work. The Diocese of Bath & Wells is keen on the emerging concept of ‘oversight ministry’ and this is very much in that way. I’m responding as a priest to their immediate need as a parish.”

It was his initiative to suggest some closer working and felt logical. In spite of exploring ‘affinity parish’ models, the diocese was not entirely sure at first but soon came to see the merits. And it was also appreciated by the local congregation who have access to a ministry they are comfortable and familiar with. It doesn’t feel as though someone has been imposed upon them to manage decline or prepare for closure. In addition, the local congregation at Holy Trinity has also been supportive. “Everyone is really positive about the developing relationship. On the fifth Sunday

of the month, when there is one, we go to each other and make that journey – en masse to mass, if you’ll excuse the pun – and then have a pub lunch together afterwards. That works well, and we shall also be together when Bishop Paul comes for Good Shepherd Sunday this year.”

For Holy Week and Easter they will be “boxing and coxing – the local retired priest will help with Maundy Thursday and Easter Day and I can get there for masses on other days at different times”. Though he describes this for now as a trial marriage, Fr Laurence sees a clear direction of travel, and not just via the country lanes. “We will worry about the legalities when we come to them. It’s important now to get this supportive structure in place and then see how it fits into whatever mission initiative or ministry model is there.”

Fr Paul Noble has enjoyed a long ministry in the Diocese of Lincoln. It is also a large area, from Grimsby down to Stamford. “From the time of the introduction of resolutions in the 1990s and Provincial Episcopal Visitors, we have always tried to look after one another as traditionalist parishes,” he says. “We would cover for one another during an intrerregnum and so on, and it was good to have this collegiality for working together.” When the diocese recently came to review its economic situation and the uncomfortable truth that



The Good Shepherd in Furnham

levels of giving did not match expenditure on stipends, it knew that some reorganization would be required. “The starting point was geographical and the idea that these could be parish groupings,” he explains. “But we immediately saw the problem there for parishes of our own tradition. We weren’t always close together or nearby in terms of distance, and this might prove a major difficulty.” Working



St John’s Bovey Tracey

with Fr Edward Martin, the Bishop of Richborough's other main representative in the diocese, they developed a plan for the 20+ parishes which look to Bishop Norman Banks as the PEV.

The diocese was not keen on 'affinity' as a description so the more neutral 'non-contiguous' was deployed – the parishes are not touching, after all. "There was some discussion over what it means to be collegial and what collaboration means," Fr Noble adds. Impaired communion is a problematic concept for a number of Anglicans, so showing commitment to working together was vital, as was celebrating the common identity of these newly linked parishes. And there remains the need to maintain balance through the local presence. "We are still rooted where we are as parishes, which means social action and outreach, serving the local community and demonstrating we are not set apart from the other churches around us," he says. Developing the shared Richborough identity came in other, and sometimes surprising, ways. "We were able to arrange things such as a day pilgrimage to Walsingham for all the parishes, and shared study groups – helped by new discoveries of how people can come together online. Attending one another's services where possible has been an additional benefit."

Fluidity, however, is an ongoing theme. They were eight clergy across all the parishes and that is now reducing to around four through retirements and cost pressures. "Bishop Norman has been an incredible support," he acknowledges, and the simple fact this model is up and running, and works well, is a source of both strength and comfort for the parishes and their people – helping them to safeguard the things they hold dear and look to the future with some confidence.

He praises the work of Forward in Faith. "They were extremely helpful, clarifying our thinking to make a considered proposal. With their supportive advice and expertise we arrived at a very good solution which importantly worked well for the diocese." He also reflects on the process and its core components. "Be proactive and not reactive," he offers by way of counsel. "Talk about affinity, shared identity, mutual flourishing – these are all important for our life together." Noting the existing structures and commitment to them is also important, he adds. "Work with the diocese: be accountable and responsible. We all need to show dedication in



Holy Trinity, Hoxton

this and look at it from the whole diocesan perspective."

Seizing the initiative is something Fr Christopher Trundle in London agrees with. Based at the parish of Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell, he spotted an opportunity when the once Anglo-Catholic bastion of Holy Trinity, Hoxton, in a neighbouring deanery was about to go into interregnum. Fearing its tradition could be lost and people drift away, as has happened elsewhere, he started to formulate a possible plan for the resolution parish. "I approached the Bishop of Fulham and the local Area Bishop of Stepney for a conversation," he explains. "They were both very receptive. The Bishop of Fulham was obviously keen to see the tradition maintained and supported, whereas the Bishop of Stepney had different challenges related to stipends and housing." He helped to cover the parish from August 2021 until the following Trinity Sunday when he was licensed as priest-in-charge. In addition, his curate's term has been extended for a further three years to help continue the arrangement. In time, some more local rearrangement is anticipated which could strengthen the parish and guarantee its future.

"Partnerships is a word being used a lot," Fr Trundle says. "It often means grafting or planting for some congregations but for us and our tradition it is about maintaining worship and pastoral care, allowing the parish to keep its history and identity." It does mean for him an

additional set of PCC meetings and next-door deanery affiliations, but there are many positives. "It feels like the beginning of a team ministry because we have cross-congregation support, have shared Advent and Lent catechesis, and clergy in common – it's helpful for priests to be colleagues and for parishes when they meet with others who worship in the same way."

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The historic parish of St John's, Bovey Tracey, was a place of rebirth for Fr Nick Debney. "A nephew of Lord Halifax had been the incumbent back along, and it was an important fixture on the Anglo-Catholic scene," he says. But the years had not been kind. After an extended interregnum, when Fr Debney was initially licensed there in addition to his home parish for two years, there was much to be done. First off was the maintenance backlog. "As you can imagine, quite a lot needed fixing up or repairing, and we quickly got onto that, then spent around two hundred thousand restoring to the original 1853 vision of Carpenter, the architect." The initial contact had come through the school, and this was another focus for rebuilding. Fr Debney's wife, who worked at the school, came home one autumn and commented with sadness how no priest was available for the Christingle service. (There had



Family Fest

not been a full-time incumbent there since 2008.) He offered, and soon began to join the dots. “It was sheep in need of a shepherd. So much was there that just needed breathing back to life. And we looked at it all holistically, including the hall and the school, improving relationships and restoring it once again to the heart of the local community.”

Fr Debney at the time was in the nearby Newton Abbot team ministry and based at St Luke’s, Milber. The impressive work he had done there provided something of an impetus for what could be done elsewhere – what he describes as “how to look after it make it function”. At St Luke’s they had held a great



St Lukes, Milber

‘Lampshade Wash’ to spruce up the church’s many light fittings, then a ‘Green Welly Day’ for gardening and churchyard tidying. At the beginning the place even had mould – “We were Mouldy Church!” he jokes. “But the point is you throw open the doors and show there is life here and people start joining in with what’s going on. They bring their friends. They come to services. They stay. At the basic level you are proclaiming the gospel and creating interest in

the sacramental purpose of the building. And you need happiness: it’s growing together socially as well as spiritually.”

Initially, the link with St John’s meant two PCCS and two deanery synods, but in time the deaneries were merged and Debney himself became the acting Rural Dean. But he felt called to this challenge and was clear about the parameters. “Some people fear your time is being watered down. I was licensed to St John’s as interim priest-in-charge so held the two posts in plurality, but we have shown there is now a real need and the diocese has recognised that too, increasing the profile to .5 appointment. We have done that together in just a few years.” The fact that the same period included the pandemic is no mean feat. “Maintain a sense of what’s possible and manage expectations,” he says. “Respect boundaries, not necessarily physically parish ones but what the commitment is on all sides and what’s reasonable for everyone.”

He sees this work of ‘remissioning’ not so much church planting as “replanting – by God’s grace we are here to grow his church and we can show our tradition is not a dying one”. He also recommends working with everyone all around. “In my first team we were three parishes, six churches and two were evangelical. There was also variety in our ministry backgrounds as clergy: Methodist, Pentecostalist, and Anglo-Catholic. There was a lot of insight there and it was valuable.”

Brimming with energy and enthusiasm, he also has advice. “Be creative. I have a snow machine in church which comes out twice a year. Find people who share your passion and



St Lukes, Milber

vision for mission. Be confident too and bring everyone to see what can be done – the best we can, and unashamedly fun.” Fr Debney’s involvement with other successful activities such as FamilyFest which started as a local Devon youth festival along the lines of the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage has grown massively to become the main youth event for the Diocese of Exeter each year, and he participates too in the Anglo-Catholic Mission & Evangelism Network in the South West. He also says “start with prayer. Bishop Will Hazlewood told me God will send the people when you need them. That has thankfully turned out to be true, and I quoted the Annunciation in my first PCC meeting at St Luke’s – that nothing is impossible with God.” A message from an angel is surely a good place to start.



St John's, Bovey Tracey

Historic Catholic Parish's Tree associated with Thomas Hardy falls at the last

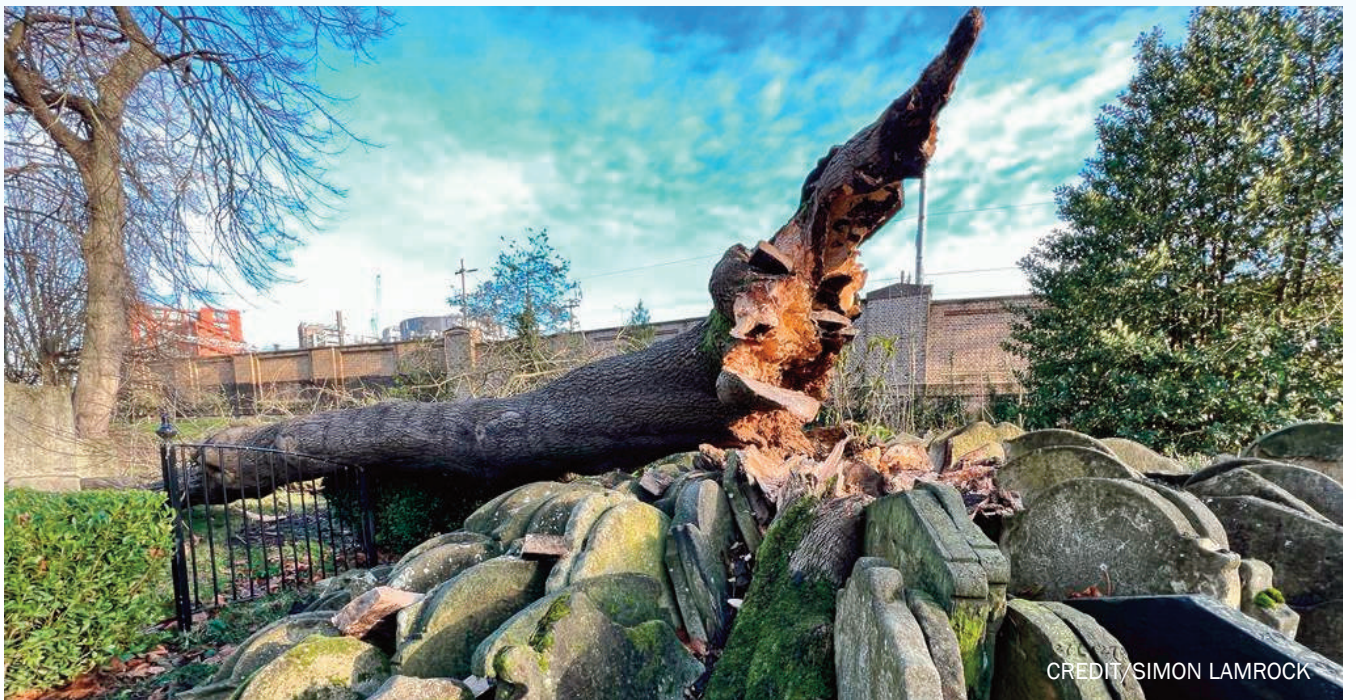
Weakened by a strong storm last summer, the historic 'Hardy Tree' in the graveyard of Old St Pancras, thought to be London's oldest parish, has collapsed. It had been fenced off for a while and experts advised last year that it was likely to fall at some time. It happened before Christmas and locals are now making suggestions as to what should now happen, not least given its links to the author of famous novels including *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and *Far from the Madding Crowd*.

For much of the last decade, the tree had been infected by fungus parasites. Its reference as the Hardy Tree dates from when the church's graveyard was being redrawn for the opening of the new railway line into nearby St Pancras Station in the 1860s. Thomas Hardy was one of the architects working on the project at the time and ordered a number of the upturned gravestones to be positioned around a weeping ash tree. Twenty years later, his literary career having taken off, he wrote a poem about it in 1881, called *The Levelled Churchyard*. Secretary of the Thomas Hardy Society, Dr Tracy Hayes, said: "The Thomas Hardy Society was greatly saddened by the demise of the Hardy Tree at St Pancras, though we had been expecting it for a long time. It had been diseased for many years, and Camden Council did their best to tend to it and keep it safe, but alas its end was inevitable."

Managed by Camden Council, the grounds are a popular resting space and adjacent to the latest version of the railway line which transports passengers to Paris via the Eurostar. Suggestions for what might happen next include the tree trunk and stump being a 'bug hotel'. Spreading out the collected gravestones so that

they may be read again after so many years of confinement is another suggestion. Another proposal is to plant a new tree, helping the oxygen-starved streets of London and combat rising pollution levels.

Fr James Elston is the parish priest of Old St Pancras, a Society church, agreed the development was a sad one. "We have lots of people coming to visit the churchyard to see it because of the historical and cultural interest, along with many of the other literary associations here," he said. "But safety is also important, both for anyone who visits and for the overall biodiversity of this public space. It also comes with being such an ancient and established Christian presence in this place. There has been a church on this site for at least a thousand years and doubtless many trees have come and gone in that time."



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The Levelled Churchyard

"O passenger, pray list and catch
Our sighs and piteous groans,
Half stifled in this jumbled patch
Of wrenched memorial stones!

"We late-lamented, resting here,
Are mixed to human jam,
And each to each exclaims in fear,
'I know not which I am!'

"The wicked people have annexed
The verses on the good;
A roaring drunkard sports the text
Teetotal Tommy should!

"Where we are huddled none can trace,
And if our names remain,
They pave some path or porch or place
Where we have never lain!

"There's not a modest maiden elf
But dreads the final Trumpet,
Lest half of her should rise herself,
And half some local strumpet!

"From restorations of Thy fane,
From smoothings of Thy sward,
From zealous Churchmen's pick and plane
Deliver us O Lord! Amen!"

Beloved and bestselling author helps raise almost £600 for St Matthew's Regenerate Project by auctioning novel dedication

Renowned Anglican author, diocesan bishop's wife, and member of the congregation at St Matthew's Carver St, in Sheffield, Catherine Fox has auctioned the dedication of her latest novel in the Lindchester Chronicles to raise funds for the church's renovation. *The Company of Heaven* will be available in May 2023 and describing why she supports the city-centre parish project so keenly, she said: "It's a welcoming space, but you'd have to say there are aspects of it that have seen better days. And there's that sense that the doors are wide open right onto the high street and that kind of interface between the holy space and the world of people with their anxieties and challenges, and the way people can just step inside."

The beauty of our church building is a key aspect of the church's ministry, although she confesses to less high-minded motivations for seeking its regeneration: "After decades of experience, I can

confidently guarantee that the pews at St Matthew's are the most uncomfortable in all of Christendom."

As a parishioner at St Matthew's, Catherine has worshipped alongside all kinds of people who have wandered, walked, limped, or stumbled through the doors to find a lively and transformative faith and a communion of disciples ready to learn with them about the Lord. "I love the fact this all takes place unashamedly in a sacred space," she adds. "We don't have the holy bit we do on a Sunday and then real life. Real life is shot through with glory. All the time."

As a storyteller of such renown who has affectionately reflected on the Church of England in all its goodness and strangeness, the parish says it is "incredibly grateful to Cathy for making this offering so that our parish can continue its work and witness in Sheffield so that God's glory and grace may be known for generations to come".

Warden Dr Stuart Barfield adds: "It was very generous of Cathy to make this donation towards our Regenerate campaign. We are very pleased to have raised a further £600 towards it – money which will help to renew our church for our growing congregation as the many others who use the building."

And the church has a new prayer too. 'May there be many more storytellers who find our strange and good God in the (more comfortable) pews of St Matthew's!'

The Regenerate Project seeks to renew the interior of St Matthew's Carver Street to make it fit for mission for the 21st century. And has raised over £400,000 of its £776,000 goal. Find out more at stmatthewscarverstreet.co.uk/regenerate-building-project

LENT & HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS FOR 2023

The Hands of Jesus



Look first upon the hands of Jesus: hands made strong at carpentry working with lathe and chisel and plane.

Look upon the hands of Jesus; hands so delicate making mud of dirt and spittle to smooth paste over a blind man’s eyes that he may see.
Look upon the hands of Jesus; hands gently taking the hand of a young girl and raising her from her supposed death bed to pass her alive and healed to her exultant parents.

Now look this Lent upon those same hands of Jesus and see deep within those hands the bruises made by a cruel binding as He is arrested and dragged unresisting before the High Priest in the Temple.
Look upon those same hands of Jesus and see them disfigured and bleeding as He is dragged to His feet after stumbling under the weight of the Cross.

Look upon those same hands of Jesus and see deep within them the print of cruel nails driven through them to fasten Him to that same Cross.

Look upon the hands of Jesus and weep; for your sake were strong hands made helpless; for your sake were delicate hands cruelly ripped apart; for your sake were gentle hands skewered with nails.

Look upon the hands of Jesus and know that this was the price paid for your salvation; the sinless hands never raised in anger now savagely beaten in rage; the sinless hands never known to strike now struck through; the sinless hands never used for evil now evilly treated. And all for you, that the sinless one might be offered upon the altar of the Cross to make for you atonement with God Most High and so lead you to true life on earth and eternal life in heaven.

Look upon those hands and weep; weep tears of sorrow for what you have done to cause this cruelty, and then weep tears of thanksgiving and joy that God Most High is so desirous that you should live with Him in love that he came Himself to stretch out those hands and strongly, delicately, gently enfold your hands in His to draw you closer and ever closer to His Sacred Heart to know of Him such love that passes all human understanding.

Look upon the hands of Jesus and see in them your sin taken away, your reconciliation wrought, your loving God longing for you, and stretch out your hand in faith and whisper in awe, ‘My Lord, and My God’.

The Feet of Jesus

Look now upon the feet of Jesus, feet that have walked the lanes and desert places of Palestine to bring Good News to the people of God.
Look upon the feet of Jesus, washed with tears by Mary Magdalene as she cried acceptance of her forgiveness and thanksgiving of Jesus.
Look upon the feet of Jesus as He stands upon the Mount to teach those who came to Him as the Shepherd of the Lost Sheep.



Now look upon those same feet of Jesus, broken and bloodied

as He carries his cross to the place of Crucifixion through the streets of Jerusalem.

Look upon those same feet of Jesus smashed through with nails as His body hangs upon the cross
Look upon the feet of Jesus as His life-blood bleeds away from the obscene holes made by those nails.
Look upon the feet of Jesus and weep; for your sake were those messenger feet made helpless; for your sake were those washed feet skewered with nails; for your sake did the life-blood drip away upon the cross.

Look upon the feet of Jesus and know that this was the price paid for your salvation; the sinless feet that brought the Good News now savagely beaten in rage; the sinless feet Mary’s tears did wash now covered in blood; the sinless feet never used for evil now evilly treated. And all for you that the spotless lamb might be offered upon the altar of the cross to make it possible that you might walk back to God Most High to live in Him as He longs to live in you that you might live a true life here on earth and an eternal life in heaven.

Look upon those holy feet and weep tears of sorrow for what your sins, your rebellion against God, has caused. Yet do not weep tears of despair, for such is the love of God Most High for you that He Himself came walking towards you when you ran away from Him. He walked to you that you might walk for Him in this life and know what it is to stand on your feet in uprightness of living, living for His Glory. Look upon the feet of Jesus and see in them your sin taken away, your reconciliation wrought, your loving God longing for you, and walk to him on your feet in faith and whisper in awe, ‘My Lord, and My God’.

The Side of Jesus

Look now upon the side of Jesus, and see there the dreadful imprint of the soldier’s spear. See Jesus hanging limply upon the cross, all strength gone, so that his sacred body sagged down showing in awful clarity his rib cage. Into the that rib cage did the soldier plunge his spear cutting through lung and tissue and into the Sacred Heart of the Son of Man, Jesus, the Son of God. Pulling out that spear brought the life fluids of the body, blood, now mixed with water as Jesus has at last died. And what did that Body do? That sacred human body carried from heaven to earth in its flesh the heart of God. That sacred human body carried from heaven to earth the total love of God the Holy Trinity for you and for me. That sacred human body carried from heaven to earth the life that all are called to live. And why? Because God made us, made us out of the love that is the innate nature of God. Because God loves us, loves us in a way in which we can only catch glimpses of. Because God loves us so much that He is not content that we fail to love Him back so He pursues us with that same love that knowing it we might turn from our sinful ways and love Him and thereby each other in the world. In simple terms, that we might be his friend as He is ours. And yet, and yet too often we prefer not to be His friend. We cling to our own bodies and make them our god, rather than cling to His sacred body and thereby know Him and the life that He alone can give. Yet despite our reluctance to let go our sinful bodies and our sinful ways God is never reluctant to come to us. So He comes to us on the cross; dying that we might live. There is a deep mystery here that our human senses find hard to penetrate. Yet as we look upon the body of Jesus hanging now lifeless upon the cross, His side pierced with the spear, let us recall His



words; ‘This is my Body given for you; this is my blood shed for you’, and let us whisper in awe, ‘My Lord, and My God’.

The Head of Jesus

Look now upon the head of Jesus, the head that holds the eyes that looked upon the holy city, Jerusalem, and wept because that holy place had murdered the prophets sent by God Most High to call the people back to true life.

Look upon the head of Jesus and recall how Magi brought gifts to Him in his infancy, brought myrrh to anoint this holy head to set Him apart for the service of God as High Priest.



Look upon the head of Jesus as he looks upon the people on the Mount of His sermon and has pity upon them for they are like sheep without a shepherd and so He instructs His apostles to feed them as does the Good Shepherd.

Look upon the head of Jesus as He listens and waits for one without sin to cast the first stone at the woman and when no-one can, listen to His words of comfort from his lips, ‘Neither then do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more’.

Look now upon that sacred head in the Garden praying to the Father that the cup which He was about to drink might be spared Him. And such was His depth of emotion and prayer that blood flowed from His temples like sweat.

Look again upon the head of Jesus beaten with a club as he answers the High Priest at His trial, spat upon by those who are blind to whom He is.

Look upon the head of Jesus as soldiers mock Him, swinging Him round & round blindfolded and taunt Him, ‘Play the prophet! Who struck you?’, before they plaited thorns to make a mocking crown and drove it down into His scalp so violently that blood begins to flow.

Look upon that sacred head as on the cross the sweat of agony and the blood of thorns flow mingling down stinging into the eyes that look out at His accusers and executioners and feels pity for them, not hatred, because they did not know what they were doing.

Look upon the head of Jesus and know that this was the price paid for your salvation; the sinless head that told of the Good News now savagely beaten in rage; the sinless head anointed by the woman at table in the rabbi’s house now covered in blood; the sinless head never used for evil now evilly treated. And all for you that the spotless lamb might be offered upon the altar of the cross to make it possible that you might be enabled to see your way back to God Most High to live in Him as He longs to live in you that you might live a true life here on earth and an eternal life in heaven.

Look upon that holy head and weep tears of sorrow for what your sins, your rebellion against God, has caused. Yet do not weep tears of despair, for such is the love of God Most High for you that He Himself came looking for you when would rather look the other way. He looked to you that you might look at Him in this life and know what it is to use your head in uprightness of living, living for His Glory. Look upon the head of Jesus and see on it your sin taken away, your reconciliation wrought, your loving God longing for you, and look on Him with the eyes of faith and using your lips, in faith, whisper in awe, ‘My Lord, and My God’.

The Society under the patronage of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda **Chrism Masses 2023**

The Chrism Mass represents one of the liturgical highlights of the year. At the Mass, the presiding bishop blesses three types of Holy Oil: of Chrism (used at Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, the consecration of altars and the dedication of churches), of Catechumens (also used at Baptism) and of the Sick (for anointing the sick).

Chrism Masses sometimes take place on Maundy Thursday but can often be moved to earlier in Holy Week, given the need for parish churches to prepare for the Triduum. Indeed some of our Society Chrism Masses need to be moved to a week earlier – to Passion Week – given our bishops' diary constraints when presiding at a number of such Masses.

The Society Chrism Masses are joyful occasions where Society priests concelebrate with their

Society bishop and renew their priestly ordination vows. Society deacons also play a part by renewing their diaconal ordination vows. The laity are strongly encouraged to attend, whenever they can, to show their support for their clergy and as a means of preparation for the highlight of the Church's year – the Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Society Chrism Masses have a special significance as they showcase our distinct identity within the Church of England, underpinned by our understanding of the historic Apostolic Succession. The liturgies of the Society Chrism Masses are invariably of a high standard and often attract those Anglicans who might be sympathetic to The Society without being part of it.

Readers of Together will be pleased to note that the Church of England's Independent Reviewer ruled in 2015 that the Society Chrism Masses are a consequence, rather than a cause, of impaired communion within the Church of England, thus confirming our right to hold such Masses. In fact, we are grateful to the wider Church of England, particularly its cathedrals, for allowing us to host these events at a busy time of year.

Please pray for your Society bishops as they prepare to celebrate the Society Chrism Masses in 2023 and support the Masses in whatever way you can.

Bishops of The Society will be celebrating the following Chrism Masses:

Bishop	Date	Time	Church
Oswestry	Monday 27 March	11.30 am	Worcester Cathedral
Oswestry	Thursday 30 March	11.30 am	Bristol Cathedral
Richborough	Saturday 1 April	11.00 am	Guildford Cathedral
Burnley	Sunday 2 April	6.00 pm	Holy Trinity, Tarleton
Beverley	Sunday 2 April	6.00 pm	S. Aidan, Sunderland
Richborough	Monday 3 April	12.00 noon	Chelmsford Cathedral
Oswestry	Monday 3 April	11.30 am	Lichfield Cathedral
Beverley	Monday 3 April	11.30 am	S. Peter, Barnsley
<i>(joint Mass for the See of Beverley & Society parishes in the Diocese of Leeds)</i>			
Wakefield	Monday 3 April	11.30 am	S. Peter, Barnsley
<i>(joint Mass for the See of Beverley & Society parishes in the Diocese of Leeds)</i>			
Richborough	Tuesday 4 April	12.00 noon	Canterbury Cathedral
Oswestry	Tuesday 4 April	11.00 am	Exeter Cathedral
Fulham	Tuesday 4 April	11.00 am	S. Andrew, Holborn
Beverley	Tuesday 4 April	11.30 am	Manchester Cathedral
Richborough	Wednesday 5 April	12.00 noon	S. Mary, Walsingham
Lewes	Wednesday 5 April	12.00 noon	S. Saviour, Eastbourne
<i>(for all Society parishes in the Diocese of Chichester, preacher: the Bishop of Chichester)</i>			

