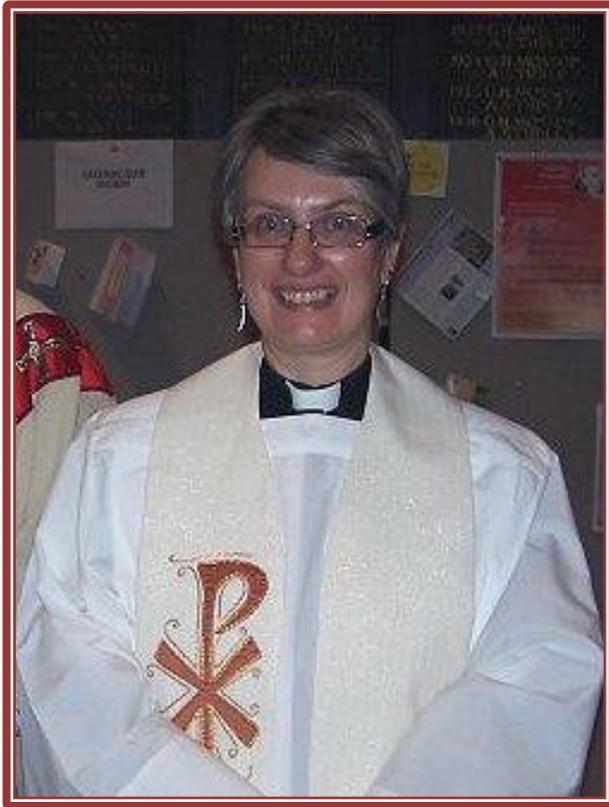


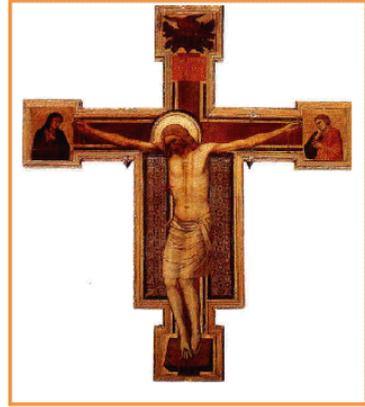
# The Parish Church of Saint Faith, Great Crosby



# NEWSLINK

March, 2014

# Worship at Saint Faith's



## SUNDAY SERVICES

**11.00 am** SOLEMN MASS and Children's Church  
**1.00 pm** Holy Baptism (*2nd Sunday*)

## WEEKDAY SERVICES (from March 7th)

**Monday to Friday at 9.30 am** Morning Prayer  
**Tuesday at 6.30 pm** Eucharist with talk and School of Prayer  
**Thursday at 10.00 am** Eucharist  
**Friday at 6.00 pm** Evening Prayer  
**Friday at 6.30 pm** Eucharist and Stations of the Cross

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

The Clergy are available by appointment to hear confessions or to talk about any matter in confidence. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available in preparation for Christmas and Easter and at other advertised times.

## HOME VISITS to the sick and housebound and those in hospital

If you, or someone you know, are unable to get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, the Eucharistic Ministers are happy to undertake this - please call 928 3342/07976 901389 to arrange this, or to arrange a visit to someone in hospital or at home.

## IN A PASTORAL EMERGENCY

Please telephone as for home visits or a member of the ministry team.



## **From the Ministry Team      March 2014**

After the celebrations of the birth of the Messiah, our church calendar now brings us to the season of Lent. I love Christmas and its joyous celebrations, but it seems that as soon as we end our worship in the beautiful Candlemass Service, then I'm very aware that the more sombre, soul searching time of Lent is very near. Luke's Gospel says:

*'Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.'*

Historically, the earliest fasts of Lent tended to be very strict, allowing one meal a day, and even then meats, eggs, and other indulgences were forbidden. The Eastern Churches follow this today. Now, in the Western Church, only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are undertaken as strict fast days, but Fridays are set aside for abstinence from meat. Sundays are not a part of the Lenten fast, because Sunday is always a feast of the resurrection. However, the Sundays of Lent are still a part of the Lenten liturgical season in the Western Church, and the worship services tend to be more simple and austere than normal. They lack the Gloria, and the joyous "alleluias" of the Easter season. The Western liturgical colour of Lent is violet, symbolizing royalty and penitence. Like Sundays, other major solemnities, such as St. Joseph and the Annunciation, take precedence over Lenten observances in the Church calendar. These days provide a break from the Lenten fast. However, at least in the current Western Church, Lent nearly always trumps the observances of minor feast days. Too many festivals take away from the simple and penitential spirit of the Lenten season. Certain devotions and liturgies have developed during the Lenten season, including (in the West), the Stations of the Cross.

These days, modern Christians may not always consider fasting to be as important as it had been in the past. For many, in the busy world today, fasting is not practical and so, for some, a more modern approach has been viewed as acceptable Lenten practice. For example, giving up something you particularly enjoy, such as alcohol, chocolate or, (in my case) biscuits, for 40 days is considered an acceptable practice rather than periods of full fasting. Even this abstinence can be difficult to undertake, as the temptations to break the "mini-fast" can be hard to resist! There are other ways to undertake Lenten practice though. For example, in a busy lifestyle, I usually try to set aside extra time to "be with God", to focus on him, by reading the scriptures, by prayer, and by reading a book focussing on Lent. This helps me to become more aware of myself as a Christian, and how I should live my life as a follower of Christ.

The season of Lent also reminds us of the suffering which Jesus endured on earth. As followers of Christ, we are aware that Jesus came to confront that suffering and, ultimately, His own death. His was a ministry of healing and of the restoration of wholeness in the human person. He healed the sick; he gave sight to the blind; he drove out unclean spirits, and forgave the contrite of their sins.

Jesus was the incarnation of the love and compassion of God, and his message for us is to try to be like Him. We also are called to be compassionate, rather than judgmental. We also are called to be healers of broken human spirits, and living signs of the God-given wholeness of the human person. This is certainly what the Church as a whole is called to, a calling which we struggle at times to live up to. Like all human institutions or communities, the church and humankind are prone to failure and in need of forgiveness and healing, and all Christians are called not just to reflect the loving and compassionate gaze of God, but also called, in and through its own vulnerability, to experience, and witness to, man's individual and collective desire to be renewed by the healing power of God's love and compassion.

Being observant of Lent is not just about giving something up which you enjoy, it's about ensuring that you spend some quality time with God, about looking within yourself and at your life as a Christian, it's about cleansing our minds and our bodies, it's about living a life of love in the knowledge that we are blessed to have a loving and forgiving God in our lives, giving thanks for the good things in our life, and it's about understanding that we have hope in the future, praying that the world will be a better place with God in everyone's life, and giving us healing in the present and hope in the future, and having a blessed life worth living.

*A Loving life ... A life of hope  
A prayerful life ... A generous life  
A life for all*

With my love and prayers,

*Jackie*



## **Pax et Bonum...**

This is the way in which Franciscans greet one another. Roughly, it means, 'peace and all good things.' It seems appropriate as a way to introduce myself to the people of God at St Faith's. First, because I have Franciscan connections: the 'Frannies' at the House of the Divine Compassion in Plaistow, one of the oldest Anglican Franciscan houses, have kept a weather eye on me for years, and the community there turned 100 in the year I was deaconed (2008). Second, because the three 'notes' of the Franciscan Order, humility, simplicity and joy in the Gospel are, for me, a

profound reflection on all our Christian callings as the priestly people of God; and, last but not least, it sums up my hopes and prayers for St Faith's: peace, hope, and the love of God that overcomes all things.

What about me? Well, I grew up in Bolton, and went to university in London to read philosophy. After graduation, I lived in Wales for a while, doing a variety of things – eventually training as a teacher. I taught in schools in London, beginning in a comprehensive in Bermondsey in South East London, then moving to Francis Holland School Graham Terrace. Canon Francis Holland was a 19<sup>th</sup> century clergyman and eventual Queen's Chaplain who also believed in women's education, so 'FHS' was founded for the education of clergy daughters – though there were only a few in the school by the time I arrived in 1994! Our very near neighbour – just across the road – was the great St Mary's, Bourne Street, and in fact half my job was as liturgist, working with the clergy there to put together our school worship. I completed an MPhil and later PhD on Wittgenstein part time whilst working.

Since 1996, I have been married to Tony, who has spent most of his career as a professional timpanist and percussionist in London. In 2003, we moved to Liverpool as he and a colleague started JAM Percussion, based in Garston and still going strong (he has joked that as my commute to work gets shorter and shorter, his gets longer and longer!) Some of you might know Tony by sight as he is timpanist in the Crosby Symphony Orchestra. He is joined in CSO by our son Joe, 14, who plays viola (amongst other things!) Joe is at Merchant Taylors' and is chuffed to bits about being able to walk to school for the first time ever.

In Liverpool, I was Head of Religious Studies at Calderstones School in the south of the city, and for three years I was Chief Examiner for a GCSE qualification in RS. I was initially ordained as an NSM, serving my title at St Margaret, Anfield. It quickly became clear to me, however, that my heart and my calling is full time parish ministry, so I moved to the Walton Team in 2012.

So here I am, your parish priest – albeit in slightly unusual circumstances; and to be a parish priest is for me, a calling, a privilege and a huge source of joy. None of us knows what the future holds; I am starting this journey with you though in hope, in joy, and in commitment to serve all God's people in this place.

*Sue Lucas*

## **Nearer to the Fire...**



A young curate went to a conference at which most of the gathering consisted of bishops, archdeacons and high officials of the Church. The weather was very cold and it was natural perhaps that the older clergy should cluster around the cheerful fire in the dining room as often as possible.

The curate thought that it was about time he did something about this, so next morning he said in a loud voice: "I had a strange dream last night. I dreamt I had died and gone to hell." After a few moments of dead silence one of the number said, "and what did you find there?"

"Just the same as here," was the reply. "I couldn't get near the fire for bishops."

*Sent to us from the magazine of St Mary's, Davyhulme*

## **Weekday Services from Lent 2014**

### **Ash Wednesday: 5th March 2014:**

7-15pm Evening Prayer

8-00pm Solemn Eucharist of Ash Wednesday and Ashing

### **Friday: 7th March 2014**

6-00pm Evening Prayer

6-30pm: Stations of the Cross and Eucharist

### **From week beginning the First Sunday in Lent (9th March):**

**Mondays-Thursdays:** Morning Prayer 9-30am

#### **Tuesdays:**

Evening Prayer 6-00pm

Eucharist 6-30pm

During Lent, beginning Tuesday 11th March:

7-00pm: School of Prayer

**Thursdays:** Eucharist 10-00am

#### **Fridays:**

Evening Prayer 6-00pm

Eucharist (with Stations of the Cross during Lent) 6-30pm



### **School of Prayer during Lent:**

**Tuesday Evenings** after the Eucharist: Tuesdays 11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st and 8th April. An opportunity, during Lent, to explore and engage with different traditions of prayer:

The Sacramental Word: The Ignatian Tradition

The Sacramental Image: A Reflection on the San Damiano Crucifix

The Sacrament of Time: The Daily Office

The Sacrament of Simplicity: The Franciscan Tradition

The Sacrament of Silence: The Contemplative Tradition

***As a matter of public record, and to clarify the developing situation, the various announcements reproduced below are as posted at various times on our website.***

## **Announcement**

Following the report of the Episcopal Visitation, the Bishop of Warrington has extended the period of the Visitation at St Faith's for a further 18 months. He has appointed the Revd Sue Lucas as priest in charge of St Faith's for that period; she will move into the vicarage and take up her post on February 25th next.

## **Press Statement**

***from the Church Wardens of St. Faith's Great Crosby  
re the Episcopal Visitation report by retired Bishop Stephen Lowe***

The report of Stephen Lowe purports to be 'independent', but is clearly subjective and opinion based. The overwhelming majority of those present at the Congregational Meeting on January 20th felt that his was a grossly distorted and one-sided view of the situation. His report made sparse reference to the carefully considered answers submitted by the PCC to the Diocese's Articles of Enquiry. A report detailing the responses of the congregation to Stephen Lowe's 'findings' has been submitted to the Diocese and we shall be requesting that this is also published on their website as a matter of public record.

## **Announcement from the Churchwardens**

As you will be aware, Churchwardens act as officers of the Bishop and as such are required to represent him in their duties. However, this can only work with mutual trust and respect. Unfortunately, as Christian faith appears sadly lacking within the Diocese and indeed in the leadership of such, it has become impossible for the wardens to represent someone for whom they have lost all respect. Therefore the wardens have written to the Bishop with their resignations with immediate effect. Both wardens are much saddened by this decision, but feel they can no longer fulfil their duties as they would wish. Many thanks to the congregation for all the support and trust given to them during their period of office: it will never be forgotten.

***Maureen Madden and Margaret Houghton***

## **Appointment of Wardens**

Following the resignation of our two Churchwardens, we will appoint new wardens (with an election if more than two candidates come forward) at the APM (Vestry Meeting) in the normal course of events. In the meantime, pray for discernment that people will be willing to offer to serve in this demanding role. If you have any questions, please speak to the Deputy Wardens, Brenda or Christine.

***Revd Sue Lucas***

## Lent 2014 with Christian Aid

Every Lent we have available for the congregation copies of a **Count your Blessings** calendar containing bite size reflections for each day. They can inspire us to give thanks for the blessings in our lives, and give an opportunity through a small daily donation to help change the lives of poor communities around the globe. Each week has a special theme: the first is Food and Water, the second is Children and Education, the Third is Women and Children, and the last Health. After Easter there will be an opportunity to offer our combined donations to Christian Aid. Last year the use of this Lenten prayer resource by churches across the country raised £300 000 for the work of Christian Aid

**This resource is now available as a Free app for your smart phone, iPad or iPod touch. it can be downloaded from the Apple store or Google Play.**

### Thank you Lord

for the hope we find in you

in the uncertain moments of life

It is in your light that we see light

Strengthen our faith for you are our strength

our song and our shield.

Your resurrection turns any moment of hopelessness in our lives into hope.

Because you live we an face tomorrow and all fear is gone!

Help us to proclaim your salvation and resurrection in a world that desperately needs your loving kindness and grace.

**Amen**



## The Geek in Me

**(Normal non-obsessive readers may skip this Rant and turn to page 10. Ed.)**

I suppose that I should “Out” myself before anybody else does and confess that I am a “Geek”. I thought that I might be a “Nerd” until I read the dictionary definition and now I am not so sure. That I am a Computer Geek will come as no surprise to most people I know, certainly not to my family. I like computers and associated gadgets and I also like messing about with software but some aspects of computing do annoy me greatly and I am sure that many other people feel the same.

When you become familiar with the operations and screen layout of a piece of software you don`t want it to change, especially if the changes seem to have no useful benefits and just make life more confusing. If you have recently purchased a new computer with Windows 8 installed you will certainly know what I am talking about. Microsoft appears to have upset most P C and laptop users by putting an interface

suitable for touch screen smartphones and tablets on PCs and laptops, for no useful reason other than “they can because it is their software”. The same applies to browsers like Internet Explorer where changes are made to suit the whim of the designer rather than the user. If you use Google Mail you will have noticed many changes in the past months, most of which you did not want and for which you can see no reason. I am not against change if there is a good reason and if it makes things easier or more secure but I would like the choice of going back to the original screen interface should the new one not suit me. (*Hear hear! Ed.*)



However, I suppose that I am just being intolerant as it is “an improvement” according to the designers and there are worse things lurking in the computer pond. Viruses, spam, malware and ransomware are just a few against which we all need to be vigilant. Before I discuss them, I would like to mention something which really irritates me and that is the website which tricks you into installing things on your computer without actually asking. Many will be familiar with the Toolbar which seems to appear on your browser like magic, but you never asked for it. The Google Toolbar is the most common but there are a great many others. Most do no harm but they do take up space on your browser screen, thus reducing the effective viewing area. You don’t really need such toolbars and they are generally easy to remove by opening Control Panel and then selecting Uninstall a Program in the Control Panel Classic View mode. Some can be a problem and the best solution is not to install them in the first place. However, you are tricked into this when you update software or even visit certain websites. Even some well- known companies are guilty of this. I recently wanted to update Adobe Acrobat Reader to version 11.04 for reasons I shall explain below. The Adobe page for this was easy to find and all I needed to do was click the INSTALL button. But in small print at the centre of the screen there was an invitation to install Google Toolbar and the box was already ticked so clicking the INSTALL button for Acrobat Reader would also have installed the Google Toolbar. Now that is cheeky and as far as I am concerned a bit underhand. Before you install any update, Read the Small Print and untick any boxes for software or toolbars which you don’t want.



A similar situation occurs if your request to install something directs you to another page where there is an INSTALL button for you to click. Naturally you think that this is for the item you wish to install – but beware, it generally isn’t. The stuff you want is elsewhere on the page and you have to search to find that. This is another ruse to get the unwary to install stuff they would not normally want to go anywhere near. Where possible always go to the website of the people who developed the software or update you want and use their system. Always be wary of visiting the website of a download organisation who will have lots of downloads on offer as that website will be pushing what it wants to push and not what you need.



I am sure that most people use antivirus software in order to protect their computers and that is good; you should always keep that software up-to-date by checking for updates on at least a weekly basis. Additional protection may be obtained with other free software and two that I use regularly are Malwarebytes (malwarebytes.org) and

Spybot Search and Destroy ([safer-networking.org](http://safer-networking.org)); in both cases go for the free version and make sure that the download site is operated by the developer (shown in brackets after the software name above). These provide additional protection for you and for other computer users. Having viruses, trojans and other malware is annoying and can lead to the need for an uninstall followed by a full installation of software on your computer with the consequent loss of your data unless you have backed it up. You do make regular backup don't you? You only need to lose valuable photographs and documents once to realise that regular backups are essential.



A trojan is a piece of code which can lurk unknown on your computer for a long time until it is activated by a signal from an outside source. When this happens the code may not do anything directly to your computer except use it for sending messages to other computers. You may not be aware of its presence, unless you use Malwarebytes, Spybot or something similar, but your computer may be one of millions which are causing havoc around the world. A malicious piece of code downloaded on to millions of computers enables somebody to control those computers remotely and send spam messages or replicate code to other computers. These “zombie” computers may also be used for what is known as a “distributed denial-of-service attack” (DDoS attack). Basically the zombie computers in a net try to access a specified website at the same time, thereby overloading the website, resulting in it shutting down. There have been recent attacks on banks and other institutions of which you may have heard. Not all bank computer crashes are DDoS attacks, some are just IT failures because the banks have not invested enough money in their IT systems as the money has been needed for bonuses.



You can do your bit to help make computing safer by taking care what you download and running your anti-virus and other safeguarding software regularly. Above I mentioned downloading the latest version of Acrobat Reader and this was done in order to reduce the risk of Cryptolocker ransomware getting on my computer. This is an insidious piece of trojan code which effectively locks the files on your computer and then demands payment of a ransom in order to unlock them. There is no evidence that people who paid the ransom ever had their files released so the only safeguard is to prevent the infection in the first place (and always backup your files on an external hard drive which you disconnect from the computer after backing-up). The trojan is currently distributed via a pdf, which is what Acrobat Reader opens and in which the electronic copies of Newslink are distributed. Don't worry, the pdf format is perfectly safe but a weakness in earlier versions of Acrobat Reader allowed the Cryptolocker trojan to exploit Acrobat Reader. A pdf file is in the format “name-of-file.pdf” but people were tricked because at the end something was tagged on so that it read “name-of-file.pdf.exe”. The “exe” bit means an executable file and this installed the trojan on the computer. The new Acrobat Reader prevents this.



Always beware of what you click on as it may not be what it seems and keep your software up-to-date with the latest version. Another recent means of getting malware onto unsuspecting computers is the fake Skype voicemail spam attack. A spam e-mail claiming to contain a link to a Skype voicemail message has been circulating and the

voicemail message is actually a zip file (.zip at the end of the message name). Clicking on this will install a trojan on your computer, so DON'T. Zip files are very useful for transferring large or multiple files but it is impossible to see what they actually contain until you unzip them.



Sorry to sound pessimistic in this Rant, which actually hasn't turned out to be much of a Rant, but we all use computers and it would be a shame to be without them. My real anger is against those who write and distribute viruses and malware but I shall never know who they are, and that is the bit which annoys me most.

*Denis Griffiths*

## The Road to Malawi



Just a brief update on progress with the arrangements for Emily's forthcoming Malawi venture. Thank you to the members of the PCC for allocating £100 from church funds for Emily's trip. We have looked at dates and have decided that she will depart on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014, returning on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014. I am now arranging an updated passport for her (the old one has a photo from when she was 10!) I have contacted our GP and Emily will be having the appropriate travel jabs in April.

We are holding a fun night on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 in the hall to raise more funds. Leo Appleton will be organising another quiz, with a raffle, some entertainment, audience participation etc! Tickets will be £5 which includes supper (bring own drinks!). After this event and the February/March Table Sales, I will be booking the flight. Also, watch this space for a fund raising luncheon.

*Jude and Emily*



## Fairtrade Fortnight 2014

There is a lot happening in Crosby in **Fairtrade Fortnight (Feb 24<sup>th</sup> to March 9<sup>th</sup>)** this year. A **Fair and Fun afternoon** with FRED the Fairtrade Man, games and activities, on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2-4pm at Crosby Lakeside Activity Centre**. The Chef there is going to prepare chocolate covered fruit kebabs with all Fairtrade ingredients! Look out for the **market stall** in Crosby on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** and then come and meet a visiting Fairtrade banana producer, Foncho from Columbia **at**

**7.30p.m. the same day 6th March at Crosby Lakeside Activity Centre.** More details on [www.fairtradecrosby.org](http://www.fairtradecrosby.org) or on our Facebook page. Ask @fairtradecrosby if you use Twitter.

**The Seafarers Centre** will hold their annual event and coffee morning on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11.00a.m**

### **What is the Fairtrade Crosby Network?**

We are a group of campaigners from various churches and other organisations in Crosby, Waterloo, Thornton and Hightown promoting Fairtrade products and aiming to make Crosby a Fairtrade Town, the first in Merseyside. (Liverpool and Chester are Fairtrade cities.)

### **What is the special campaign in Fairtrade Fortnight this year?**

Cheap bananas are threatening farmers' futures. In the last ten years, a bitter price war has seen the UK supermarket sector almost halve the price of loose bananas while the cost of producing them has doubled. This is trapping many farmers and workers in poverty. Fairtrade provides a safety net for some farmers but the majority still can't afford to put enough food on the table for their families or provide the basics such as education and healthcare.

Generally Fairtrade products still represent less than one per cent of global trade in some categories. The Fairtrade Foundation aims to tackle this trade injustice product by product, starting this year by getting a fair deal for Banana producers. This will be done by involving the public in a major petition to the government to end unfair supermarket pricing. We are asking Vince Cable, as Secretary of State for Business, to investigate the grave impact of unsustainable supermarket pricing and act to protect the millions of poor farmers and workers who grow the UK's favourite fruit.

### **What can you do?**

Please sign the petition cards which will be available in church during Fairtrade Fortnight. And never buy a banana which is not Fairtrade. By doing so you are helping to lock a fellow human being into poverty.

*Kathleen Zimak*



## And then there were four...

For a number of reasons the annual trip to Yorkshire by the Men's Group was a very small (but we think select) group of just 6. Mainly because of work, a very badly timed house move and family commitments, several regulars were unable to come along, but we were delighted to take young Gareth with us on his first visit to David's House.

Catering was in the suitably-assisted hands of Geoff, and no more need be said about the gastronomic treats that punctuated the visit very regularly.

This year there was of course much to talk about, and the opportunity to clear the air and think ahead was taken – opportunities for us all to help and share in the life of the parish were discussed, and a very positive mood prevailed.

Our visits this year included not one but two train museums – both parts of the National Railway Museum at York and Shildon were studied in detail, and we joined in the Friday communion service in York Minster. We all agreed that we had seen better cathedrals, but the gorgeous altar frontal in the nave made us realize that it is what congregations do with their church that matters most.

We waved Gareth and Brian goodbye on Sunday morning as they headed off back home, but the four remaining attended St Edmund's Church as usual and were made very welcome as always. The Rector of Richmond took the service and honoured St Faith's by using the silver paten from the communion set given to the Men's Group by Fr Charles (see last month).

A visit to the Black Sheep Brewery in Masham to convince us that our visit 4 years ago was not just a happy day-dream, and next day a trip to the Parish Church in Bedale made a fitting end to the retreat. St Gregory's in Bedale was again not the best church we have ever visited, but we were warmly greeted and the church oozed friendship and community. We were all delighted with the teddy bears, and that story will hopefully unfold in a few months, but as a model of a parish church serving the community, St Gregory's would take some beating.

So on Tuesday morning, with snow drops festooning and rain doing what it does best, the remaining four of us cleaned, polished, hoovered, tidied the house, bade it goodbye for another year, and headed home. This time with eyes open and hearts prepared for the challenges of the coming year.

*Denis, Geoff, Mike T, Brian, Gareth and Rick*

*... see the photos on the centre pages*





## The Men go East

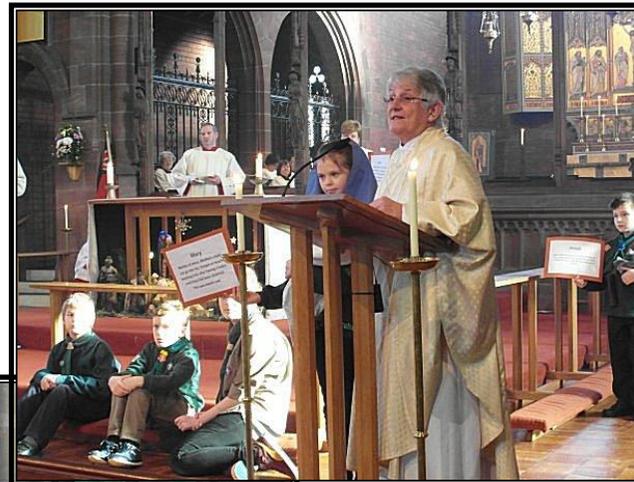
Images from the recent annual men's trip to Marske, Yorkshire (churches and trains!). See Rick Walker's story on page 12.



**R.I.P. Ken Hollis**  
Fred Nye's funeral tribute to a dear and departed friend is on page 17

## Candlemass 2014

The uniformed organisations (and the odd adult) played a big part as Revd Denise (and Mary!) dramatised the story of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Her sermon is on page 20



## Well done, Petal!

Maureen Madden received flowers and a warm embrace as a token of thanks for her sterling efforts in recent months



*Eat, drink and be  
(moderately) merry*

Happy scenes from the  
Senior Citizen's Candlemass  
lunch in the church hall on  
Sunday, February 2nd



## *Farewells and Thanks*

Margaret Houghton presented Fr Paul Nener with a gift on his last Sunday, and then got flowers (and a kiss) from Fr Dennis in thanks for all her recent efforts. See also the back cover photo.



# Ken Hollis R.I.P

## Fred Nye's tribute at Ken's funeral



Just as I am...Those four short, simple, words sum up Ken's unique character. What you saw was what you got; that was the great joy of knowing Ken Hollis. Even in his photographs the handsome face that looks directly at us is full of his openness, his integrity, and his human understanding. He was someone who would immediately put you at your ease.

Born and brought up in Bootle, his other great characteristic was that unique Merseyside blend of wit and wisdom, which I think I can safely say to this congregation, is probably not bettered anywhere else in the world.

After National Service in the RAF, Ken joined the police force, where his character and gifts ultimately gained him the rank of Detective Superintendent. Although his professional career was so rewarding, Ken, unlike some successful men, never let his work come between him and his family, and he never 'brought work home'. Ken's daughter Val told me how devoted he was as a father and grandfather, and of how he would always be there for her, sorting out her problems and supporting her in all she did, whether at school or in her sporting activities. For his family, Ken was himself a 'Rock, a Shield, and Hiding Place'.

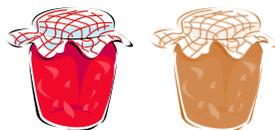
Ken and his brother Charles always looked out for each other, and when they were both left as widowers that relationship deepened. During his final illness Ken was wonderfully cared for in Hospice (and I know everyone would like me to thank all the staff for their devotion and professionalism). But for Ken's loving family gathered around his bedside, the long vigil began to take its toll. One day Charles said something surprising to me that I'll never forget: 'There's joy in it', he said. There's joy in it. A death is a time for tears and we should never be ashamed to shed them, for the tears are tears of love, and, hidden within that love, joy can be found.

Ken and his beloved wife Barbara were faithful members of this church for many years. Even when he lay dying, Ken continued to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. He could repeat the words of the service by heart: and so he could still join all Christian people in praying that we may 'evermore dwell in Christ, and he in us'. Ken had discovered in his love for his family, and in the love he received from them, a fore-glow and a promise of God's eternal love for us, a love so powerful it overcomes even death itself.

And so I don't think it is at all fanciful to imagine Ken joining with us today, as in a few minutes we sing the communion hymn that he himself chose: 'Just as I am (thy love unknown has broken every barrier down) now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come'.

Ken, we rejoice that God's love for you has overcome death and has indeed broken every barrier down. May you rest in peace, and rise in glory.

# A Jarring Note?



The following missive purports to originate from a well-known stately home, but may perhaps instead be a coded message from an anonymous well-wisher...

## Downton Abbey

Dear Mrs Price,

I must put on record my enormous gratitude for your wonderful marmalade. I have enjoyed your produce for many years and it is superior in every way to any other that I have ever tasted. I believe that for any true Englishman, marmalade on toast must be the centrepiece of any breakfast, and your marmalade is the only one that I will allow to grace my table. Your many years of experience in making it are evident for all to taste in every mouthful.

I am ashamed to say that Lady Grantham is not a fan, but this only proves money cannot buy you taste. Lady Mary changes her mind on what she would like for breakfast as much as she changes her mind on her next husband. Lady Edith has become quite liberal since her stay in Switzerland and has taken to museli. Mr Branson refuses to have anything to do with oranges for political reasons. I do hope that you do not mind, but I give Carson a jar of your marmalade for his Birthday every year, on condition that he keeps this from the other servants - I can do without a revolution.

At the annual village fair, I am in charge of judging the preserves and pickles. I therefore have the opportunity to try plenty of different marmalades, some from across the country. Mr Wilkin from Essex does a fine job, but I find his too sweet. Mr Cooper's marmalade from Oxford is also good enough for Her Majesty, but not for me. Mr Robertson's is another favourite of Her Majesty, but I don't think it has much flavour. Just recently, I was forced to try marmalade produced by Mr Hulme from Greater Manchester, but it was extremely sour and left a very unpleasant taste in the mouth. Whatever pressures you may face to alter your recipe, you must not change a winning formula.

Once again, please keep up the good work. Hard as it is for a Yorkshire man to say, the best marmalade is made in Lancashire. I do hope that I may continue to enjoy the fruits of your labours for many more years to come.

Yours Gratefully,

*Robert, Earl of Grantham*

(My lady wife has replied with a generous offer of her esteemed marmalade for those below stairs at Downton, and seeking also further elucidation from the writer, who is modern enough and trendy to sport a Yahoo email address. Ed.)

## My Liverpool Cathedral placement

Continuing Jackie Parry's experiences on placement at the Cathedral.....

Amongst the regular worship, there were other services which are held annually at the cathedral. Two services which stood out for me are "The Lord Mayor of Liverpool's Civic Service", and the "Judges Service".

**The Lord Mayor of Liverpool's Civic Service** - a celebration of people and life in the city. This is an annual service when civic dignitaries, voluntary and community groups from across Liverpool, attend the service. A quote from the Lord Mayor, Councillor Gary Millar, describes the services as "*a chance to celebrate civic life and the rich, diverse communities and people that we have here in this amazing city. It is also an opportunity for communities and individuals to unite and give thanks to those who continue to motivate and inspire us on a daily basis. It is a collective show of gratitude and thanks.*"

I'd never attended a service like this before, and looked forward to being part of the worship which celebrated and gave thanks for Liverpool and its varied culture. It was a very moving and uplifting experience, full of regalia but more especially good to see that thanks is given to God for the many blessings we are privileged to have in Liverpool.

On another note, the Dean of Liverpool, Pete Wilcox, in his sermon recognising the problems that do exist in the area, issued a challenge to the city and church leaders alike. He challenged the civic authorities to "*let the Christian churches of Liverpool (with the other faith communities) be your partners in the pursuit of wellbeing - because we have expertise in this area*" and stated that "*In this country, the church was the welfare state before there was a welfare state; and into the vacuum which the current welfare benefit cuts are creating, the church is once more stepping in*" He also stated that the church's vision of human dignity and human destiny gives us "*the imagination and hope to fuel our work to ensure the flourishing of both individuals and communities.*" What an inspirational and thought provoking sermon!

**The "Judges' Service"**. The title of this service intrigued me! What on earth is the Judges' Service, I asked Paul Rattigan, and jokingly asked if all the judges wore their wigs during the service? Well, yes they do! In great British tradition with real pomp and circumstance, the judges of the northwest (and indeed this service is undertaken throughout the UK) come together to formally mark the start of the legal year in a special service, and is attended by dignitaries such as the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Chief Justice, judges and other members of the legal profession.

The service has its roots in the religious practice of judges praying for guidance at the beginning of the legal term. The custom dates back to the Middle Ages when the High Court was held in Westminster Hall and judges would walk over to Westminster Abbey for the service.

The Service is Choral Evensong and the worship, music and choir was wonderful, but what struck me most, was the talk given by Mr Alexander McLean, from the African Prisons Project. He told us of the horrendous difficulties and cruelty which the prisoners were being subjected to; many of whom were imprisoned for minor offences but given a long sentence. He told us of one particular person who had been accused of murder and imprisoned for this. However, a few years later the person he was accused of killing was seen alive and well. Clearly the prisoner was innocent and his sentence was overturned, but it actually took a long time for this to be agreed and the man spent even more years suffering in the prison until he was finally released.

Alexander and the team of primarily Christian volunteers gave tremendous support to the prisoners, arranging for them to have legal representation and training in order to help themselves for their future. Although the stories he told were so very sad, it was heart-warming to hear about the Christian love and support provided by the volunteers. It reminds me of the passage from Matthew's Gospel, ch.25, v.40 *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

With every blessing

*Jackie*



## **The Sermon after the Monday Before**

By request, we reproduce the consolatory sermon preached by **Revd Denise McDougall** at St Faith's on the Sunday following the congregational meeting at which the findings of the Episcopal Visitation were delivered.

Thank goodness the Church of England in all its wisdom has devised the lectionary which determines the day's readings. Otherwise where on earth would one begin after such a painful week, a week which has impacted on every single person connected to St Faith's, both past and present, in some way or another. Between us, since Monday evening, we have probably experienced every emotion possible - from raging anger to absolute numbness. I am fairly certain we are all probably still trying to come to terms with the harsh, even brutal, reality of how we have been perceived not only by Bishop Stephen Lowe but now also by readers of the local and the national press. It is a heart-breaking situation here at St. Faith's; we are facing turbulent times and it is devastating for everyone involved.

The lectionary readings couldn't have been more poignant this morning and they are as relevant now as they were all those years ago; today's passages continue to offer us the true meaning of discipleship, hope for the future and the importance of unity. Isaiah leads us into a visionary statement about God's ultimate victory, there is the affirmation that hope comes to the hopeless, light comes to those living in darkness and despair and that God's kingdom will defeat evil.

Paul's letter talks of the troubles in Corinth and the matter which was reported by Chloe's people highlighted a major pastoral issue. Paul's reference to the various leaders suggests that different groups have associated themselves around key personalities and their teaching.

How ironic that those early Christians identified themselves with evangelists, traditionalists, feminists etc. or with a particular preacher, teacher or personality rather than with Jesus Christ. Paul clearly stated that the gospel message amongst the Corinthians was not just being undermined but fundamentally misunderstood because of the divided Christian community.

He called everyone quarrelling to remember that they belonged to Christ; Christ's death and resurrection symbolised in our baptism which unites each one of us; and it was only a couple of weeks ago that we all renewed our baptismal promises.

Paul knew very well that the gospel of Christ would cause the Corinthians to feel uncomfortable just as it can disturb us today but there was an urgent need for change. Change of course doesn't have to mean a threat to our diverse points of view, our thinking doesn't have to change but can be held in unity: remember unity is not uniformity!

However disunity is something that just isn't acceptable in God's eyes and Paul challenges us to reflect on that; lack of unity indicates that we are turning our backs on Christ crucified. Christ's cross that draws us to his divine power to accept, create, recreate and save.

And so we move to Matthew's Gospel when Jesus calls his first disciples as he begins his ministry as fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy.

Last summer I spent a few days with a friend in Spain; we both love the sea and enjoyed walks along the beautiful coastline of the Costa Del Sol. One of my favourite walks took us past boat yards where men sit, usually in glorious sunshine, mending their fishing boats and repairing nets. I recalled the scene when I read today's Gospel and felt nourished by the picture of Jesus walking along the shores of Galilee teaching and healing. I tried to imagine what it was like for the fishermen when Jesus called them to be his very first followers and decided it was probably no more bizarre than if someone had approached one of those Spanish fishermen last year.

Realistically no-one expects to be asked to walk away from all they are familiar with in order to start a new life. When Jesus called Peter and Andrew, James and John they may initially have felt shocked and perhaps even confused; we know Jesus often played on words and gave hidden meanings to apparently simple remarks.

Yet there was something so compelling about Jesus' instructions that day which made the brothers respond immediately and willingly by leaving their jobs and even their families to follow him. They were to become part of something new but didn't know where they were going to be led. It was easy to compare the settings then and now but almost impossible to understand the impact of Jesus' powerful words that made the brothers leave all behind. They certainly weren't offered fame, fortune or excitement but Jesus wanted them to draw and attract others as they had been attracted.

These men entered Jesus' consciousness and allowed the change of mind-set and will necessary for spiritual nurturing and growth; they were invited to turn round and see a new reality called the kingdom of God. The fishermen had to leave their comfort zone behind and I believe this is what Christ is asking of us today. For the disciples then and for us now we are facing a huge challenge, an uncertain future which demands faith, trust and commitment but being a true disciple was and never will be simple. Taking messages of hope and light into a land of darkness is no easy task.

We need to pray and work for the unity that is God's gift to the church and the world, beginning with ourselves and our churches here in Waterloo, our deanery and the Diocese. Matthew would want us to say that the Kingdom which Jesus established through his own work, death and resurrection still presents each of us with the same challenges today. So we need to question ourselves, am I working to extend the kingdom of God, am I happy to remain with the status quo or am I standing in its way, could I have acted any differently? Am I being true to myself and God?

The brothers accepted Jesus' magnetic call without hesitation, they were offered a mission that was both a command and a promise. The command was to follow and the promise was they would become fishers of people by doing God's work. Yes, there were certainly fish to be caught but more importantly there were people to be saved and the nets symbolised the preaching and ministering that would draw people into God's Kingdom. Of course there is a huge difference between fishing for fish and fishing for people. Fish can be caught against their will and violently pulled from the sea but people can only be caught if they are willing and responsive.

So if we are to journey as true disciples, Christ wants us to exercise courage, forgiveness, perseverance, patience and flexibility, be unobtrusive with a good sense of timing, and with these characteristics and qualities (although I'm not suggesting all at the same time!) we too can then fish for people. It's a tall order and we have to be prepared to be risk takers but we can do it! Jesus will continue to call disciples to use their gifts to continue the work that he and the original band of four fishermen began.

Just as they used their gifts and formed the start of a core community, I pray can we use ours to restore and rebuild what has been so good about this awesome place. We are an extension of the family that has been growing for over 2000 years and it is our responsibility to share the light and the love of Christ with our neighbours. Each one of us is called into that family and called to do its work using the skills that we know best; we don't need any special credentials, we just need to offer ourselves and turn as Fr. Paul demonstrated last week, and open our hearts and minds.

We are soon to share the body and blood of Christ around God's Holy Table and this fully unites us with fellow Christians not only here but the world over. So as we leave church today, together as one and along with God's help we can work towards a better future. A future which will revive, will nurture and will heal us spiritually and emotionally and then we will feel equipped to focus on what God is calling us to do and be the people God wants us to be. We are all members of the body of Christ and we have a role to play and a job to do, let's go out and do it!



## Registering the Past

*Chris Price* keeps digging...

Book 4 in the sequence of St Faith's service registers is another unremarkable small ledger-like affair, still with more space available to record collections than attendances, not to mention the cramped allocation for the date and festival details.

T.H.Florence, Assistant Priest, heads up the first page, closely followed of course by John Brierley, Vicar: the date is December 21st, 1925, it being 'Festival of S. Thomas, Apostle + Martyr'. There was a midnight eucharist with 212 present, and 166 communicants, but thereafter in the following weeks and months the regular pattern reasserts itself: an 8.00 am Holy Communion with between 40 and 60 present, and a Sung Eucharist averaging 150 (but only one communicant) and evensong with between 200 and 250 turning up – solid attendances but down significantly on the giddy days of a few years earlier. During those same sampled weeks there were daily offerings of the eucharist with single-figure attendances the norm.

Ash Wednesday 1926 featured Mattins and Communion service, and 85 at the 7.00 am early communion, but no sign of ashes. Albert Liverpool breaks the near-monotony of worship by preaching, on Lent 2 at 3.00pm. at a Masonic Service, assisted by the Revs E.C.Collier, O.E.Jones and C.W.Macready. No attendance is recorded, but the oddly round figure of £12.0.0 was raised for S.Mary's Shelter Building Fund. That same episcopal dignitary returned on 22nd March to conduct a confirmation. Canon Coop surfaces from time to time, and in Holy Week B.Selwyn Smith gives weekday addresses.

Easter Day's seven services see 1191 bottom on seats in total, with 383 communicants. Interestingly, at the early celebrations (6, 7 and 8 am) there were a total of some 75 non-communicants attending. Then from 26th April to 17th May, Mr Florence took every service (vicar's holiday?), although on successive Sundays he was assisted at the afternoon children's service by Mr Bagshaw, Mr Crossman and Mr Seldon. Merchants' Girls held their now customary Ascension Day; earlier the Sun Eucharist for the day, at 6.15 am, attracted 70 communicants.

Nothing worth noting now until July, when 'Mr Houldin' logged in again for a children's service. On the same uneventful page there is a Tuesday evening 'Evensong and Mothers' Union Enrolment' recorded. Numbers on Sundays and weekday stay fairly steady in August and September. The presence of a visiting preacher back on April 22nd (it looks like J.M.Buckmaster at an E.C.U. Festal Evensong) was followed by a surprising period of five months before another visiting preacher (S.R.P.Mouldale, it looks like) signs on September 26th: the number of sermons preached by the resident duo over that period must be awesomely large.

Some relief from pulpit duty arrives in the closing months of the year with visits from Arnold Prichard, T.Grigg-Smith, C.C.Thicknesse, F.H.Keatch and H.Leonard Puss (surely it should have been *Pass*?). The Patronal Feast on a weekday featured a 6.15 am Sung Eucharist (78 at the rails). Meticulous as to his rubrics, the vicar inscribes the first services of Sunday, October 31st in black as Harvest Thanksgiving, Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity, then switches to red on the same afternoon and declares it Eve of All Saints, with 352 to hear S.A.K.Sylvester preach at Festal Evensong.

There is a Service of Remembrance at 10.45 in time to mark the 11th hour of the 11th day, with the collection fittingly going to the Earl Haig's Fund. Advent Sunday saw a Service of Dedication (Baxter Memorial) at 12 noon. The Eve of St Andrew is a Day of Intercession for the Church Abroad, when the preacher was J.Howard Foy.

There are 175 communicants at the 1926 Christmas Midnight (though the dreaded 'Mass' still has not crept in!); 330 communicants in all at the Nativity celebrations., then 1926 becomes 1927. All is uneventful in the weeks that follow, apart from the exotic signature of Cathrew Nyasaland, who attracted 350 to the Sung Eucharist and 367 to evensong. His unusual Christian name is hard to decipher, but Wikipedia helpfully identifies him as Cathrew Fisher, and tells us that he was killed in a motor accident a couple of years later.

All is calm thenceforth, apart from a tiny marginal note at the 7.30 am communion on Friday 4th March, which reads 'Hilda Belsham (possibly. Ed) S.P.G.Mandalay, Service of Commendation'. Later that month, which featured several visiting preachers, the bold signature of G.A.Studdert Kennedy appears, preaching at a Thursday afternoon service for women, and attracting 645 to the pews. As this writer was already aware from an earlier trawl some years ago, this is the famous 'Woodbine Willie'. Wikipedia fills out the story. Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, M.C. was an Anglican priest, a poet and, most notably an army Chaplain on 24

the Western Front during the Great War. A Christian Socialist and later a pacifist, he gained his nickname from his habit of handing out cigarettes along with spiritual counsel to soldiers caught up in the war. He died in Liverpool just two years after preaching at our church.

Dipping in and out of the following months, here are a few highlights. There were 277 in church for Good Friday's Three Hours, 410 communicants on Easter Day, 267 attending the Sung Eucharist and 312 at Festal Evensong: an impressive total attendance for the day of 1154. On the 5th Sunday after Easter, Bishop Albert, a surprisingly regular visitor to St Faith's, preached at the Sung Eucharist to 422 souls. Numbers were not always as high: Festal Evensong for the Eve of Whitsunday attracted 27 folk, including presumably choir and sanctuary party.

In July 1927, a change of curates would appear to have taken place. T.H.Florence signs in (or rather out) in full at evensong on July 3rd, and J.Howard Foy signs in the next morning at the Monday eucharist, now at its familiar time of 10.30 am. However, the latter cleric only signs in once more (on August 15th) until early October, and a range of services are taken by G.Woodcock, taking the pressure presumably off John Brierley. And then on Tuesday August 16th R.A.K.Kellett takes over, and his bold initials are the only ones recorded until September 17th, although interestingly, though RAKK fills in all the financial columns – and spatters the pages with blots and scratchy writing! – the details in the services column are unmistakably by J.B.

There is no more RAKK to behold henceforth: JB shoulders the burden alone until October 2nd, when 'J.Howard Foy' reappears and the familiar pattern of vicar and curate resumes. And as we approach St Faith's Day, 1927, it is time for a break from these heady archival pleasures until next month...

## **100 Club Winners: February 2014**

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| 1 (£150) 169 | C and J Webster |
| 2 (£100) 151 | Revd Denise     |
| 3 (£50) 199  | David Heather   |



## **Faith Schools 'too Middle Class'**

Middle class parents are increasingly monopolising places at the most sought-after faith schools amid fresh claims that religious secondaries are becoming more socially selective, a recent newspaper report claims.

New research shows that religious schools are far less likely to reflect the economic status of families in the local area than traditional comprehensives.

Around a fifth of secondary schools in England have a particular religious affiliation. But a study found that more than two thirds of the most socially exclusive schools are faith-based.

One Church of England school, St Mary Redcliffe and Temple in Bristol, takes just under 8 per cent of pupils from poor families even though more than half of children in the area are in deprived households.

The Fair Admissions Campaign, which wants to end religious selection, claimed that many faith schools have overly complicated admissions policies that favour middle-class families who can play the system to secure places.

Researchers analysed the number of children eligible for free school meals in all non-academically selective state secondaries in England. They compared these with the number of poor pupils in the area using data from the Office for National Statistics. Some 19 per cent of comprehensives are faith-based, the study said, but 68 of the 100 "worst offenders" are religiously selective.

Faith school admissions policies have been repeatedly defended by religious leaders, who claim they ensure schools give priority to the children of true believers.

Earlier this week, the Most Rev Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Westminster, insisted that parental preference for a faith-based education was a "precious" human right.

## **And finally...**



On his last Sunday with us, Fr Paul Nener (whom God preserve) compared our beleaguered and isolated situation at St Faith's with the subject of a dubious story which he recounted during the service. Those offended by it should seek recourse of the Liverpool Diocese – we all loved it.

A patient went back to his G.P. to see if his test results were in. 'Yes,' the doctor aid, and I'm afraid it's not good news.'

'Well, what's wrong with me?' the anxious fellow asked. 'You've got a bad case of HASH, said the doctor.

'Whatever's that?' came the enquiry. 'Well, you're suffering from Hepatitis, Aids, Syphilis and Herpes.'

'So what on earth happens now?' the man asked.

'You'll be admitted to hospital and given a private room with a special diet.'

'Oh well, that's something – what is the diet?' he enquired.

'You'll be fed smoked salmon and pancakes.' He was told. 'Why those especially?'

'Ah, you see they're the only things we can slide under the door...'

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## **Clerical comings and goings**

*Front cover:* our new priest in charge, Revd Dr Susan Lucas, pictured when she preached in St Faith's at Candlemass 2012  
*Above:* the home team flanking Fr Paul Nener (resplendent in Romanian Orthodox vestments) at his final service with us.