

THE CLARION

The Magazine of The Parish of St Mary The Boltons

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May 2018

After a Year at St Mary's

No one else would have realized it, but I hit a milestone last weekend at the Annual Meeting here at St Mary's. The APCM was the last of my 'firsts' as Vicar here. It has been a year of firsts: the first baptism family, wedding, and funeral at St Mary's; the first Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday, Christmas, Easter, my first PCC meeting. They were all occasions when I have begun with the question 'How do we do it here?' because every church does things differently. I have been both grateful and alarmed when kind souls like our Verger or Sacristan or members of the PCC have said, 'We have done it this way, but now you are in charge'.

Now that this first year is past, it is time to turn from what has been done before, and in a sense from who we at St Mary's have been before, to what we might now do, and what sort of church we want to be now and in the future. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading is always taken from Jesus' teaching on the Good Shepherd, and I think it is a good way into how we might begin to address it together as a congregation and community in this coming year.

The Good Shepherd, we are told, knows his own flock and his own know him: he calls them by name. Knowing one another by name is something we are pretty good at here at St Mary's (your Vicar's bad memory notwithstanding) and many have found deep and lasting relationships here. My hope is that this year we will look together at how we can

get to know those newcomers who come through our doors. How will we welcome, engage and settle people, and help them move



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from being guests to being family, to being known, and knowing us, too.

The Good Shepherd gives up his life for his sheep, too. Friendship, indeed any relationship based in love, is by its nature self-denying and to an extent sacrificial. I wonder what that might mean for us at St Mary's in terms of the time, energy and resources we have to spend on building friendships and on growing our church community.

Jesus spoke of 'other sheep not of this flock', which he was to gather in and to make one flock, with one shepherd. After a year at St Mary's I find myself wondering who is not here. What about the people who never think of coming through our doors? What about the ones who assume they would not be welcome, who assume that there will be nothing for them here, who do not think that

the God we worship has any regard for them or their situation? What do we need to do to open our community and congregation up to them so that they may be welcomed in, too? This year, let us work on these questions together.

The PCC will begin to address them particularly at the Away Day, which will happen this spring. If you have thoughts and ideas, please share them with us. It is time to turn away from what has been, and determine what sort of Church we want to become.

Jenny Welsh



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Confirmation at St Paul's Cathedral

On Saturday 31 March, eleven St Mary's people were presented for Confirmation at St Paul's Cathedral at the Easter Vigil service. Ten of our candidates were young people (three of whom were also baptized at the same service), ranging in age from ten to fourteen, who had met with me at the Vicarage for eight sessions, where they learned about the Christian story and their place in it; what it means to be a disciple; and about the life and work of the Church. The youngsters were enthusiastic and engaged in the discussions and also worked hard on the

homework they were given; they were also encouraged to discuss what they had learned with their families.

One adult was also prepared for baptism and confirmation – even though she had been part of a church all her life, and come to St Mary's for many years. She and I met five times, as we read and discussed Richard Giles' book *How to be an Anglican*, a wonderful and light hearted volume that opened up good avenues for discussion as well.

All this preparation was leading us to the great service in the Cathedral where we discovered more than a hundred other candidates to be presented. For many of them, it was the first time they had been in such a great gathering of people at the Cathedral, the first time they had experience such a grand and elaborate liturgy, and the first time they were asked to stand up and make their own commitment to their Christian faith. The service was long, including the lighting of the new fire (in the cathedral itself), and the blessing of the paschal candle; as well as a good sermon from Bishop Pete Broadbent, and the celebration of the first Eucharist of Easter, and the chance for candidates to take communion for the first time. At the confirmation itself it was such a powerful sight to see so many people ranged around the altar steps waiting for the Bishop to name them, and lay hands on them with the words, 'Confirm O Lord your servant with your Holy Spirit'.

Do keep praying for our newly confirmed members and encourage them when you see them in church. It is our hope and prayer that each one will continue to find new things to learn, and new ways to live out their Christian faith as they grow.

If you are interested in being confirmed (or being baptized) next time round, do speak with me. It is never too late!

Jenny Welsh

Confirmation

On Holy Saturday, I and 10 other members of the St. Mary's congregation had the privilege of being confirmed at the beautiful St. Paul's cathedral. We arrived at the front steps at 3.45pm for the rehearsal, eagerly anticipating the evening. We were met with a warm welcome from the clergy who talked us through the service and then offered us some delicious and much needed biscuits in the crypt! We met Bishop Pete, the acting Bishop of London, who was very friendly and chatted to us beforehand.

Finally, the service begun, starting with some Bible readings and continuing to the confirmations and baptisms. The music was phenomenal and the sermon, given by the Bishop, was very thought provoking. Then the entire congregation gathered around the font, as the confirmation candidates who had not been baptised were baptised by the Bishop. After that, we said our vows and each row of candidates processed to the front and gathered around the sanctuary for the laying on of hands. As Jenny read out my name, I was filled with excitement and apprehension: I was finally being confirmed! I was taking on responsibility for my faith, something I had been waiting to do for a really long time. The service finished outside on the front steps and I went out to dinner with my family feeling both proud and excited for the journey of faith which lies ahead of me.

Hattie Fowkes



Jargon-buster: Words you only hear in Church

2. Canticle

Canticle means a little song (Latin), and generally refers to one of the songs or prayers from the Bible used in worship, other than the psalms.

Among the best known – all from Luke's gospel – are the Benedictus (Song of Zechariah) from Morning Prayer, and from Evening Prayer the Magnificat (Song of Mary) and the Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon, also used in funerals). Choral settings of these are the bedrock of the Anglican musical tradition, but with the increasing scarcity of Matins and Evensong as Sunday services, these classic texts are in danger of getting forgotten.

We might bear in mind that Morning and Evening Prayer were originally intended for use 'daily throughout the year', and as such are said each weekday at our church.

Removed from sumptuous choral settings or gentle Anglican chant, the canticles can sometimes speak with a voice that upsets our world-view, as in our patron saint's Magnificat:

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things: and
the rich he hath sent empty away.

Next month: acolyte.

Philip Welsh

Canticum Zachariae, Ludo. F. g.

1. Be-ne-dictus Dómi-nus Dē-us Isra-el: * qui- a ví- si-
2. Et e-ré-xit córnu sa- lá-ris nó- bis, * in dómo Dē-
távit, et fé-cit redempti-ó-nem ple-bis sú- ae.
vid pá- eri sú- i:

Gregorian Benedictus. steadfastlutherans.org/2012/12

Annual Meetings at St Mary's

The results of the elections that took place at the Annual Meetings on Sunday 22 April are below and a notice of the results has been displayed on the main church notice board at the west end of church as required by the relevant rules.

Results of elections for the Parish of St Mary with St Peter and St Jude, West Brompton in the Deanery of Chelsea

At the Meeting for the election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held on 22 April 2018

The following were elected as churchwardens:

Antony Bryceson

Edward Quinton

The following were elected to the Parochial Church Council:

For THREE years

Adam Coulter

Caroline Jackson

For ONE year

Mary Godwin



Who was Jesus' father? (4)

This is the fourth of five of Hugh Beach's articles on the 'Paternity of Christ'

At the Reformation the English Church explicitly rejected any teaching not to be found in Holy Scripture. The 'Thirty-nine Articles of Religion', formulated in the mid-sixteenth century, is still printed with the Book of Common Prayer and is now described as one of the 'Historic Formularies' of the Church of England. Bishops, priests, deacons, readers and lay workers, on taking up new appointments, are still required to 'affirm and declare their belief in the faith' to which these documents bear witness. Article XXII says 'The Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory, Pardons,

Worshipping and Adoration of Images and Relics, and also invocation of Saints, is a fond thing vainly invented and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God'. The worship of the Virgin, in particular, had led to the widespread invocation of her aid and intercession. The *Angelus*, for example, includes the clause 'Pray for us, Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ'. In one of the earliest services written in English, a litany of 1544, three clauses invoked the intercession of the 'Holy Virgin Mary, mother of God' along with angels and saints. No such invocations appeared in the Book of Common Prayer (1549). The reasoning was simple. 'For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus' (1 Tim, 2.5). (Daniel Evan, *The Prayer Book*, Wells, Gardner, Darton, 1901, pp 624,5).

The Church of England rejected the cult of the Virgin Mary, and much else belonging to her went by the board. The shrine at Walsingham, which had become one of the greatest religious centres in England, on a par with Glastonbury and Canterbury, was suppressed in 1538, the buildings looted and the statue of Mary burned. All across England statues were vandalised, stained glass broken and much holy hardware disposed of, but that was the least of it. As Eamon Duffy has explained: 'The imaginative world (of medieval Catholicism) was gradually obliterated from wall and window and bracket, from primer and block-print and sermon, and was replaced by that of the Old Testament. Cranmer's sombrely magnificent prose, read week by week, entered and possessed their minds, and became the fabric of their prayer, the utterance of their most solemn and their most vulnerable moments. By the end of the 1570s, whatever the instincts and nostalgia of their seniors, a generation was growing up which had known nothing else, which believed the Pope to be the Antichrist, the mass a

mummery, which did not look back to the Catholic past as their own but another country, another world' (*The Stripping of the Altars*, Yale, 1992, p. 593).

Yet Mary was not wholly dismissed. This showed in at least three ways. First, a large number of medieval parish churches dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary remained so after the Reformation. In London there are half a dozen: St Mary-at-Hill, St Mary-le-Bow, St Mary Abbots, Abchurch, Aldermary, and Woolnoth. In Greater London these include Orpington, Wimbledon, Croydon, Putney, Watford, Merton, Battersea, Islington, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Barnes, Addington, Harefield and St Mary at Paddington Green. In Oxford the University Church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, as are Oriel and New Colleges. At Cambridge the University Church and so-called 'Little St. Mary's' are dedicated to her. There are similar dedications all over the country.



A similar picture emerges when the association is not with buildings but with festivals. It is striking the extent to which the Feast Days associated with Mary in the pre-Reformation calendar (as found, for example in the Sarum Missal of 1541) were carried over into the Book of Common Prayer – in its first edition of 1549 and subsequent revisions – and are still found today in the calendar of Common Worship.

These include:

- January 1: The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
- February 2: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (previously known as The Purification of the Virgin Mary)
- March 25: The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (celebrating the conception of Jesus nine months before Christmas)
- May 31: The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (previously celebrated on 2 July)
- July 26: St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary (of whom there is no mention in Scripture)
- September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (celebrated at St Mary the Boltons as our Patronal Festival on the nearest Sunday to this date.)
- December 8: Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Nine months before her nativity)

A third mark of continuity consists in the use of the term 'Mother of God' (Latin: *Genetrix Dei*, Greek: θεοτοκος). This designation, first adopted at the Council of Ephesus in 431, was accepted by the reformers. Luther wrote: 'We too know very well that God did not derive his divinity from Mary; but it does not follow that it is therefore wrong to say that God was born of Mary, that God is Mary's Son, and that Mary is God's mother'.

Matters stood for almost 300 years, during which time the Church of England, under the influence of John Wesley (who remained a member throughout his life) and the

Nonconformist churches, had moved steadily in a low-church direction. In reaction to this, during the 1830s, a group of brilliant priests all attached to Oxford Colleges (John Henry Newman, John Keble, Edward Bouverie Pusey), issued a series of 'Tracts for the Times'. In these they argued for a return to high church traditions, emphasising their sacramental character, and the need to bring the mystery of Christ's presence back into the lives of ordinary people (Roger Scruton, *Our Church*, Atlantic Books, 2012).

Out of this 'Oxford Movement' came the first religious communities to be founded since the reformation, one of the first being the Community of St Mary the Virgin at Wantage. This grew over the years, with many active ministries in schools, mission houses and homes for the elderly, mothers and babies. More recently, as numbers have declined, the community has become engaged in spiritual direction and leading retreats, assisting as hospital chaplains and with ministry in parishes and schools.

The shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham was rebuilt in the 1930s by an Anglican priest, Alfred Hope Patten. This has now become a thriving centre of worship, with a staff of clergy under a priest administrator and accommodation for some 200 people. It receives ten thousand visitors every year.

Even more surprising has been the announcement of a Feast Day on 15 August. This is an ancient festival of the church, celebrated in the Latin Church as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in the Eastern Orthodox Church as her Dormition. It recalls the bodily taking up of Mary at the end of her earthly life. As this is nowhere mentioned in Scripture, the festival was rejected by the Reformers, and never appeared in successive editions of the Book of Common Prayer, nor its successor, the

Alternative Service Book (1980). In *Common Worship* (2000) it has re-surfaced as a Major Festival (Red Letter Day) celebrating Mary simply as the mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

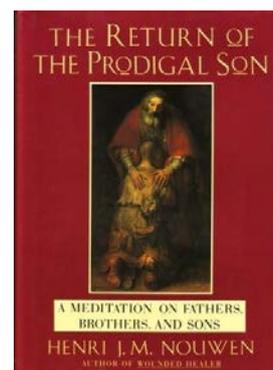
At its inception, the Oxford Movement was fiercely opposed as a Romanising sect. Today, nearly 200 years later, much of what it stood for and proposed has become mainstream. Obvious examples are the widespread adoption of the Parish Eucharist in place of Matins as the normal Sunday morning service; and the joining of our worship with that of 'all the saints' in four of the Eucharistic prayers provided in Order One of *Common Worship*.
Hugh Beach (to be continued)



Monday Morning Book Group

We resume meeting on Mondays, from 10.45-12 noon, on Monday 4 June. This term's book will be Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (DLT 1992). Everyone is welcome to join this little reading group, which will meet at the Vicarage. Speak to the Vicar for more information, or to ask me to order the book for you. Even if you cannot come to the meetings, why not read the book in parallel with the group, and engage in the discussion over coffee on Sunday mornings?

Jenny Welsh



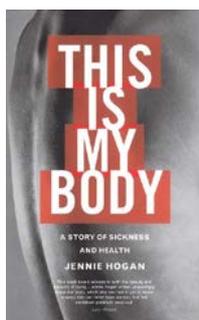
Book review

Jennie Hogan, *This is my Body: a story of sickness and health*, Canterbury Press, 2017, also available as e-book.

Jennie Hogan is currently Chaplain at Goodenough College in Bloomsbury, working among international postgraduate students, and some readers will remember her visit to St Mary's to preach on Remembrance Sunday last year. Not long before that she published this remarkable and original book *This is my Body*. It tells the story of her Lancashire upbringing, her turbulent teenage and early adult years, and the path that eventually led her to faith and to the priesthood. Running through it all is the history of brain injury and illness going back to childhood, and of living with its legacy of impairment. The story she tells is graphic, moving, funny, frightening and outrageous by turns. Mercifully it ends not long after she arrived as Curate in the parish where I was then Vicar.

Interwoven with this personal history is a series of powerful reflections, many arising from biblical passages, on what it means to live with our bodies; with pain or uncertainty and bodies that let us down; on what it means to be human and vulnerable, yet made in the image of God. The result is a fresh, hopeful, humane and open-minded account of Christian faith that comes about – as good theology should – as we bring together lived experience and the Christian story.

Philip Welsh



<https://www.booktopia.com.au/this-is-my-body-jennie-hogan/prod9781848259485.html>



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Our 'Host a charity's meal' Scheme

This scheme is running again during 2018. The idea is that you host a lunch, tea or dinner for six or eight people at your home (Or maybe a barbecue during the summer?). Instead of each guest saying thank you, perhaps by bringing a bottle of wine, they pay for their meal. This money is then donated to the Charitable Pot. Hopefully it will make your guests feel good, as well as being appreciative of your good food. Your guests could be other members of the congregation, but ideally they would be other friends, neighbours, acquaintances or even work colleagues. The amount you charge will depend on the meal being offered, but we suggest that £15-£20 per person could be an appropriate price for a lunch or dinner. If you are a renowned cook then maybe you could charge even more? If you do not think you could cope with a full meal, then why not do something like a coffee morning or a one-course supper for a smaller charge? The funds that the scheme generates for the Charitable Pot may be small compared to the Summer Fair, but they still make a valuable contribution to it.

Anthony Williams

On behalf of the Charity Committee



A reminder from the Charity Committee

The Charity Committee would like to remind you that you do not have to wait until September to suggest charities that we could support during the following year. All you need to do is write the name of the charity – and its address if known – on a piece of paper and put it in the Charity Suggestions Box. The Charity Committee will do the rest. The Box will be available in the south transept where we have coffee on a Sunday morning.

Anthony Williams

on behalf of the Charity Committee



St Mary's Preparation for Christian Aid Week

St Mary's has always supported Christian Aid and in preparation for this:

- Speak to Joanna Hackett to offer to bake whatever you like: a cake, biscuits, savouries, or jars of jam/marmalade/chutney for the stall.
- If you cannot turn your hand to baking, just bring your money and make a purchase on the Sunday.
- Jenny will be doing the Circle the City walk of City churches on 20 May. Could you sponsor her in her endeavours? There is a sheet for pledging

sponsorship at the back of church. For more information or if you would like to do the walk yourself, please see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christian-aid-circle-the-city-london-2018-tickets-34715685550>

Sunday, 20 May, Christian Aid Sunday

- *The 10.30 Holy Eucharist* will be an All Age service for Pentecost and Christian Aid, with roles shared between the adult and younger members of the congregation. Our Guest Speaker is Sarah Rowe from Christian Aid.
- *After the service, during coffee:* The Cake Sale (a St Mary's tradition). *In the afternoon:* Circle the City Sponsored Walk. The vicar will be walking the 10 km circuit, and is looking for sponsorship. Speak to her, or sponsor her online here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jenny-welsh4>

Jenny Welsh and Joanna Hackett





Sarah Mullally (credit: Max Colson)

A New Bishop for London: Sarah Mullally in Conversation

Monday 4 June 2018 6.30 - 8pm
Cathedral floor
FREE tickets

A Londoner for most of her adult life, she is passionate about how people live well in the city, about health, loneliness, the call to transformed lives, and what the church can offer people in a new century and a fast-changing city.

The event is free and open to everyone, and there will be plenty of time for questions from the audience. There will be BSL interpreters at this event.

Sarah Mullally is the Bishop of London. Installed on 12 May in St Paul's Cathedral, she was previously Bishop of Crediton, has worked at Salisbury Cathedral and been a parish priest, and before had a career as a nurse, specialising in cancer care. Her very successful career in the NHS culminated in her appointment as the government's Chief Nursing Officer for England at the age of 37, and she was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing and midwifery.

David Ison is the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral. Previously Dean of Bradford in Yorkshire, he began as an inner city priest in Deptford, taught at a training college in Blackheath, worked on a housing estate in Coventry and with in-service training of clergy in Devon, and has a PhD in Early Church History.



The Summer Fair 16 June 12 noon - 4pm

The Summer Fair is coming.

It is St Marys' biggest opportunity to open our doors to the local community. Please tell your friends and neighbours about the fair and bring along the whole family on the day.

We have an enthusiastic planning group but we need everybody's help to make the Fair a very happy and successful occasion. It is the major contributor to our Charitable Pot so we need to raise the maximum amount of money possible.

We still need both individual sponsorship and hire of the tables and chairs, and items to sell. Please think about being a sponsor, large or small, and donating:

- ≈ Home made cakes, bread, jams and marmalade
- ≈ Bottles for the tombola which will encourage people to put a hand in the drum - drinks of any sort are always good but you can be as imaginative as possible
- ≈ Good as new toys and games
- ≈ Quality and preferably undamaged items for the Bric-a-Brac stall (no clothes or electrical items please)

- ≈ Prizes for the raffle and the big hamper
- ≈ Second hand books, but no magazines, periodical or text books please
- ≈ Bric-à-Brac

If you would like to help in any way on the day, please tell me or Max in the office so we can include you in our planning.

Anthony Williams



Ismena Collective

The Heart of the Romantic: The Schumanns and Brahms

Renowned actor Jane Lapotaire joins forces with the acclaimed Kramer/ Durcan duo (Miriam Kramer violin and Nicholas Durcan piano), violinist Lorenz Hasler of I Salonisti, violist Alison Ruscoe and cellist Mayda Narvey to celebrate the legendary association of Robert and Clara Schumann with Johannes Brahms through words and music.

Brahms' passionate Piano Quintet in F Minor is coupled with Schumann's haunting chamber work for the same combination. Letters of Clara and Robert from their ardent but tragic marriage and letters between Clara and her almost-lover and lifelong friend, Brahms, as well as the writing of 19th century composer and chronicler of music, ETA Hoffmann, bring the world of this astonishing trio to life.

18 May, 7.30 pm

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Upcoming events in May

6 May: Easter 6. Guest speaker from Soundseekers, Tanya D'souza

10 May: Ascension Day. Said Holy Eucharist 8.30am

20 May: Pentecost and Christian Aid Sunday

10.30: All Age Eucharist. Guest speaker Sarah Rowe

12.30 Baptisms of Islay Hurst and Cybella Corlette

27 May: Trinity Sunday

12.30 Baptism of Felix Hebel



Silent Prayer in Church

The Silent Prayer meetings continue in church on Wednesdays, 11am to 12md.

The next dates are:

9 May

13 June

11 July

These meetings are designed to give an opportunity to join with others for silent prayer and meditation. The space behind the altar is a perfect setting, having a quiet air of spirituality, silence and serenity. We begin with a short reading, then two sessions of twenty minutes in which we sit quietly in prayer or meditation with a short break between. If you are practised in meditation or simply wish to join others for the first time, you are welcome.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, to which we were called in the one body. Colossians 3.15.

Year's Mind May

Helene Stockton
Patricia Behr
Richard Branston
Norman Griggs
Paul Newall
Ivor Porter



Sunday Readings for May 2018

Sunday 6 May, Sixth of Easter

10.30am Acts 10, 44-48
1 John 5. 1-6
John 15. 9-17

Sunday 13 May, Seventh of Easter

Acts 1. 15-17, 21-26
1 John 5. 9-13
John 17.6-19

Sunday 20 May, Pentecost

Acts 2. 1-21
Romans 8. 22-27
John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Sunday 27 May, Trinity Sunday

Isa. 6. 1-8
Rom 8. 12-17
John 3. 1-17

Sunday 3 June, First after Trinity

1. Sam. 10.1-10
2. Cor. 4.5-12
Mark 2.23 – 3.6



SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Eucharist, 10.30am Sung Eucharist
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 daily at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm, except Public Holidays. The weekday Eucharist is on Tuesdays at 1pm in the chancel.

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(call Parish Office)

**Safeguarding at St Mary's**

The St Mary The Boltons' Safeguarding Officer is Clair Gordon. Her role is to help us to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. She is the first point of contact for children, adults at risk and other members of the congregation regarding suspicions of abuse and other safeguarding concerns. If you have any concerns, please contact Clair on 07850 944 834. In the event of Clair not being available, Kelly Webb may be contacted at 07971 552 014.

Alternatively, speak to: Sheryl Kent, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: 020 7932 1224
Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) helpline: 0845 120 4550
Family Lives: 0808 800 222 (Previously Parentline) Childline: 0800 111

**Children's Champion**

The St Mary The Boltons' Children's Champions are Chris and Katie Fowkes. Their role is to ensure that the voices and needs of the children and young people are heard and reflected in parish life. They can be contacted via: katie.fowkes@talktalk.net / 07810 831505

**Basil the Great on the Holy Spirit**

Basil the Great (330-379) is the Church Father who inspired and urged the Church to confess and proclaim the status of the Holy Spirit as divine in nature and so contributed to the emerging dogma of the Trinity.

'What does the Spirit do? His works are ineffable in majesty, and innumerable in quantity. He existed; He pre-existed; He co-existed with the Father and the Son before the ages. Even if you can imagine anything beyond the ages, you will discover that the Spirit is even further before.'

From: Basil The Great, De Spiritu Sancto.

Contributions for the March Clarion should be sent to the Parish Office by 27 May 2018.

The PCC of St. Mary with St Peter & St. Jude, West

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