

NOVEMBER

- 1 **ALL SAINTS** – *Thanksgiving for God's Holy Ones*
 2 All Souls – *The Guild of All Souls and all the Faithful Departed*
 3 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
 4 S Charles Borromeo – *Theological colleges*
 5 **31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Trinity 21)
That we may truly love God and neighbour
 6 The Ward of S Michael, Bath
 7 The Ward of All Saints with S Saviour, Weston super Mare
 8 The American CBS
 9 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
 10 S Leo the Great – *Steadfastness in crisis*
 11 S Martin – *Christians in France*
 12 **32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Trinity 22)
That we may be generous and trusting
 13 The CBS Trustees
 14 The Ward of S Gregory & S Augustine, Bristol
 15 The Ward of the Holy Family, Swindon
 16 The Ward of S Thomas, Birmingham
 17 The Ward of The Holy Family, Leamington Spa
 18 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
 19 **33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR** (Trinity 23)
That we may be gathered with God's chosen ones
 20 The Ward of S Faith, Bradford
 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Society of Our Lady of Walsingham
 22 S Cecilia – *Church musicians*
 23 The Society of the Faith
 24 The Ward of S Wilfrid, Leeds
 25 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
 26 **CHRIST THE KING**
That all may acknowledge his kingship
 27 The Ward of the Sacred Heart, Thornhill Lees
 28 Forward in Faith
 29 The Ward of S Herbert, Carlisle
 30 S Andrew - *Missionaries*



R.I.P.

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

Clergy

† Eric John Wingfield
 † Colin Haigh

Laity

† Laurence Francis Thame
 † Mary Bush
 † Hazel Margaret Chisholm
 † Kate McGuire
 † Wilfrid Spence
 † Sylvia Weston
 † Lilian Boschi
 † Thomas Davison Gibbins
 † Frances Mary Knox

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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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 on the previous page.

Material for the next edition must be received by 15 October 2006

Llansannan (St Asaph), S Sannan (Fr Rex Matthias): *Tabernacle, ciborium.*
 Barnehurst (Rochester), S Martin (Fr Owen Murphy): *Tabernacle.*
 Modderport (Free State, South Africa), Diocesan Retreat House: *Tabernacle.*
 Millfield School (Bath & Wells) (Canon Simon Bloxam-Rose): *Tabernacle.*
 Plymouth (Exeter), Bishop's House (The Bp of Plymouth): *Tabernacle.*
 The Trustees also approved financial grants towards the costs of
 Salisbury, S Martin (Fr Keith Robinson): New altar.
 Pusey House, Oxford: Accommodation for Ebbsfleet Pastoral Assistant 2006-7.
 Leytonstone (Chelmsford), S Margaret (Fr Rob Page): Altar refurbishment.
 Hanworth Park (London), S George (Fr Paul Williamson): Restoration of altar.
 Bishop of Ebbsfleet's 'Vigil-X' Masses for 2006-7: Publicity material.



The CBS Festival - Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of London.

NEWS FROM THE WARDS

New District Superior
 District 7 (Chichester)
 Bp Roger Jupp

New Ward
 Bristol, S Gregory & S Augustine
 Superior: Fr James Brown

New Ward Superior
 St Leonards on Sea, Anima Christi
 Bp Roger Jupp

New Priests Associate
 Fr Desmond Peter Banister
 Fr Edward Martin
 Fr Ryan Green



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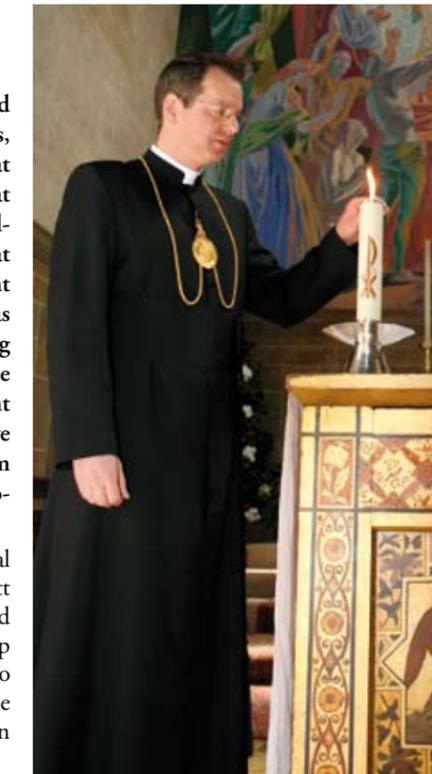
QUARTERLY

Fr Chris Pearson writes...

as the new Superior-General

I want to thank all those who have sent greetings and said such kind things following my election: letters, emails and phone calls and the casual meetings at 'do's. I have been touched by the support and love that has come from so many, and I am grateful to the Council-General for the trust they have put in me. I have to say that when asked if I was willing to be nominated, I thought and prayed for quite a while, eventually deciding that I was willing to stand—I did not seek election, but was willing to be elected, praying that God's grace would supply the gifts. Please remember me in your prayers. I also want to thank the other Trustees: they have been so supportive (so far!), publicly and privately; however, I warn them that they cannot load it all on my shoulders—we are co-workers in the vineyard!.

It was wonderful too that so many came to the National Festival at S Alban's Holborn. We offer thanks to Fr Levett and the people of S Alban's for their generous hospitality (and during their own Festival time, too, with the Archbishop of Canterbury preaching the previous day!). That so many came was only surpassed by the distance that some travelled—from all parts of England, some from Wales, an



impressive coach-full all the way from Swinton and Pendlebury in Manchester, even some from Australia and one Associate from North America. The Festival was wonderful, although it was with regret that the planned homilist, Fr James McCaskill (made known by Channel 4's Priest Idol), had to withdraw because of a fire in his church hall in Lundwood on the Thursday night before the Festival. At that stage he wasn't sure if it was accidental or malicious (investigation revealed it was in fact accidental), but he was concerned for his people and rightly thought it best to be with them. So I preached at the Festival.

As I take up the reins as the Superior-General, there can be little doubt that CBS would not be what it is today without the work, charisma and sheer hard work of Fr Tim Bugby, the former Superior-General. For those who weren't able to be at the Festival, I said then that Fr Tim became the Superior during a very stormy period for us Catholics in the Church of England, at the time of the invention of women priests. It was a tempestuous time with an unsure future; many left to join other ecclesial communions; some stayed, not always sure why. But Fr Tim's vision was such that CBS not only excelled during his Superiorship, but CBS also took a leading role within the Catholic tradition of the Church of England. History will record the role that CBS played under his chairmanship, and we are grateful to him for that. By way of our gratitude, we presented him with a medal – alas not as significant as the one he used to wear, but nevertheless gilded and specially inscribed with his name and the dates he was Superior.

You will read elsewhere in this Quarterly of the death (on 28 May) of Fr Eric Wingfield. At the AGM earlier in May he was made an honorary member of the Council-General even though in recent times he was not able to attend. Indeed, he was unable to look after his own affairs, but it was decided that he should

still be a council member (after all, when did mental capacity exclude anyone from the Council of CBS?). It's worth recording his remarkable work for the Confraternity. He was made Treasurer-General as an interim arrangement to help out in the short term (famous last words!), but after 26 years he was still in office. If you take an interest in the accounts of the CBS you will realise that we have had some wise investors and shrewd accounting in the past, and it was primarily Fr Wingfield who put us into the financial situation we enjoy today. His Funeral Mass was at the College of St Barnabas, the retirement home for the clergy at Lingfield, presided over by our Secretary-General and with a homily by his lifelong friend Fr Ron Gwyther. Fr Wingfield is buried at Waddingham in Lincolnshire, where he was parish priest for many years. Please pray for him.

No one likes change. Maybe that's the biggest fear when a new vicar arrives: that he'll change everything. So we need to be quite clear that, although the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament is under new management, we are still singing the same song; the tune might change, but the words are identical. After all, at his ordination (and at some inductions) the priest is directed to 'preach afresh'. The Gospel cannot change, only the way we preach it. The fact is that former officers have skills and abilities that the present ones do not have, and of course the reverse is also true! So, I offer you reassurance, but also challenge.

The work of the CBS will go on, and go from strength to strength, not because of our own efforts or the efforts of the officers, past or present (however good they have been), but because we are built on the sure foundation of Jesus who abides with us continually in the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

*Fr Christopher Pearson SSC
Superior-General*

When Canon Donald Nicholson retired as Superior-General, he wrote in the Quarterly that he had particularly valued and enjoyed the work of the Grants Committee in providing for the 'reverent and dignified celebration of the Eucharist and the reservation and veneration of the Blessed Sacrament' (the quotation is from the current Constitution.) I know what he meant; indeed I have had occasion to be grateful to myself!

The scope of the grants the Confraternity makes has changed and expanded enormously in recent years, but the old type of grant is still valued and indeed vital in some situations, as I have discovered.

I first became involved in CBS affairs in 1982, when I was nominated to serve as District Superior of District 2 (Birmingham and Coventry). I was replacing Fr Brian Doolan who had left parish work in Birmingham to become the first Principal of the Alan Knight Training Centre in the Rupununi savannah in Guyana. The Centre was the Diocese's memorial to the late Archbishop Alan Knight, and its aim was to train and form Amerindian catechists to serve as priests in their own communities. Fr Brian was known to refer to the Centre as 'Staggers in the savannah', and the story of the three-year course there, with the late Fr Donald Percy as Tutor and Parish Priest, would fill a book.

Right at the start, though, there was a problem. The Rupununi parish is about the size of Wales, and there were sixteen churches and

Mass centres. Never in its history had it had more than one priest, and it had never needed, or possessed, more than one set of vessels. The priest had been in the habit of carrying the chalice and paten with him on his travels. Now it was to have two priests: one resident at the Centre at Yupukari, the other often travelling through the parish. If they were both to be able to say Mass, something must be done. CBS to the rescue! Fr Geoffrey Pollard, the Superior-General of the day, actually took a train to Woking and deposited a chalice and paten in the Left Luggage office for collection and despatch—the first of many grants to Guyana.

I gradually found my feet on the Council-General, though at my first meeting I felt there was a huge generation gap between myself and the other members present. Fr Pollard and Fr Hawker, the Secretary-General, were among the younger members, it seemed; Fr Fred Young's long reign as Treasurer-General had just ended and Fr Eric Wingfield was new in office. The impression I got was that the Grants Committee interpreted its brief very rigorously, a legacy perhaps from Fr Young.

After two or three years, and rather to my surprise, I found myself nominated to join the Grants Committee, just as it had made another grant to the Diocese of Guyana—a large one: twelve chalices and twelve ciboria. Once again, the twelve new priests who had been trained at AKTC needed vessels if they were to say Mass, and the Grants Committee



had delivered the goods!

At one of my first meetings there was a further application, for twelve 'travelling Mass kits' containing vessels, cruets, a wafer box and a small cross and lights in a fitted case. These had been requested for the new priests to carry on their travels, rather than the full-sized vessels. The first response was 'We don't do those;' I replied, 'Why not? It's in keeping with our terms of reference;' and the application was duly considered. There was a feeling on the Committee that the Diocese of Guyana was being 'rather greedy'; it had after all just had that very large grant. I had been well briefed by Fr Doolan, who by now was back in England, and was able to explain that the priestly strength of the diocese had increased by twelve, and the new vessels were a necessity; furthermore, as I understood the situation, ciboria were needed for reservation so that in the priest's absence a catechist could give Holy Communion from the tabernacle. The older members listened benignly, and then one of them said, 'What did they use for reservation before we gave them all those ciboria?' I knew the answer to that one, and I said, 'Nescafé jars sprayed gold on the inside.' Dear old Fr Gilbert Carpenter threw his hands up in horror and said, 'Oh, what the Lord suffers in the mission field! Give it to them, give them everything!' And we did.

A year later I found myself volunteering to go to Guyana myself to act as Tutor for a second course at AKTC (be warned: don't pray for someone to be found for a certain job unless you're prepared for the answer 'Do it yourself!') and from 1987 till 1990 I was based in the place of which I had heard so much, mainly at Yupukari but sometimes travelling the savan-

nah by Land Rover or bullock cart or on foot (not to mention two occasions when I was thrown by a horse!), saying Mass in a variety of places, and using the vessels granted by CBS, including the travelling Mass kits. That's when I felt grateful to myself! One thing I discovered was that, excellent as the travelling kits were, the cases were not really robust enough for the conditions of the savannah. But then, the same goes for the modern generation of Land Rovers! In one village I found signs of a long-ago grant: at the church of the Holy Guardian Angels, Massara, there was a silver chalice with a silver CBS medal mounted on the base. I don't know when these beautiful chalices ceased to be granted; obviously the Confraternity had been helping the church on the savannah long before my time. Perhaps this was the original parish chalice. On another occasion I found myself saying Mass with a similar chalice at St Anne's Church, Agricola, on the East Bank Demerara, evidence again of CBS giving help in need. In my time this church received a tabernacle grant.

Back in England and in a parish in Lichfield Diocese since 1991, I was nominated as District Superior and again to the Grants Committee. Things had moved on since 1985, and we felt free to be more enterprising in the grants we made. With a new Constitution and redefined objects, and with the Trustees replacing the old Grants Committee, our scope has certainly changed and expanded. But grants of the traditional kind continue to be sought and made, at home as well as abroad, and I remind myself of how grateful I once was for the work of the Confraternity and the part I had had in it!

*Fr Allan Buik
CBS Trustee*

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.

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.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 The Ward of S Michael, Croydon
- 2 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 3 **22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 12)**
That we may worship in spirit and in truth
- 4 The Ward of S Agnes, Kennington
- 5 The Ward of Corpus & Sanguis Christi, Plumstead
- 6 The Ward of S Peter, Streatham
- 7 The Ward of The Sacred Heart, Bude
- 8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Society of Mary
- 9 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 10 **23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 13)**
That we may hear the Lord and speak of his love
- 11 The Additional Curates Society
- 12 The Ward of S Mary Star of the Sea, Penzance
- 13 S John Chrysostom – *Preachers*
- 14 Holy Cross Day – *The Society of the Holy Cross (SSC)*
- 15 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 16 SS Cornelius & Cyprian – *Wise and holy Christian leaders*
- 17 **24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 14)**
That we may take up our cross and follow Jesus
- 18 The Ward of the Annunciation, Truro
- 19 The Ward of S Martin, Roath
- 20 The Martyrs of Korea – *Freedom and reconciliation throughout Korea*
- 21 S Matthew – *Politicians and civil servants*
- 22 The Catholic League
- 23 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 24 **25TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 15)**
That we may welcome the little children
- 25 The Church Union
- 26 The Ward of The Good Shepherd, Guildford
- 27 S Vincent de Paul – *Helpers of the poor*
- 28 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 29 S Michael & All Angels
Thanksgiving for the ministry of the angels
- 30 S Jerome – *Bible translators and Bible societies*

OCTOBER

- 1 **26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 17)**
That we may hear the message of the prophets
- 2 The Holy Guardian Angels –
Thanks to God for their protection
- 3 Fr Chris Pearson, our Superior-General
- 4 S Francis of Assisi – *All Franciscans*
- 5 The Ward of S Stephen the Martyr, North Portsmouth
- 6 The Corpus Christi Ward, Portsmouth
- 7 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 8 **27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 17)**
That we may live as members of God's family
- 9 The Catholic Societies Vocations Initiative
- 10 The Ward of The Stigmata, Bournemouth
- 11 The Ward of S Michel du Valle, Guernsey
- 12 The Federation of Catholic Priests
- 13 The Ward of S Lucien Tapiedi & The New Guinea Martyrs, Maryborough
- 14 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 15 **28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 18)**
That we may find our true riches in Christ
- 16 Fr Alan Cross, our Treasurer-General
- 17 S Ignatius of Antioch – *Faithfulness unto death*
- 18 S Luke – *S Luke's Hospital for the Clergy*
- 19 The Ward of Blessed Mary McKillop & S Benedict, Melbourne
- 20 The Ward of S Mary, Melbourne
- 21 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 22 **29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 19)**
That we may be servants of all
- 23 The Ward of S Margaret, Montreal
- 24 The Ward of S Michael & All Angels, Winnipeg
- 25 Isolated Associates on the Secretary-General's List
- 26 The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary
- 27 My Ward – *its Superior and Members*
- 28 SS Simon & Jude – *Recovery of the lost*
- 29 **30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Trinity 20)**
That Christ may open our eyes
- 30 Fr Lawson Nagel, our Secretary-General
- 31 My parish and its priest(s)