

Anum (Koforidua, Ghana), S Andrew

Fr W K Obiri:

Vessels and vestments

TAP into Faith

Fr Brian Tubbs:

Grant towards costs of Teaching Week in Torbay

College of the Resurrection, Mirfield

Fr Nicholas Stebbing CR:

Grant to take three students for a placement in Masvingo Diocese, Zimbabwe

Diocese of Chichester

Fr Stephen Gallagher, Youth Officer:

Grant to sponsor mini-bus taking young people to the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage

The Glastonbury Pilgrimage

Bp David Silk:

Grant towards refurbishment of altar

Sevenoaks (Rochester), S John the

Baptist

Fr Ivan Aquilina:

Grant for purchase of secondhand altar for parish school

Society of Mary Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Fr Graeme Rowlands:

Grant towards cost of Mass book, exhibition about Anglicanism, and pilgrimage costs for Religious



St Boniface
Sherugwi,
Masvingo,
Zimbabwe



St John's School
Sevenoaks with
altar donated by
CBS.

NEW WARD SUPERIOR:

Weston super Mare, All Saints with

S Saviour: Fr Peter Bolton

NEW PRIESTS ASSOCIATE:

Fr Robert Mackley

Fr Peter Bradbrook

Fr Nathan Jarvis

Fr Adrian Ling

Fr Edwin Edwards

VESTMENTS FOR CONCELEBRATION

CBS has 20 sets of vestments in white, red and purple that can be borrowed for a fee of £1 per vestment.

Applications for their use must be made to the Superior-General. The vestments are kept in South London, and must be collected and returned there by the borrower.



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QUARTERLY

June - August 2008

The Superior-General writes...

Normality bites!

In the December 1951 edition of the CBS Quarterly Paper, the Superior-General, Fr Dudley Symon, wrote his letter addressed from Monte Carlo. I can't decide if that's normal - it might have been the 'done thing' then, but I suspect if I headed this from somewhere more exotic than Kennington it would arouse comment and not a few questions! 'Normality' is difficult to define in an increasingly secular world where everyone's opinion is considered valid and the voices of reason and good judgment are drowned out by the unreasonable self-referencing feelings of each individual. Normality then ceases to be unifying (as the name implies) but exclusive, individualist and destructive.

I was in the United States recently, but as much as I wanted to put NYC on the top of this letter, I have already returned from preaching at St Clement's Philadelphia and visiting New York. At a once-Catholic parish I came across a women bishop, mitre and all. Having never seen one in the flesh before, you'll understand I was curious. I thought it would be spiritually disturbing, but in fact it was a situation where you know it's rude to stare, but you just can't help yourself. For a contrast, I left St Mary Times Square and went to Holy Trinity Wall Street. There also Holy Communion was being celebrated, but this time by everyone - yes, everyone! During the Eucharistic prayer each person in the church had their hands extended in the orantes prayer position and were saying the Dominical words. As for the celebrant, she went and sat down! Now who's being 'normal' here? The contrasting Eucharistic practices raise a whole lot of questions about each other, let alone for Catholic Christians. Each one will, no doubt, claim their individual version of rightness: this is logic gone on holiday!

Manchester Report

The Manchester Report is now out, with its proposals for provision for Catholics when the CofE invents women bishops. We must congratulate the commission (especially those who are members of CBS) for the hard work that it has done. The time has come, as the report says, for some decisions, and the time for various forms of 'normality' to co-exist in uneasy relationship needs to end. Time will tell how the General Synod will receive the various proposals, but we are very aware of all that has been done both to pave the way for women bishops in the CofE and for Catholics to have an honoured place so that, to use a phrase of the report, we can 'mutually flourish'.

Fr Russell Ashworth

Another characteristic of the past is longevity: not only did Superiors-General stay a long time, but clergy were faithful for their entire lives to a particular parish or service to the Church. So it is with a certain amount of sadness, but of more admiration, that I tell you Fr Russell Ashworth decided he would not stand for re-election as a Trustee of CBS. He was first on the Grants Committee (as it was known then) back in 1990, and that faithfulness (and his good memory) brought to our discussions a wisdom I shall miss, together with his sense of humour and fun! Fr Keith Robinson from District 16 (Salisbury) has now been elected as a Trustee; he has big shoes to fill but with God's grace and your prayers he will serve the CBS well.

Thanksgiving and recommitment

This year is the 175th anniversary of the beginning of the Oxford Movement (see below). If your parish is having an hour of prayer of thanksgiving and recommitment on that day, do try to take part; if not, just be before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, wherever you can.

Fr Christopher Pearson SSC, Superior-General

THE OBJECTS:

The Confraternity exists for the advancement of the catholic faith in the Anglican Tradition and in particular to promote:

- ✚ The honour due to Jesus Christ our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of his Body and
- ✚ prayer for one another at the Eucharist,
- ✚ careful preparation for and reception of Holy Communion, including the Eucharistic fast,
- ✚ the reverent and dignified celebration of the Eucharist and the
- ✚ reservation and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament,
- ✚ the continuance of the catholic priesthood, *and*
- ✚ catholic theological teaching, learning and development.

THE RULES:

- ✚ To take part in the celebration of the Eucharist on all Sundays, greater festivals and holy days whenever possible;
- ✚ To promote the reverent celebration of the Eucharist as the Church's daily offering;
- ✚ To make special intercessions as set out in the Intercessions Paper.

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completed application forms, Gift Aid forms, subscriptions, changes of address, changes in ward officers, names of recently departed Associates.

Associates may obtain CBS Medals (£2), Manuals (£2), Constitutions (£2) and Lapel Badges (£2) from the Secretary-General. Payment includes postage and must accompany order.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Perhaps you would like to contribute to the publication with news of events or articles relating to what is happening in your Ward? We welcome photographs of any recent CBS related activities - please send all information to the Secretary-General at the address above.

Material for the next edition must be received by **15 April 2008**

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THE 175th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OXFORD MOVEMENT

In 1833 the Church of England was startled by the Oxford Movement. The spark which ignited this powerful religious reawakening was the proposal of the Whig government to suppress half the Anglican bishoprics in Ireland and to re-dispose their incomes, without first consulting the Church. A group of clerical dons at Oxford, of whom John Keble, John Henry Newman, Richard Hurrell Froude and Edward Bouverie Pusey are the most well-known, took grave exception to the Whigs' proposals. They believed that the Church is a divinely-founded society, with Jesus Christ at its head, and that its reform was nothing to do with a secular Parliament. Their campaign of opposition was inaugurated with an assize sermon preached by Keble in the university church of St Mary in Oxford on 14 July 1833, in which he called the Whig government's planned legislation 'National Apostasy.' The Oxford dons next wrote a series of Tracts for the Times, examining aspects of the theological crisis created by the government's action, which they had delivered to every parsonage in England.

The Church of England, they taught, has passed through the Reformation, but it is not simply of the Reformation. It is not a Protestant Church (the word Protestant never appears in the Prayer Book, nor in any Anglican formularies), but it is a reformed catholic Church, a subtle but significant difference. The Church of England is the historic catholic and apostolic Church of this land. It is part of the wider Church of Christ - a claim made on the title page of the 1662 Prayer Book - cleansed of medieval abuses and unscriptural accretions in the sixteenth century, but in all other respects in continuity with what went before. They pointed out that the Church of England has retained the historic three-fold ministry of bishop, priest and deacon; her bishops are part of the Apostolic Succession; her priests by their episcopal ordination are identifiable with Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox priests, and exercise the same priesthood; through them, her faithful are assured of a valid sacramental ministry.

The leaders of the Oxford Movement were highly intellectual and very serious men. They believed the Church of England to be under threat, and they sought to raise the whole tone of her life and witness. For them, what mattered above all else was personal and corporate holiness; and, because holiness may only grow upon a foundation of truth, they were especially concerned with doctrinal purity and theological orthodoxy.

The Oxford Movement teaches us that all truth ultimately comes from God: Jesus Christ himself said "I am the way, the truth and the life." Christian truth does not depend for its validity upon the opinions of individual Christians at any one time. Something is true simply because God makes it true and reveals it to us, and for no other reason. If all Christians decided to reject some aspect of Christianity, this aspect would not thereby become untrue because of their rejection of it. Nor, if all Christians decided to believe in something new or decided to amend some old aspect of Christianity, would it therefore suddenly become true because of their new belief. God does not - indeed, He cannot - contradict Himself. Christian doctrine and moral teaching that were true in 33 A.D. and 1833 A.D., remain true in 2008 A.D. They cannot have become false by reason of their contradicting current values and ideas, and because some people find them difficult.

The Oxford Movement did not go unchallenged, but it proved to be the most important religious reawakening in England during the nineteenth century. The renaissance of spirituality, theology, scholarship, liturgy, music, art, architecture, and the revival of religious orders and communities (monks and nuns), which the Oxford Movement began in the Church of England goes under the name of the Catholic Revival. To this day in the early twenty-first century, there is not a parish church in the Anglican Communion that has not been affected by it in some way or other.

On 14 July 2008, the 175th anniversary of John Keble's Assize sermon, Anglicans throughout the world will observe an hour of silent prayer. We will give thanks for the rich inheritance of the Oxford Movement. We will also pray for the future, seeking to discover God's will and fulfil His purposes for us in our own lives, churches and communities. We warmly invite you to hold an hour of silent prayer in your own church or to join one being held in a church near you. Please register your church's hour of silent prayer on: www.oxfordmovement.org.uk

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DAILY CONFRATERNITY PRAYER

Almighty God, look, we pray, on the face of your beloved Son, and for the sake of his merits mercifully hear the prayers which throughout our Confraternity we continually offer to you; and grant us unity, a true faith, and a life agreeable to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
1	9TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 2) <i>That we may do the will of the Father</i>	1	The Ward of Our Lady, Walsingham	1	The Ward of the Sacred Heart, Lincoln Diocese
2	The Ward of Our Lady, Letchworth	2	The Church Union	2	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>
3	Ss Charles Lwanga and companions - <i>Christians in Uganda</i>	3	S Thomas the Apostle – <i>That all may acknowledge our Lord and God</i>	3	18TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 11) <i>That we may hunger for the bread Christ gives us</i>
4	The Additional Curates Society	4	Fr Chris Pearson, our Superior-General	4	S John Vianney – <i>Parish priests</i>
5	S Boniface – <i>Missionary bishops</i>	5	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>	5	The Ward of S Magnus, City of London
6	The Ward of Christ in Glory, Aldwick	6	14TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 7) <i>That we may share Christ's kindness and compassion</i>	6	The Transfiguration – <i>That we may listen to God's Son</i>
7	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>	7	The Ward of SS Peter & Paul, Uppingham	7	The American CBS
8	10TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 3) <i>That we may offer a sacrifice of praise</i>	8	The Ward of S Clement, Exeter	8	My Ward - <i>its Superior and Members</i>
9	The Ward of the Annunciation, Brighton	9	The Ward of S Michael, Paignton	9	S Teresa Benedicta – <i>Victims of persecution</i>
10	The Ward of S Saviour & S Peter, Eastbourne	10	Er Alan Cross, our Treasurer-General	10	19TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 12) <i>That Christ may calm the storms of our life</i>
11	S Barnabas – <i>The College of S Barnabas, Lingfield</i>	11	S Benedict – <i>All Religions</i>	11	S Clare – <i>Franciscan sisters</i>
12	The Catholic Societies Vocations Initiative	12	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>	12	The Ward of the Sacred Heart & S Andrew, East Finchley
13	The Ward of the Transfiguration, Haywards Heath	13	15TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 8) <i>That we may produce a rich harvest</i>	13	The CBS Trustees
14	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>	14	The Ward of S Peter, Plymouth	14	The Ward of Alexander Mackonochie, Holborn
15	11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 4) <i>That we may respond to God's call to us</i>	15	The Ward of S Margaret-Mary Alacoque, Cheltenham	15	THE ASSUMPTION – <i>The Society of Mary</i>
16	The Ward of the Precious Blood, Horsham	16	Er Lawson Nagel, our Secretary-General	16	My Ward - <i>its Superior and Members</i>
17	The Ward of S Anne, Hove	17	The Ward of Our Lady & S Andrew, Newcastle under Lyme	17	20TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 13) <i>That we may rejoice in God's mercy to all</i>
18	The Guild of All Souls	18	The Ward of SS Mary & Dominic, Wednesbury	18	The Corpus Christi Ward, Kenton
19	The Ward of SS Mary & Nicolas, Lancing College	19	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>	19	The Ward of Our Lady & S George, Winchmore Hill
20	The Anima Christi Ward, St Leonards on Sea	20	16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 9) <i>That we know the Spirit's help in our weakness</i>	20	The Ward of S Giles, Reading
21	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>	21	The Federation of Catholic Priests	21	Isolated Associates on the Secretary-General's List
22	12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 5) <i>That we may know that the Lord is at our side</i>	22	S Mary Magdalene – <i>That we may bear witness to the Resurrection</i>	22	The Love of Jesus Ward, Wantage
23	The Ward of S Cuthman, Sorrington Deanery	23	S Bridger – <i>Christians in Sweden</i>	23	21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 14) <i>That we may proclaim Christ as the Son of the living God</i>
24	The Ward of S Gabriel, Worthing	24	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>	24	The Ward of S Francis, Derby
25	The Ward of Our Lady & Corpus Christi, Cambridge	25	S James the Apostle – <i>Pilgrims</i>	25	The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary
26	The Catholic League	26	SS Joachim & Anne – <i>Our own parents</i>	26	S Monica – <i>Mothers of wayward children</i>
27	The Ward of S Edmund, Downham Market	27	17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 10) <i>That we may possess the treasure of holy Wisdom</i>	27	S Augustine – <i>Teachers of the Faith</i>
28	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>	28	The Ward of the Holy Grail, Wolverhampton	28	The Beheading of S John Baptist – <i>The Order of St John and its charitable foundations</i>
29	SS PETER & PAUL <i>Those to be ordained</i>	29	S Martha – <i>Christian hospitality</i>	29	My Ward – <i>its Superior and Members</i>
30	The Ward of S Mary, Great Yarmouth	30	Forward in Faith	30	22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 15) <i>That we may be found worthy of Christ's reward</i>
		31	S Ignatius of Loyola – <i>That we may serve God as he deserves</i>	31	

R.I.P.

We commend to God
the souls of all Departed
Associates of the
Confraternity,
especially the following
who have died recently:

Priests Associate

✠ Albert Webb

Associates

✠ Patricia Green

✠ Helen Joan Williams

✠ Jean Cocking

✠ Maria Phillips

✠ Margaret Shrimpling