

THE CLARION

The Magazine of The Parish of St Mary The Boltons

JUNE 2007

St Mary The Boltons

Summer Fair 2007

Saturday 23rd June

2pm – 5pm

Admission: Free

Children's Games & Activities

Teas & Home-made cakes

Second Hand Books

Treasure Hunt

Silent Auction

Pimms Tent

Tombola

Puppets

Plants

Raffle

BBQ

In Aid of:

Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza

Arthritis Research Campaign

Metin writes

I am writing to you from East Jerusalem. For the past couple of days I have been trying to cross in to Gaza to visit the hospital. However as you will have seen on the news, the fighting is just too bad and the situation within Gaza is catastrophic, and only likely to get worse. So I am not able to provide you with an eye witness report. Apologies.

However, I have, in the midst of this terrible situation a little good news to report:

- Within the next few weeks we will have sufficient funds to purchase a breast cancer diagnosis machine for the Hospital's mobile clinic.
- MTC, a mobile phone company in Kuwait with operations across the Middle East, is looking at funding a mobile paediatric clinic through the hospital.

Another item to report is that discussions have been initiated with the Palestinian Children Relief Fund about formulating and implementing an end-to-end diagnosis/treatment of cancer strategy, but coordinating all parties is proving to be challenging.

I would like to thank the churches in London, whose congregations have given both their money and their prayers.

If there is anybody else who could give, or allow me the privilege of speaking to those who are able to give, then I would be most grateful. I ask this of you, because being here on the ground, talking to those who are managing to get out, talking to our friends in Gaza, I can see that the situation is bleak and unless there is a major political breakthrough, Gaza is faced with complete anarchy. As always, it will be the weak, the poor, the women and the children, who will be hardest hit.

Additional money raised will be channelled to pay for medicines, fuel, and food: basic items of survival as well as refurbishment of key treatment facilities in the hospital. It will not go through political entities, but to the hospital itself.

Metin Mitchell

Jenny writes

Ella developed Juvenile idiopathic arthritis when she was 10 months old. After 10 weeks of various doctors trying to work out why her left knee was stuck in a bent and right angle position, we arrived at Great Ormond Street hospital. Needless to say the care we received was fantastic and after various steroid injections into her knee, and subsequently other joints, they put her on methotrexate, which is injected every week at our home. She lives a very normal life and her movements are just like any other child's. Arthritis occurs in one in 1000 children. While some children have a mild form of the disease that recovers fully, others have arthritis that damages joints and may cause deformities and growth disturbance, despite medication. It is important that new medication and treatment are found and in turn give other children, who have not responded as well as Ella to the current medications, their chance to have a normal life. ARC has numerous studies running all the time to help, not just the young but also older people. Please do support this worthwhile charity.

Jenny Batt

Reading at St Cuthbert's

Some members of St Mary's help at St Cuthbert's School, Warwick Road, primarily with reading. Lucy Moore describes her own experience:

At the beginning of last term I started doing an hour a week of volunteer reading at St. Cuthbert's primary school. The first day I went it was National Book Week and everyone had been invited to turn up in fancy dress as a character from their favourite book, so the halls were full of princesses and mice as well as a surprising number of small slick-suited gangsters with pencil moustaches.

St. Cuthbert's is an amazing school, where 42 different languages are spoken by the children who come from places as far away as Mongolia, Uzbekistan and Hungary - and those are just the ones I've met. More than eighty percent of the students do not have English as a first language, so their reading skills are often well below the national standard. The teachers have a curriculum to follow and parents, who may speak English less well than their children, can seldom do much. Volunteers who just listen to the children as they read and give them a bit of individual attention can really help them to catch up with the rest of their class.

I read with Year 4, eight and nine year olds, and in that one class the standard ranges from very simple picture books for beginning readers up to Roald Dahl's *Mathilda* and Harry Potter. Most of the children read as fast as they possibly can, whatever their standard, and their main problem is not understanding individual words, which they may not have heard before in English, but know in their own language. One boy was

reading about a man being at the end of his tether, and he did not understand the word 'tether', so I explained about animals being tethered to a rope. Oh, he said, like my grandfather back home does to his dog. He knew what the word meant: he just did not have the right English word for it. Another knew exactly what a kite was when I pointed to a picture of one of the page, but did not know what it was called here. It is fascinating to see them growing familiar with their new environment. One child loves a book about a little fox and its mother, set in very English countryside and a long way away from the hill country of Pakistan where he comes from.

The headmistress, Alex Walker, and the teachers at St. Cuthbert's, do a fantastic job, especially given the challenges they face and their limited resources. The students are enthusiastic, impressively polite and respectful of adults and each other and it is an absolute pleasure to spend time with them. If you can possibly spare an hour a week it is a hugely rewarding time and (I hope) does a great deal of good.

Donation to Al Ahli Hospital, Gaza

As a result of our Mothering Sunday appeal for the benefit of the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, £1250 has been transferred to the hospital's account. Many thanks to everyone who responded so generously to Metin Mitchell's appeal.

There will be another opportunity to support the hospital's work this month. The proceeds of the Summer Fair on Saturday 23rd June (2-5pm) will be shared between the hospital and the Arthritis Research Campaign (ARC). Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon and so support the work of these two organisations.

Rose

As some of you already know, Rose Wrigley our Parish Administrator, will be leaving St. Mary's at the end of the month. She has been with us since February last year and had previously been the administrator at St. Jude's, Courtfield Gardens. This latter experience proved to be most helpful during the period leading up to the merger of the two parishes last year and I am very grateful to Rose for her work and commitment to St. Mary's.

Over the months Rose has found the combination of a demanding workload and a longish journey to St. Mary's quite taxing and so is hoping to find work more locally where she lives. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Ginny Thomas

St James's, Piccadilly W1J 9LL
Saturday 16th June, 7.30 pm

a blue true dream of sky

3 centuries of music from Italy, Britain and America

Monteverdi *Missa da cappella a sei voci "In illo tempore"*

Britten *Five flower songs; Six Metamorphoses after Ovid*

Judith Weir *a blue true dream of sky*

Eric Whitacre *i thank you God for most this amazing day; Three flower songs*

Nonsuch Singers

Michael O'Donnell, oboe

Graham Caldbeck, conductor

Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) available via www.nonsuchsingers.com or at the door.

Our Doors are Open

For some time it's been understood that an important part of St. Mary's mission to the community around us is having the church open as much as possible during the day so that anyone can drop in for a time of quiet, for prayer or reflection or just to be. Even though the church is tucked away between the Fulham and Old Brompton roads, it's surprising how many people do find their way here during the week.

Because of Ginny's, Rose's and Dave's schedules there are often times in the afternoons when no-one is working in the church and so it has to be closed.

At its recent meeting the PCC decided it would be good if volunteers could be found to 'church sit' during the afternoons so that the church could remain open. Two people would be needed per session in case of any difficulties. Initially we would like to set up a rota for Wednesday afternoons, from 3 to 5pm.

If you are interested in being a 'church sitter' please ring the parish office: 020 7835 1440.

The Simple Lunch

Thursday 14th June

12.30pm in the Church

with singing from

St. Cuthbert's School Choir

All Welcome

Carole Sharpe writes

Dear Friends at St Mary's,

Thank you for the many cards and letters with kind thoughts and much prayer enclosed; they have been an inspiration and the encouragement to journey on...

I was very sad to leave Whitby and the sisters; however, I have met some very different challenges since coming to Cornwall, including a lurcher-cross dog called Jed who is the most laid-back, gentle animal you can imagine, and two cats, Timothy and Thomas, who are excellent 'mousers' around the farmhouse.

Accommodation has been difficult to rent here and unfortunately I have not succeeded – landlords are very wary of my long white cane! So I am moving nearer to 'family' at Guildford and I hope for a course at the local college to continue my ICT voice skills and Braille studies, as well as horticulture (herbs).

During my time in Cornwall I have been working alongside adults who are 'mentally challenged' (I think that is the correct P.C. terminology used these days!) as a volunteer – just a few hours to keep me out of mischief! The garden's nurseries grow the most wonderful organic salad and veg as well as herbs for local businesses; it is not the most 'time efficient' project, but it is a creative place built on minimal profit, giving incentive to these adults aged 21 to 76 in an atmosphere of love, care and simple challenges alongside devoted staff – sowing seeds in pots and trays. I have enjoyed laughter and felt their tears as we worked and talked together. I hope I can find something similar where I am going.

In other moments, when not studying or 'home' hunting, I have learnt to use a peg loom to make rugs from carded wool. However with basic jobs like pouring tea and cooking, disasters are mixed with success and much hilarity! I challenge Gordon Ramsey to novel food! In other spare moments I walk along unknown paths, smell the variety of scents of spring flowers and listen to the birds in the hedgerows. On the dunes the larks are wondrously tuneful at the moment. Along unknown paths are unknown obstacles to add to each day's adventure. I can recommend falling into a rosemary bush; the aroma is quite 'divine' though not very practical for self or bush!

Still, life's journey is beautiful if not confusing; the people we meet diverse and so often very caring (sometimes one is the butt of cruel jokes, but if you laugh with them at yourself you can feel their embarrassment!) and so we journey in part together. The reading by friends of The Clarion and your letters I have enjoyed – keeping in touch with a people and place dear to my heart - and maybe from Guildford it will be more feasible to visit you one Sunday morning.

Take care of yourselves and each other as you reach out into the community – go well.

With love and prayers in Christ Jesus
Carole

Carole's new address is: c/o Barnend, Womersley Common,
Nr. Guildford, Surrey GU5 0PL.

St. Mary's Parish Pilgrimage and Holiday: May 2008

Following our successful parish pilgrimage and holiday to Durham and the north east last year, the next pilgrimage/holiday will be in May 2008. At a recent meeting it was decided that we would go to Spain and visit Toledo, Avila and Salamanca. Further details will be published in next month's Clarion.

A letter to the Editor

May I send a word of thanks to Hugh Beach for the remarkable history of William Tyndale that appeared in last month's (May) issue of The Clarion. A fascinating and somewhat sad saga of a man who deserves more appreciation than he usually receives. I shall definitely be keeping that issue of the magazine.

Anthony Williams

**Contributions for the July Clarion should be sent
in to the church office by 18th June**

Coventry Cathedral's Prayer Panels in the Ruins

In Industry	God be in my hands & in my making
In the Arts	God be in my senses & in my creating
In the Home	God be in my heart & in my loving
In Commerce	God be at my desk & in my trading
In Suffering	God be in my pain & in my enduring
In Government	God be in my plans & in my deciding
In Education	God be in my mind & in my growing
In Recreation	God be in my limbs & in my leisure.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Kensington Area Conference

This year's Area Conference entitled "For Creed & Creation" will take place on Saturday 15th September 2007 at St Barnabas Church, Kensington from 10.30am to 4.00pm.

The day will include informative presentations on climate change by the Rev. Prof. Ian James, Head of School of Mathematics, Meteorology and Physics, University of Reading; the impact of climate change on wild life, by Ruth Davis, Head of Climate Change at the RSPB; the opportunity to hear good news about the Church of England's response to environmental concerns, as well as discovering how we can all make a difference at home and at church by being eco-friendly.

There will also be market stalls, a chance to reflect theologically on climate change, and materials for you to take away at the end of the afternoon.

**Please put the date in your diary now - 15th
September 2007**

ST MARY THE BOLTONS CALENDAR JUNE 2007

SERVICES AND READINGS

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist

4.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

The meeting room at the back of the church is available for people with pre-school children. There is a baby changing facility in the wheelchair accessible toilet in the hall.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Usually Morning Prayer is said at 8.30am (Eucharist on Feastdays) and Evening Prayer at 6.00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays except Public Holidays. Wednesday 7.00pm Eucharist

READINGS in JUNE

Sunday 3 June

Readings at 10.30am

Wednesday 6

Readings at 7.00pm

Sunday 10

Readings at 10.30am:

Wednesday 13

Readings at 7.00pm

Sunday 17

Readings at 10.30am:

Wednesday 20

Readings at 7.00pm:

Sunday 24

Readings at 10.30am

Wednesday 27

Readings at 7.00pm:

Sunday 1 July

Readings at 10.30am

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; Romans 5. 1-5; John 16. 12-15

1 Peter 1. 18-25; Mark 12. 18-27

The First Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 17. 8-16 (17-24); Galatians 1. 11-24; Luke 7. 11-17

2 Corinthians 3. 4-11; Matt 5.17-19

The Second Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 21. 1-10 (11-14) 15-21a; Galatians 2. 15-21; Luke 7. 36-8.3

The Third Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19. 1-4 (5-7) 8-15a; Galatians 3. 23-29; Luke 8. 26-39

Ember Day

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Matt 7.15-20

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 2. 1-2, 6-14; Galatians 5. 1,13-25; Luke 9. 51-62

REGULAR EVENTS

Thursdays 9.30am onwards Fabric Group

Saturdays 9.15am onwards Gardening Group

Sundays Sunday School in term time

Mondays 9.30-11am Mothers and Toddlers Group

Mondays 4,18 8pm Bible Study Group
at 72 Chelsea Pk Gdns

Saturday 2

Wedding of David Turcan & Rosie Doyle

Sunday 3

Sunday School half term break

Parish Lunch

Sunday 10

Traidcraft Stall after 10.30am service

Thursday 14

12.30pm Midweek Simple Lunch

Saturday 16

7.30pm Nonsuch Singers concert

Friday 22

7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 23

2-5pm Summer Fair

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Baptisms

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Leonora Rowbotham

Dylan Lonsway

Marriages

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Luigi Spatafora & Iovanna Valencia

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Dominic Carveley & Philippa Lacey

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