

THE CLARION

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reaching out in service

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‘Stir up the gift of God that is within you’

I have been struck, time after time, by athletes reflecting on their performance and their training during the Olympic post-event interviews. For some their words have been joyful with many thank you’s to all who supported them: families, coaches, clubs. For others, there have been words or tears expressing deep sorrow, and apologies to those who supported them through the years; yet for many, still joy at having been at the London 2012 Olympic Games. We have seen on track and field, on land and water, the outer fruit of many years of dedicated work, but very often in the interviews the athletes have spoken of their inner life, who and what has kept them going through long, dark, invisible hours of training. Their inner life, thoughts, feelings, relationships, determination and will all played a part alongside their natural gifts and rigorous physical training.

While we may feel far from athletic prowess, I suspect these words have echoed with many about the nature of life: a complex mix of the outer and inner life, mind, body and spirit, relationships, community, the role of accident, sickness or injury in transforming possibilities in an instant.

St Paul didn’t shy from making analogies between the life of an athlete and the life of faith, and for me the rich mix of life of which the athletes speak, resonates with the life of faith. The life of faith is both individual and communal, we each have our own story, gifts and the challenges we face, the complexity of modern life we negotiate day by day. Together we support and encourage one another on the way, discerning the life of Christ in each of us

individually and together as the body of Christ at St Mary The Boltons, walking, running together the way of faith. We express this life inwardly and outwardly in our worship and private prayer, and outwardly in our activities: parish lunches, Summer Fair, reading at St Cuthbert and St Matthias and many other ways. In 2011 and 2012 there has been a lot of focus on our outer life: our church buildings, the Craigie Aitchison Memorial Window, our engagement with the local community, hospitality during the Olympics and in many more. Now it is time to rebalance the focus to our inner life of faith, adult formation, spirituality, prayer, study; there are so many ways and words to speak of this inner life. It is this inner life that Ginny and I will be seeking to stimulate, feed and encourage over the coming year, for individuals and as a Church. This is not new as it is at the heart of our life, day by day, week by week, but it will be a particular emphasis in our events and sermons.

Plans for the coming year include a Quiet Day at the convent at Ham Common on 20 October 2012, a pilgrimage to Waldsassen, Germany, and joining together with St Luke’s and Christ Church, Chelsea for a pilgrimage to Israel in October 2013.

The journey of faith is different for each of us and attending to, developing and sharing our personal journey can encourage us all, in the vital hidden, invisible work of the Holy Spirit within us. ‘Stir up the gift of God that is within you’ is one of the charges given to clergy at ordination and is vital to us all. In the coming year Ginny and I will offer many ways to stir up the gift of God that is within us. We know that all of us cannot do everything, but each of us can do something. Whether we are new to

faith, or have been faithful for many years, whether we are excited by faith, or bored in prayer, whether we are facing great life challenges or the daily grind: given the opportunity, the Holy Spirit will draw us more deeply into the life of Jesus Christ, and the love of God.

Ruth Lampard



Harvest Festival Lunch and Planned Giving Programme: 7 October 2012

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday

7 October. Following the service there will be a special harvest festival lunch held in the church. Invitations to the lunch will be sent to you by post. If you do not receive an invitation but would like to attend, please contact the Parish Office on 020 7835 1440.

We hope that as many people as possible will attend, including families and children of all ages. During lunch there will be a 'Make Your Own Scarecrow' competition for children, as well as colouring and drawing activities.

With your invitation to the lunch there will be a letter about our Planned Giving Programme for 2012 and a leaflet giving details of our church activities. While in the past a Planned Giving Programme (formerly known as a Stewardship Campaign) was held every three years, it is now necessary to have such a programme each year so that the church's finances – our costs and expenditures – are kept in line and up to date. I appreciate that this new cycle of Planned Giving Programmes may be difficult to adjust to, but I hope you will understand the need for it as we seek to balance our budget each year so that St Mary's can continue and grow in its life of worship and service to God.

I look forward to seeing you at the Harvest Festival Lunch on 7 October, which will not only be a thanksgiving celebration for the riches and fruitfulness of the earth, but also of the richness of our life together at St Mary's.

Ginny Thomas



The new Director of Music introduces himself

The church came into view, looking glorious in the spring morning sunshine as I walked

round the crescent of the Boltons. As I stepped tentatively inside, I remember the unexpected lightness of the interior, the organ prelude blossoming in the generous acoustic, and a quiet but friendly buzz as the congregation gathered... such were my very first impressions of St Mary's on my first 'incognito' visit back in May. I had seen the advert for the Director of Music position, and having spent the previous year as an itinerant organist, 'depping' at various churches across London, I was on the lookout for a permanent post. I remember sensing on that May Sunday that the Boltons would be a church community where I could feel at home, and so was absolutely delighted several weeks later, after the auditions and interviews, to receive a call from Ginny offering me the job.

Having grown up in Manchester, I came to London ten years ago to study at the Royal College of Music, where I later returned to earn my Masters degree in 2009. I spent my first years in London living in the Catholic chaplaincy residence on Cromwell Road, with a fabulous view of the Natural History Museum from my window, and I'm looking forward to re-acquainting myself with an area of London of which I have such fond memories.

Very early on in my time in London, I became involved at St Mary's Catholic Church in Bayswater, where I ended up spending more than eight years, firstly as organist, then later as Director of Music. During my time there, a 25-strong children's choir and 16-strong adult choir were established, professional musicians became regularly involved in the liturgy, and I

had the privilege of overseeing the musical side of many memorable 'standing-room-only' occasions, including the 150th Anniversary Mass in 2007. I took a step back from that very busy position to focus on my teacher training, which I have now completed. This year, I am looking forward to less paperwork, and more time for music. I shall be combining my new role at the Boltons with a part-time teaching position at Walthamstow Hall, as well as some piano-teaching and other freelance musical work, and am very much looking forward to building on the excellent work of my predecessor, Graham Caldbeck, here at St Mary the Boltons.

I should like to record here my special thanks to Graham for being so generous with his time and characteristically fastidious in his handover; thanks also to Ginny, Ruth and John McVeigh for handling my many queries over the summer. Please do introduce yourself to me at church, and do not hesitate to be in touch via boltonsmusic@gmail.com. I have even set up a new Twitter feed – @boltonsmusic – so any tweeters among you can keep up to speed with what is happening. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all in due course and, I hope, to persuading many of you to become involved in our music programme in one way or another.

John Ward

Patronal Festival Sunday 9 September

We are delighted to have Ann Morisy as our preacher at the Patronal Festival. Following the service she will talk on 'Putting Age on the Agenda'.

Ann led the January 2011 PCC Awayday that reflected on our Community Audit and led to the development of *Time for Tea*.

Ann is a freelance community theologian and lecturer and PSALM Development Director. PSALM is a Project for Seniors and Lifelong Ministry and addresses matters of interest and concern to people over 60, or those approaching retirement, or anyone with an interest in ageing and spirituality. Ann has

worked in the field of social responsibility for many years and directed the Commission that wrote the report 'Faithful Cities'. Ann has written a number of well regarded books. Her most recent *Borrowing From the Future* invites older people in particular to perch more lightly on the globe for the sake of future generations.



New Foodbank for Kensington & Chelsea

In Kensington & Chelsea, as in many parts of the country, there are families struggling to put food

on the table. For people on low incomes, a sudden crisis – redundancy, benefit delay or even an unexpected bill – can mean going hungry. The good news is that Foodbanks across the UK, under the organisation of The Trussell Trust, are making a real difference. This year the Foodbank network fed 26,000 men, women and children nationwide. For more information see www.trusselltrust.org (Regd Charity number 1110522).

A Foodbank will be opening this autumn for people in Kensington & Chelsea, based at St Luke's Redcliffe Gardens, supported by a wide network of local Churches. The Kensington & Chelsea Foodbank is designed to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food supplies. The aim is to provide help to supplement existing support for local people in difficulties, particularly the West London Homelessness Concern, and the Earl's Court Community Project.

How Foodbank works

1. Non-perishable food is donated by the public
2. Volunteers sort and pack food into emergency food boxes
3. Local frontline care professionals, such as doctors, social workers and churches, give Foodbank vouchers to local people in crisis
4. Foodbank vouchers are exchanged for three days of food at our Foodbank

5. Foodbank volunteers take time to listen and connect clients to further support.

Ruth Lampard

Donations to Foodbank

This Harvest Festival, Sunday 7 October, we will be asking for donations to the new K&C Foodbank, to help get it up and running:

- We would ask that food expiry dates are **no less than 3 months** and the packaging is intact
- The list is very specific and we strongly ask to follow the list rather than what you think or feel is appropriate.

Donations wanted are:

Tomatoes (Tinned)
Soup (Tinned or packet)
Sugar
Orange juice (Carton)
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Fruit (Tinned)
Breakfast Cereal
Meat (Tinned)
Vegetables (Tinned)
Tuna/Fish (Tinned)
Pasta Sauce (Jar)
Pasta/Noodles (Dried)
Tea Bags
Rice Pudding (Tinned)
Chocolate
Biscuits

Quiet Day Saturday 20 October Reflecting on our Lives

You are invited to attend a day of reflection at the convent of St Michael and All Angels, Ham Common on Saturday 20 October, 10.30am – 3.00pm. The day offers an opportunity to step out of our every day routine and to review our material and spiritual lives in the quiet surroundings of the convent. There will be some structure to the day, which will be led either by one of the sisters at the convent or by the clergy. There will also be time for personal reflection and weather permitting, to walk in the garden, the common or the surrounding area.

There will be a charge of £10 to cover costs and we will need to bring our own lunch. The convent is easily accessible by tube to Richmond and then a short bus ride from the station. If anyone will be going by car, it may be possible to car pool.

If you would like to attend please speak to Ginny or Ruth or call the Parish Office: 020 7835 1440.

Thursday 6 September: 11.45 Eucharist followed by Thursday Lunch at 12.30

Mark Balaam, Chairman of the Eardley Crescent Residents' Association will speak on the proposed redevelopment of Earls' Court. If you would like to attend, please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church

Thursday 6 September Taizé Service at 7.30pm



Come, be still, find peace.
A time of quiet contemplation with readings,
prayer and the beautiful songs of Taizé.

It's time to refresh our Charitable Pot!
At this time of year we come to a significant point in the Charitable Giving Programme. It is when you have your opportunity to participate in selecting the causes which we will support in 2013. An important feature of our programme is that the charities which receive donations should be nominated by members of the parish.

From nominations received this year, one local charity will be selected for support for the next two years, receiving one third of the charitable

pot in each year. As the pot has averaged £15,000 per year over the last three calendar years, you can see this is a worthwhile sum. Our framework for giving means that each year we rotate the projects we support. For our smaller donations next year we are looking for a balance of local and overseas projects to support for just one year. They will receive another third of the charitable pot with the remainder continuing to support Pump Aid for a second year.

Please bear in mind that we are not able to support all charities for which we receive nominations. There are strict criteria: each project should be small enough for our funds to make a difference; it should support those on the margins of society, and UK projects should be as close to the Parish as possible and certainly not have an area of benefit outside the Kensington episcopal area. Please be prepared to be an active link with any charity which you nominate, providing further information by way of a *Clarion* article or a talk, or by inviting a guest speaker. We very much value feedback from the projects and it ensures there is an important link between those who give and those who benefit.

A nomination form is enclosed with this issue of *The Clarion* and further copies can be obtained from the Parish Office in both hard copy or electronic form. They must be returned to the Parish Administrator by 30th September. After reviewing the nominations, the Charities Committee will make a recommendation to the PCC for the names to be supported. The final decision is scheduled to be made by the PCC at its November meeting.

The Charities Committee members are currently Leo Fraser-Mackenzie, Anthony Williams, Katrin Roskelly, John McVeigh, Katrina Quinton and Vanessa Arkell.

Leo Fraser-Mackenzie

Bible Study Groups

The two Bible study groups reconvene this month; the Monday evening group (7.0-8.30pm at Dorothy Patrick's) **on Monday 10**

September and the Wednesday morning group (10am -12noon at Margarete Geier's) on **Wednesday 12 September**. If you would like to join one of the groups please phone the Parish Office or speak to Ginny or Ruth.
Ginny Thomas

Spiritual Solace in Waldsassen?



Over the years St Mary's has organised a number of visits/pilgrimages both within the UK and abroad. A couple of years ago we explored a visit to Assisi but because of timing, suggested programme and cost this was not pursued. However, those of us who have been on these community visits know the benefits they can bring in deepening faith, encourage a broader community spirit, and the chance to travel to new places in the company of old and new Parish friends. When Ginny and Leo paid a quick visit to Germany earlier in the year in the depths of winter to see and commission the hand blown glass for the Craigie Aitchison Memorial Window, they were both struck by the beauty and peace of Waldsassen, with its Monastic Foundation, Abbey Church and Guest House, and felt that this could be a true place of spiritual peace to experience over a few days.

Leo and Patrick have put their heads together to see if there is enough interest to organise a small group to visit in Lent in 2013. The outline would be to travel by air to Munich on a Monday, and on to Waldsassen, about two hours' drive north east of Munich near the Czech border. We would expect to spend four or five nights at the Abbey's Guest House, which is a well appointed pension-style simple hotel with en-suite bathrooms and good wholesome cooking. We would hope to spend the mornings with some quiet time and after coffee perhaps have a discussion around either topics in our St Mary's Lent Course and/or related to the area we are in. For example, not far from Waldsassen is the former concentration Camp of Flossenburg, where the great 20th century theologian and pastor,

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was executed in 1945. His life and teaching sets a strong example to us in our troubled 21st century.

In the afternoons we would have time for more traditional sightseeing and getting to know the area. The Abbey Church has a fine Baroque interior and its library is renowned throughout Europe for its wood carving. The Glashütte Lamberts is close by, where handmade glass is produced in the traditional way by glass blowing, and where our window glass was blown. The Flossenburg camp has been preserved as a memorial and can be visited. Only 40 kilometres away over the border in the Czech Republic is the famous spa town of Marienbad, which still has an Anglican Chapel built in the 19th century for the English visitors (now a concert venue). As well as the sights, there are several walks in the immediate vicinity of Waldsassen, as well as the traditional German cafés for Kaffee und Kuchen in the afternoon.

On the basis of a minimum of 10 people wanting to travel, the approximate cost should not exceed £800, to include all travel, accommodation and 'demi Pension'. Organised excursions may be extra.

If you like the sound of this, are interested to visit an area of Europe well off the tourist paths, and would like to learn more, please speak to Ginny, Leo or Patrick during September, and depending on your response we will organise a meeting of interested parties at the beginning of October to discuss what you would like to do, whether you would prefer a more retreat-based experience or a more exploratory trip. What we have outlined is our attempt to balance both the spiritual needs as well as the chance to explore somewhere completely different. You can check the area at Waldsassen on Google: <http://www.abtei-waldsassen.de/de/index.php?Einzelzimmer>
The pictures of the rooms are easy to follow although the text is in German!
Patrick Thomas and Leo Fraser-Mackenzie

Road Race Water for Life!

After the welcome heat wave earlier in the week, the sun still smiled on the men's road race on Saturday 28 July as they cycled along the Fulham Road, out to circle Box Hill and back. The women were not so fortunate with the weather, but it was mostly dry here on the Fulham Road. The cyclists whizzed by in a blink on the way out, but were more spread out as they returned, with the stragglers receiving huge cheers from the spectators who lined the streets.



Weaving in and out of the spectators throughout both days, with bottles of water was a team of people from

St Mary The Boltons and the Servite Church. All the volunteers were wearing badges with the names of both Churches and 'Water for Life' across the middle. We were based in two locations: the Bathstore at the bottom of Gilston Road and the Servite Church, and from there we could reach a good stretch of people on both sides of the road. We offered water as a simple act of hospitality and told the story of our churches working together and of our support for two water charities: PumpAid (St Mary The Boltons) and CAFOD's Lent Water Appeal.

There was a real range of people on the street, we met old friends, local people who had heard of the churches but never been inside, and visitors from all over the world. The police, marshalls and first aiders all appreciated the water and support too, and also the hospitality of toilets at the Servite Church. The atmosphere was warm and relaxed and wonderful to experience the Fulham Road liberated from traffic, if only for one weekend.

Fr Pat Ryall and I led a meeting for the volunteers the Monday evening before the road race, and all were delighted to be part of the Olympics in some small way, and to be working together to offer hospitality during the road race. It was a great experience, both to be part of the road race that weekend, and to be churches visibly working together to serve our local community.

Ruth Lampard

Roman Saturdays

A colleague asked me recently if I had a Saturday job as a teenager. Sure, and my colleague thought it was a rather unusual one. I had never thought of it in that way.

I grew up near the Swiss city of Basel and visiting the Roman ruins of Augusta Raurica near there was for us a regular Sunday outing. It was fun running around in the biggest amphitheatre north of the alps, and in and out of the stables and rooms at the back. The main house was (and still is) a museum, well laid out, containing beautiful mosaics and hundreds of artefacts and careful historical details. Augusta Raurica was founded in 44 BCE, but seems not to have been colonized until about 15 BCE. The colony spread around, and there are several further settlements in the area. One of these was not far from where we lived and was being excavated in the late 1950s and early 1960s at the time when, as a teenager, I was happy to do any work for a bit of cash. So it came about that on Saturday afternoons one winter I went to work there for 50 centimes per hour. There were three or four of us youngsters and the jobs were divided up. The most uncomfortable was washing bucket after bucket load of material, much of it soil and stones, to find any item of interest, especially the square mosaic pieces. Given that this was outside, with minimal 'amenities', washing stones in cold running water in often freezing conditions and without gloves was not always fun. A much more satisfactory job was cleaning the large floor mosaic that was gradually being dug up. It was the *pièce de résistance* of the dig, gradually getting larger. I remember it being remarkably beautiful. I had to use several brooms of different bristle consistency to get the dirt out of the crevices between the stones, and then finally had to wash the whole thing with cold water too, mostly on my knees. This was always the last job on Saturday, in preparation for the visitors on Sunday. They had to walk quite a step through muddy fields to get there, and that inevitably meant cleaning the same stones again the next Saturday. The mosaic was under canvas, but the stone washing certainly was not. Still, I managed to earn a decent

enough amount of money for my needs at the time.

I am not sure if the mosaic is still in its place or if it has been transported to Augusta Raurica, where would be its most natural home.

The Roman Museum there houses also the most significant archaeological find, the silver treasure from another nearby settlement, found in 1961/62 and is presumed to have once been the property of a commander.

Verena Tschudin



This is a response to Verena Tschudin's excellent article in the July-August *Clarion* 'This is the

Word of the Lord' (which made me want to buy a copy of the Gospel of Thomas). I thought it might be interesting to read part of a *précis* in the *Church Times* of a sermon given by Dr Rowan Williams concerning the King James version of the Bible:

"To celebrate the Bible of 1611 is not to genuflect before a timeless masterpiece, to salute a perfect translation; the translators would have been both baffled and embarrassed by any such idea.

"It is to recognise the absolute seriousness with which they sought to find in our language words that would pass on to us hearers and readers in the English tongue the almost unbearable weight of divine intelligence and love pressing down on those who first encountered it and tried to embody it in writing."

The Archbishop began his sermon by asking what made a good translation. "A good translation", he suggested, "will be an invitation to read again, and to probe, and reflect, and imagine with the text. Rather than letting me say, 'Now I understand,' it prompts the response, "Now the work begins."

To translate any work of significance was to reveal, but not exhaust, a range

of meanings in the original. “We have all suffered from a mindset in the last couple of centuries that has assumed there is an end to translating and understanding, and thus that there is something wrong with any version of a text that fails to settle disputes and to provide an account of the truth that no one could disagree with. But what the 1611 translators grasped was that hearing the Word of God was a lifelong calling that had to be undertaken in the company of other readers, and was never something that left us where we started.”

What made a good translation was that there was no attempt to smooth over the stumbling. “The 1611 translators never let us down in this, never seek to make it easy. It is one of the things that gives this version its abiding importance. It remains an invitation to work, to open up our own language to this weight and presence of gift.”

The English Reformation had often made use of the phrase “God’s Word written” to describe scripture, he said. “We should not take this to mean a mechanical dictation; rather it says that when human language writes what God does and says in all his acts throughout history, the Bible is what it looks like — wax bearing the imprint of . . . the weight of the Word. To read or rather to hear that Word in our reading and hearing of scripture is not to thumb through a volume of records and commands, but to absorb scripture’s language in such a way, at such a depth, that we sense that weight and accept the burden and the joy of labouring at a lifelong response to it.”

Reference:

Glyn Pafin, It’s the Bible: don’t expect it to be easy, says Dr Williams. *Church Times*, 17 November 2011. <http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2011/18-november>. Accessed 29 July 2012.

Pat Schleger

Re: 'This is the word of the Lord'

Thank you, Verena, for a fascinating and illuminating article. We have both, quite independently, felt that the phrase ‘This is the word of the Lord’ was a questionable ending to our weekly readings in church, from the Bible. We wonder how such an authoritative sounding statement came about, as in our childhood such readings ended with ‘here ends the lesson’, or ‘here ends the reading’. We wonder if others feel the same?

Ann and Arthur Tait.



Why not write for *Clarion*?

The *Clarion* is **your** magazine and you can make it even more yours by contributing to it. There are many

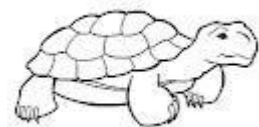
possible topics to write on, and here are only some:

- ‘Where are they now?’ Are you in touch with someone who has left St Mary’s and a reasonable number of people will remember? Ask them to write a short, perhaps amusing, piece on where they are and what they are doing now.
- Do you have an unusual hobby? Did you know that Leo Fraser-Mackenzie used to keep bees?
- Do you have a recipe for a season-specific dish or cake?
- What advice could you give about keeping indoor plants?
- Do you remember the ‘time and motion’ advice? What tips would you share with the rest of the congregation? Time-savers, shortcuts, tips etc.: write about any you know of.
- Do you have a connection with one of our neighbouring churches? Tell the rest of us about it, perhaps with permission of the priest/pastor/minister.
- Do you have old copies of *Clarion*? Snippets from old parish magazines that show what we did in the past would help us to think about the road we have travelled as a parish.
- What about a review of a book that inspired you?

- Letters to the Editor about any article in earlier *Clarions* would foster a dialogue that could be very stimulating.
 - Opinion pieces always make good copy.
 - Join Hugh Beach with something historical, theological, social, biblical, revolutionary, economic, cultural, etc.
- Give your talents an outing and contact the Parish Office for length of items and send anything of interest, preferably by email.
The Editor

Back from the holidays

Final dip in the pool, suitcases packed ready for journey to airport, last glimpse of the sea, sparkling in the sunlight. Holiday over and back to home. Large piles of washing to cope with (should I have put more in the machine on holiday??). Typically, the washing machine breaks down, indignant at the amount I asked it to cope with, I expect, and urgent research needed to track down the most suitable machine at the best price. Lawn appears to have ambitions to be a hayfield. Urgent need to curb such ambitions.



Although reluctant to leave the sun, pool and olive trees behind, I am always happy to come home. On this occasion especially, looking forward to returning as in my absence I heard there were *two* new additions to the family. I was looking forward to the delights of bathtime with the new little ones. Over a year since there were any new babies but you don't forget the routine. Bath water mustn't be too deep, don't want to drown them! Check the water temperature with your elbow. Have something soft ready to dry the babies. Then into fresh clean bedding.

Then of course meals to prepare for the little ones. Important to get them drinking and eating quickly. Broccoli is generally a favourite, so must include some in the diet. Not too much food of course; not good for them, they would grow too fast.

Lovely soft clean play sand mixed with soil for bedding. Oh, did I mention the babies are tortoises? Two eggs hatched when I was on holiday, followed by a further three within a few days, so five new little ones to care for. The tortoise family has really grown over the years. My first tortoise is now a grandmother!

With enchanting new babies to come home to, the wrench away from sunnier climes was less difficult.

Sheila Gibbs

Archbishop Matthew Parker

The article in the July/August *Clarion* carried an item on the '39 Articles'. This essay adds some flesh to the dry bones of the Articles in the form of a potted biography of one of the principal authors, Matthew Parker. He was born in Norwich in 1504 and sent to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, in 1522 where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1525. He was ordained deacon in April 1527 and priest in June that same year. In September 1527 he was elected a fellow of Corpus Christi and began his Master of Arts degree in 1528. He was one of the Cambridge scholars who Thomas Wolsey wished to transplant to his newly founded 'Cardinal College' (now Christ Church) at Oxford.

Parker, like Cranmer, declined Wolsey's invitation. He had come under the influence of the reformers, and after Anne Boleyn's recognition as queen he was made her chaplain. Through her he was appointed dean of the college of secular canons at Stoke-by-Clare. Shortly before Boleyn's death in 1536, she commended her daughter Elizabeth to his care. In 1537 he was appointed chaplain to King Henry VIII. In 1538 he was threatened with prosecution, but Richard Yngworth, the Bishop of Dover, reported to Thomas Cromwell that Parker 'hath ever been of a good judgment and set forth the Word of God after a good manner. For this he suffers some grudge'. He graduated as Doctor of Divinity in the same year, and in 1541 was appointed to the second Prebend in the reconstituted cathedral church of Ely. In 1544, on Henry VIII's

recommendation, he was elected master of Corpus Christi College, and in 1545 vice-chancellor of the university. He got into some trouble with the chancellor, Stephen Gardiner, over a ribald play, *Pammachius*, performed by the students, which derided the old ecclesiastical system.



On the passing of the act of parliament in 1545, enabling the King to dissolve chantries and colleges, Parker was appointed one of the commissioners for Cambridge, and their report may have saved

its colleges from destruction. Stoke, however, was dissolved in the following reign, and Parker received a generous pension. He took advantage of the new reign to marry in June 1547, before clerical marriages had been legalized by parliament and convocation. His wife was Margaret, daughter of Robert Harlestone, a Norfolk squire. They had initially planned to marry in about 1540 but had waited until it was not a felony for priests to marry. Parker's association with Protestantism advanced with the times. In 1552 he was promoted to the rich deanery of Lincoln, and in July 1553 he supped with Northumberland at Cambridge, when the Duke marched north on a hopeless campaign against the accession of Mary Tudor. Under her regime, as a supporter of Northumberland and a married man, Parker was deprived of his deanery, his mastership of Corpus Christi, and his other preferments. However, he survived Mary's reign without leaving the country, a fact that probably annoyed the more ardent Protestants who had gone into exile and idealized their fellows who were martyred by Queen Mary. When Elizabeth came to the throne she wanted a moderate man as Archbishop of Canterbury and chose Parker. There was also an emotional attachment. Parker had been the favourite chaplain of Elizabeth's mother, Anne Boleyn, who had entrusted Elizabeth's spiritual well-being to Parker. A few days after this Anne had been executed following charges of adultery, incest and treason. Parker also possessed all

the qualifications Elizabeth expected from an archbishop, except celibacy. Parker made great efforts to avoid promotion to the archbishopric of Canterbury, but he respected authority and was duly appointed in 1559.

Parker soon showed that he could consistently impose authority on others. He mistrusted popular enthusiasm, and he wrote in horror of the idea that 'the people' should be the reformers of the Church. He was convinced that if ever Protestantism was to be firmly established in England at all, some definite ecclesiastical forms and methods must be sanctioned to secure the triumph of order over anarchy, and he vigorously set about the repression of what he thought a mutinous individualism incompatible with a catholic spirit. He was not an inspiring leader, and no dogma, no prayer-book, not even a tract or a hymn is associated with his name. He was a disciplinarian, a scholar, a modest and moderate man of genuine piety and irreproachable morals.

Parker avoided involvement in secular politics and was never admitted to Elizabeth's Privy Council. Ecclesiastical politics gave him considerable trouble. Some of the evangelical reformers wanted liturgical changes and at least the option not to wear certain clerical vestments. Early Presbyterians wanted no bishops, while conservatives opposed all these changes. The queen herself begrudged episcopal privilege until she eventually recognised it as one of the chief bulwarks of the royal supremacy. To Parker's consternation, the queen refused to add her imprimatur to his attempts to secure conformity, though she insisted that he achieve this goal. Thus Parker was left to stem the rising tide of Puritan feeling with little support from parliament, convocation or the Crown. He died on 17 May 1575, lamenting that Puritan ideas of governance would 'in conclusion undo the queen and all others that depended upon her'.

By his personal conduct, he had set an ideal example for Anglican priests. Parker gave the English people the 'Bishops' Bible', which was undertaken at his request, prepared under his

supervision, and published at his expense in 1572. He had also the principal share in drawing up the 1559 version of the *Book of Common Prayer*, for which his skill in ancient liturgies peculiarly fitted him. It was under his leadership that the Thirty-nine Articles were finally revised and subscribed to by the clergy in 1562.

Parker left a priceless collection of manuscripts, largely collected from former monastic libraries, to his college at Cambridge. The Parker Library at Corpus Christi bears his name and houses most of his collection, with some volumes in the Cambridge University Library. The 'Parker Library on the Web' project has made digital images of all of these manuscripts available online. (www.parkerweb.stanford.edu/). He also founded the Society of Antiquaries and was its first president.

Hugh Beach (with due acknowledgement to Wikipedia)

🎵🎵 Autumn Concert and Reception 🎵🎵

In aid of the Royal National Lifeboat
Institution

with the Ealing String Trio, featuring Philip
Haworth (oboe)
(Graduates from the Royal College of Music)
playing music by Bach, Schubert and Mozart

Thursday 11 October 2012 at 7.15 pm

at St Mary The Boltons, SW10 9TB

£25 per ticket to include drinks and canapés

For further information and tickets contact
Valerie Heathorn
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or pick up a leaflet from the back of the church



Travel opportunities in 2013: Germany and the Holy Land

In addition to a visit to Waldsassen, Germany, in 2013 (see details on page 5) there is also an opportunity to join members from St Luke's and Christ Church, Chelsea, on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will be led by the Rector of St Luke's, The Revd Dr Brian Leathard and the Revd Dr Jack Dunn, the curate. More details in October's *Clarion*.

Ken Howard OBE RA – Catalogue of 'An Artist's Odyssey'

For our Art Show in June Ken Howard kindly donated signed catalogues of his show at the Richard Green Gallery in January to be sold in aid of church funds. One catalogue remains; if you would like to purchase it (£15) please contact the Parish Office on 020 7835 1440.

Bugs and buzzards

A sunny morning in Bramham Gardens listening to magical stories, searching for bugs and beetles and getting up close to birds of prey - just three elements to the outside variety that is The Great Garden Adventure. Ruth had done a wonderful job coordinating Anne Johnson from Everyday Magic, Karis Tanner from the London Wildlife Trust and the Birds of Prey from Countrywide Falconry to draw children and adults away from the hubbub and traffic and closer to the fauna in Earls Court. After all, how many times have you seen a snowy owl and a buzzard up close in central London? Jane Dass provided artistic direction, with pens and materials for all young naturalists to make their own badges and after the Adventure draw their best bug, beetle or bird. They did look a little like the wild bunch as they jumped up and down to make the worms think it was raining. But perhaps it would help the beans grow that they planted in pots to take home after a pause to re-group on the lawn with orange squash and biscuits. Involving residents from the square and beyond who don't attend St Mary's, with a mix of volunteers from Braham Gardens and the Church, it was a thoroughly enjoyable community event, which deserves to propagate

and flourish by the year, so do make it a date in the diary for 2013.

Timon Molloy

And...



Have you been round the Church garden recently? If so, have you noticed the many birds that are around there

too? The other day there was a congregation of two blackbirds, two song thrushes, a robin family and a greater spotted woodpecker, all making use of the space. Also spotted and heard nearby were a tawny owl, a firecrest and a (wild) young buzzard. What else have you seen?

Three Services in a Day

By Joanna Hackett

Sunday 24 June loomed on the horizon. I looked forward to my many diary entries for that day with a mixture of interest (at the variety of engagements), excitement (at all that was on offer) and downright dread (at the logistical nightmare that was laid out before me!).

To St Mary the Boltons firstly, my 'second home' in London and place of so many friendships. Ruth's excellent sermon on St John the Baptist really struck a chord, taking as its theme water; a subject that evokes mixed emotions after an extremely wet spring but when we are all aware of the great need across the world for access to clean water. The mention of our efforts to provide water to spectators of some Olympic events later in the month and our choice to support a water charity this year were in mind as towards the end of the service I took on my role as refreshment server. Being 'on coffee' has always been one of my favourite tasks at St Marys and I always look forward to handing out coffee, tea and even for a few people, hot water. After the usual clearing away and washing up I headed out into yet more pouring rain. Dave kindly giving me directions to Kensington High Street as my

brain had momentarily gone blank on processing forthcoming engagements.

A brief lunch on Ken High Street with a friend was a real treat on a Sunday, before I headed across the road to St Mary Abbots in good time to see our lovely Jack Dunne ordained priest. There was a very good St Mary the Boltons contingent in attendance to support Jack and see him officially enter this hugely significant stage in both his life and faith. While St Mary Abbots did the ordinands proud with a service of reverence and joy, I couldn't help but notice the slightly gloomy surrounds of this most important Kensington church and was as ever thankful for the wonderful calm and clear beauty of our building at St Mary the Boltons. The sun shone after the service so we were able to gather outside and await hugs, blessings or just a smile from Jack who appeared very happy with the culmination of so much preparation and training. Jack had arranged celebratory drinks at the St Mary Abbots Centre, which by all accounts was a lovely party, but sadly I could not stay as it was onwards and upwards to my third and final service of the day.

Jumping on a No. 52 I sped down to Belgravia to the handsome Victorian church of St Michael's Chester Square. I have been attending St Mike's (as it is known by the in crowd) for a couple of years, as their evening service for the 20s-30s provides a thought provoking and very happy end to the week. By this point I was feeling a little peckish, so imagine my delight to realise that St Mike's Youth Group were on hand selling homemade cakes in order to raise funds for the repainting of their club room. The theme for the evening service was the intriguing and sometimes snigger-provoking 'the Joy of Singleness', a subject that at my ripe old age I thought it was time to embrace. Our wonderful lay reader Margaret gave a fascinating, touching and honest talk into what it means to be a single Christian today. Margaret took questions from the floor and a particular point that will stay with me is that when asked if she thought singleness was a gift, she said no, but receiving the grace to accept and embrace that God wishes that state for you, certainly is. Poignancy

and much humour made for a very good talk on living life to the full being single.

St Mike's were showing the European Cup football on their large screen after the service, but I was off home as it was 12 hours since I had left the house that morning. What a privilege to have such a wonderful, exciting and God-filled day among many friends and the beautiful surrounds

Sunday 7 October, 2-6pm Forum of Faiths Treasure Hunt

A journey of discovery of treasures in 12 places of worship in Kensington and Chelsea. Christian churches of various denominations, including St Mary The Boltons, as well as a Sikh Gurdwara, a Mosque and Synagogue will all be opening their doors, offering visitors a glimpse of those things they find most beautiful, most interesting or most special. Visitors will pick from the list of places to visit and interpret the clues to discover them, taking a photograph and collecting a small souvenir from each place. Places of worship will be offering the simple hospitality of water and lavatories, at least; sometimes a little more, especially if you make the Gurdwara your last visit... The Forum of Faiths hopes to put up a display of the photos you take at a later date. Put the date in your diary, more information to follow.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Sunday 9 September	Patronal Festival
Sunday 7 October	Harvest Festival
Sunday 4 November	All Saints
Wednesday 7 November	All Souls' transferred
Sunday 11 November	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 9 December	Nativity play 7.00pm Carol Service
Monday 24 Christmas Eve	4.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight mass
Tuesday 25 Christmas	10.30am Sung Eucharist

Sustainability Group Top Tip

Use of bottle tops to seal a bag is simple, cheap, effective and ingenious. Who ever thought of this should get a green medal. What a great idea! No more twist ties or rubber bands. This method is water proof and air tight. Great! The guy who first thought of the idea should be given an award for originality!!!

Seal Plastic Bags with Old Bottle Caps

Cut up a disposable water bottle and keep the neck and top, as in photo.



Insert the plastic bag through the neck and screw on the top to seal.



The bag is made air-tight, water will not leak, it is easy to open and the top and screw cap can be used over again!

This is a great idea to share.

Katrina Quinton

Proposed changes to Chelsea and Westminster Hospital

There are proposals by NW London NHS to make major changes to hospitals in our area, including the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital.

The proposed changes include closing the A&E department of either Chelsea & Westminster or Charing Cross Hospitals, though each would retain an Urgent Care Centre. If Chelsea & Westminster was downgraded to a 'Local Hospital' rather than a 'Major Hospital' it would also lose its maternity and paediatric surgery departments.

NW London NHS is carrying out a public consultation on its proposed changes and invites responses. It is important that users and supporters of the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital respond to this consultation.

If you want to find out more there is a public forum on Saturday 15 September, 10:00 to 16:00 at the Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3 5EE.

For further information, please contact:
Sandra Smith-Gordon
Public Governor, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, representing Kensington & Chelsea, Vice Chairman, The Friends of C&W Hospital, email: sandesg@aol.com

Save the Date

Sunday 18 November 2012: following the 10.30am service, learn how to make Christmas decorations with Joanna Hackett. More details in October's *Clarion*.

Passes for St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey

We have four free passes to use get FREE entry into St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey. If you would like to pick up the tickets please call or e-mail John at the parish office.

September Year's mind

Elizabeth Richardson
Hilda O'Connor
Vera Gregory
Pamela Bryceson
Allan Campbell
Kevin Kendrick
Kathryn Carr
Michael Quin
Hans Schleger
Alexander Pringle
John Christie
Claud Hawker
Angela Lambert
Heather Larkin

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist
4.30pm Evening Prayer.

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 (Eucharist on Feastsdays); Evening Prayer is usually said at 5.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday except Public Holidays. Wednesday 7.00pm Eucharist

READINGS in September 2012

Sunday 2 September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings at 10.30am *Deuteronomy 4. 1-2, 6-9;*
James 1. 17-end;
Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Wednesday 5 Eucharist
 Readings at 7.00pm *1 Corinthians 3. 1-9;*
Luke 4. 38-end
 Thursday 6 Allen Gardiner
 Readings at 11.45 *1 Corinthians 3. 18-end;*
Luke 5. 1-11

Sunday 9 September Patronal Festival

Readings at 10.30am *Isaiah 40. 27-31;*
Galatians 4.4-7;
Luke 22. 39-46

Wednesday 12 Eucharist
 Readings at 7.00pm *1 Corinthians 7. 25-31;*
Luke 6. 20-26

Sunday 16 September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings at 10.30am *Isaiah 50. 4-9a;*
James 3. 1-12;
Mark 8. 27-end

Wednesday 19 Theodore of Tarsus
 Readings at 7.00pm *1 Corinthians*
12. 31b- 13.end;
Luke 7. 31-35

Sunday 23 September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings at 10.30am *Job 12. 7 - 10*
James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a;
Mark 9. 30-37

Wednesday 26 Wilson Carlile
 Readings at 7.00pm *Proverbs 30. 5-9;*
Luke 9. 1-6

Sunday 30 September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings at 10.30am *Numbers 11. 4-6,*
10-16, 24-29;
James 5. 13-end
Mark 9. 38-end

Wednesday 3 October George Bell
 Readings at 7.00pm *Job 9. 1-12, 14-16*
Luke 9. 57-end

Up coming in September 2012

Sunday 2 Baptism of Avery Issadore
 Wednesday 5 5-6pm Confirmation Class
 for young people
 Thursday 6 7.30pm Taizé Service
 Sunday 9 Patronal Festival
 followed by talk after the service
 Monday 10 7.00pm Bible Study
 Wednesday 12 10.30am Bible Study
 5-6pm Confirmation Class

for young people
 Saturday 15 Wedding of Lucy Jamieson and
 Matthew Bailey
 Wednesday 19 11.00am Home Communion
 At St Teresa's
 5-6pm Confirmation Class
 for young people
 Saturday 22 3.00pm Baptism
 of Milly McManus
 4.30pm Baptism of
 Theodore Ehrenkrone
 Monday 24 7.00pm Bible Study
 Wednesday 26 10.30am Bible Study
 2.30pm Ellesmere House
 5-6pm Confirmation Class
 for young people
 Thursday 27 2.30 to 4pm Time for Tea
 Saturday 29 10.30am Baptism
 of Charlotte Bingham
 4.00pm Wedding of
 Andrew Laird & Caroline Attreed
 Wednesday 3 October 5-6pm Confirmation
 Class for young people