

THE CLARION

The Magazine of The Parish of St Mary The Boltons

JULY 2007

Summer Fair: A Great Success

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's Summer Fair on 23 June such a success. Although the weather wasn't perfect the gardens were busy and many people came and enjoyed themselves. Special thanks to those who were in charge of a particular stall and to all who helped set everything up and then take it down at the end of the day. By 6.30pm no-one would have known the Fair had taken place in the gardens: a great achievement.

The Fair raised £5,000.00, a wonderful total. The amount will be divided between the Arthritis Research Campaign and the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.

Since arc was established in 1936 there have been many successes in helping to ease the suffering of thousands of people, old and young, who have arthritis. Every one of those successes takes arc one step closer to achieving their overall goal of finding a cure, which was the goal of the charity when it was set up. It is the only major charity in the UK that is solely committed to curing arthritis and funds research into the causes and treatments of arthritis in order to make the lives of sufferers as pain-free as possible.

A recent e-mail from Bishop Suheil Dawani of Jerusalem and Suhaila Tarazi, the director of the hospital in Gaza, brought us up to date with the situation there. The hospital is trying its best to function efficiently in the midst of war. Following the recent fighting between Hamas and Fatah, 76 severely injured people were brought into the hospital, where an extra ward had to be opened. The staff work 20-hour shifts and the hospital is running out of medicine, drugs and blood. The hospital continues to treat the poor and needy people and all who are hurt in the crossfire of war, irrespective of their faith and political affiliation.

Please hold the hospital, the patients and staff, in your prayers as well as the work of arc and people suffering from arthritis.

Lastly, many thanks to the Fair Committee, Jenny Batt, Fiona Brown and Carolyn O'Driscoll, who worked so hard and efficiently to organise and run the Fair this year. Without them it wouldn't have happened.

Ginny Thomas

St. Mary's Pilgrimage Holiday 12-19 May 2008

The pilgrimage next year will be to Spain and we shall be visiting Toledo, Avila and Salamanca. Flying from Heathrow to Madrid, we will then be travelling by coach and staying in four-star hotels. The cost is £891 per person in a shared twin room and £949 in a single room. The price covers flights and taxes, six nights of half board and one night of bed and breakfast, a farewell dinner, local guides and entrance fees.

If you would like more information please contact Ginny at the parish office 020 7835 1440. A deposit of £100 needs to be paid by 10th July, so please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to come.

Confirmation 3rd November 2007

Classes will begin in September for anyone interested in being confirmed. Depending on the level of interest there will be separate classes for adults and young people. The confirmation service will take place at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, 3 November.

If you are interested in finding out more about confirmation please speak to Ginny on a Sunday or ring the parish office: 020 7835 1440.

A Wedding in Zimbabwe

The invitation said: "Church: Edge of the Turgwe River". So this river bank, overhung by a huge tree, was carefully swept and tidied and a slender cross planted by the water's edge.

The river, broad and silent, seemed to sense the solemnity of the occasion. No crocodile raised its head, no hippopotamus splashed itself, no bird flapped its wings, nothing disturbed the stillness of the water.

The hundred or so wedding guests stayed in the homesteads about eight kilometres away, or brought their tents and camped near the Old Cotton Shed at Zihari where the reception was held.

It had rained. The now dustless rough road wound its way like a strawberry pink ribbon over the green bush as the bride's father drove her, sitting beside him, in his new landrover, to the church. Behind them, at the back of the landrover, five small, barefoot boys bounced about happily. They were the bride's page boys.

Beside the road large anthills resembled sculptures; across the road graceful impala streamed, seemingly fearlessly; and off the road elephant and giraffe half hid themselves in the bush.

The bride wore a long dress, its chestnut or maroon colour suiting her fair complexion perfectly. Her mother and two married sisters – Matrons of Honour – in long dresses of becoming shades of red, green and beige, joined her and her father. For him and the congregation dress was informal. Men wore trousers, open necked shirts, no ties; women wore pretty dresses, or trousers, no hats.

The minister stood with his back to the river, groom and best man waited facing it. Both parents gave away their daughter. She walked between them, matrons and small boys following, along the path strewn with dried basil. They stood before the minister who stressed the importance of home and family life, reading from the Bible.

Genesis, Chapter 2, verse 18: "It is not good that man should be alone" and Ecclesiastes, Chapter 5, verse 5: "Better it is that thou shouldst not vow than that thou shouldst vow and not pay" (vows; do not make them to break them).

Vows were made, rings exchanged, a prayer spoken, a hymn sung.

Little girls scattered rose petals before the bridal party as they led the way towards cake and champagne and then, as darkness fell, to the Old Shed which had been transformed into a fairy-tale castle by twinkling lights and an abundance of flowers.

Grace was said, supper served, speeches made, toasts drunk and energetic dancing begun, ending as the last guests drifted out slowly to gaze at a partial eclipse of the moon and then repair to their beds.

Y. R. Whittall

Christian Aid

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our collections for Christian Aid in May. The retiring collection in Church made £143 and the collection at Gloucester Road tube station made £447. Thank you especially to those who helped with the collection at Gloucester Road, and particularly to Joanna Hackett for organising the collection.

Ginny Thomas



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COVENTRY CATHEDRAL PRAYER PANELS IN THE RUINS

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

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

Change of Parish Administrator

As many of you already know, Rose Wrigley, our parish administrator is leaving us. Her successor is John McVeigh who will be starting in the office on Monday 9th July. Although Rose was due to stop work at the end of June she's kindly agreed to stay on for an extra two weeks to ensure a smooth handover. Rose's last day in the office will be Friday, 13th July. If you would like to make a donation to a leaving present for Rose, please hand it to Ginny.

STORM OF HOPE celebrating 25 years of Christian Ecology Link

Saturday 7 July, 10am to 5pm
All Hallows-by-the-Tower, London EC3

Come and join Christian Ecology Link for a day of action, reflection, celebration and renewal. With CEL there's something for everyone – worship, music, poetry, speakers, workshops and debate.

Keynote Speakers: Ann Pettifor (Campaign Director Operation Noah); Mary Grey (theologian); Revd Dave Bookless (A Rocha);

chaired by Peter Day (BBC Radio 4). Worship led by Alison Adam (Iona Community). Workshops include poet Sarah de Nordwall (London Bard School).

Christian Ecology Link is a grass roots Christian network working for environmental and social justice. For more information and booking visit www.christian-ecology.org.uk/stormhope.

Kensington Area Conference

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

The day will include an informative presentation on Climate Change by 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:
15 September 2007**

Once upon a time a mother took her small son to meet the Rabbi. The Rabbi said to the little boy: "I give you one guilder if you tell me where God lives". The little boy answered, as quick as a flash: "and I will give you two guilders if you tell me where he doesn't live" (*translation*)

Martin Buber

There will be no **Simple Lunch** in July or August. The next one will be on Thursday 13th September.

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

ST MARY THE BOLTONS CALENDAR JULY 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) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays except Public Holidays.
Wednesday 7.00pm Eucharist

READINGS in JULY

Sunday 1 July

Readings at 10.30am

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

Wednesday 4

Readings at 7.00pm

Genesis 21. 5, 8-20; Matthew 8. 28-34

Sunday 8 July

Readings at 10.30am

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

2 Kings 5. 1-14; Galatians 6. (1-6) 7-16;
Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20

Wednesday 11

Readings at 7.00pm

Benedict of Nursia
1 Corinthians 3. 10-11; Luke 18; 18-22

Sunday 15

Readings at 10.30am:

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 7. 7-17; Colossians 1. 1-14;
Luke 10. 25-37

Wednesday 18

Readings at 7.00pm

Exodus 3. 1-6, 9-12; Matt 11. 25-27

Sunday 22

Readings at 10.30am:

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Amos 8. 1-12; Colossians 1. 15-28;
Luke 10. 38-42

Wednesday 25

NO EUCHARIST

Sunday 29

Readings at 10.30am

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Hosea 1. 2-10; Colossians 2. 6-15 (16-19); Luke 11.1-13

Wednesday 1 August

NO EUCHARIST

Sunday 5 August

Readings at 10.30am

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Hosea 11. 1-11; Colossians 3. 1-11;
Luke 12. 13-21

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 2, 16 8pm Bible Study Group
at 72 Chelsea Pk Gdns

Sunday 8 Last Sunday School before summer holidays
Traidcraft Stall after 10.30am service
Parish Picnic Lunch

Friday 13 7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 14 Marriage of Matthew Bonning-Snook
& Melanie Goodleff

Friday 20 Marriage of Philipp Graf & Johanna Fothergill

Saturday 21 Marriage of Oliver Eills & Katherine Hamilton

FROM THE JUNE 2007 REGISTERS

Baptisms	3	Fergus Kenyon
	17	Oscar Bearman
	24	Jake Campbell, Amelia Wray
Marriage	2	David Turcan & Rosamund Doyle
Marriage Blessing	16	Michael & Susan Agostini
	30	Jeremy Tritton & Catherine Claydon
Funeral	6	Edward Hamilton

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