

Fr Hoyal Writes

OUR SCHOOL

I find that not everyone at All Saints knows about our links with St John's Primary School in Worrall Road, Clifton. This is a pity because St John's is an excellent school, and the connections we have are both a delight and a privilege.

St John's is a Church of England School (voluntary controlled) and dates back to 1850 when the minister and churchwardens of St John the Evangelist, Clifton, were granted land for a church school for education of "poor persons of the district in religious and useful knowledge".

When St John's came under the care of All Saints in 1978, the school became a direct concern of ours also. The priest-in-charge of All Saints is *ex officio* a governor of the school, and two other "foundation" governors also representing All Saints are elected by the PCC. These are currently Martin Robinson who is chair of governors, and Anne Bradley, who was the previous chair. Both have served on the governing body for some years and they make a tremendous contribution to the school on our behalf, as did Anne Wardrop and others in their time as foundation governors.

A number of other All Saints members have close connections with the school. For many years our previous director of music, Ken Smith, voluntarily played for the weekly Friday assembly as well as various special events like the Christmas carol service and the annual leavers' service in July. Both these services are held at church, and it is always a pleasure to welcome the school to All Saints.

Ken's wife Jessica, one of our Parish Readers, is a regular visitor to the school, giving help in class and leading assemblies; and

taking assemblies is something I am always very pleased to do myself when I can.

An All Saints education fund allows us to help the school financially on occasions, as with the purchase of presentation Bibles for leavers, and also of “Markus Boxes” for younger pupils. These DVD packs provide attractive audiovisual teaching materials, based on St Mark’s gospel, that the children can enjoy at home.

Of course, we benefit considerably from the presence of a church school in the parish. St John’s is a valuable link between us and children and families in our area. The school is always very welcoming to ordinands on placement with us who want to learn about what is special about church schools.

Church members may have seen some of the artwork displays that St John’s pupils have produced for us from time to time, as they did last Christmas, for example - and as we hope they will do for our September festival for our 140th anniversary.

This term sees the retirement of the present head, Mrs Jean Shepherd, under whose care and expert leadership the school has flourished. We are much in Jean’s debt, and we join pupils and staff and parents in thanking Jean for a most effective headship and offering our very best wishes for a happy retirement.

Despite diligent efforts it has not so far proved possible to find the right successor, but in the meantime the present deputy head, Justin Hoye, will be acting Head. We congratulate him on this appointment and wish him every success.

Do please remember our church school in your prayers, and all who play a part in ensuring that it is the very best school it can be, staff, governors and parents among them as well as our diocesan

director of education and our LEA. And do pray that as a church we shall do whatever we can to assist and support the school. It is a wonderful gift in our midst, and we are rightly proud of it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Hoyal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Digby Hoyal

IN THIS MONTH ... JULY 1987

From the (latest) Curate

This is the time of year when ‘new curates’ write snippets in the Parish Magazine to introduce themselves. I hope this won’t be necessary in my case, but I wanted to say a few words in preparation for my ordination as deacon on the first Sunday of July. First, I want to express my delight at the privilege of being able to serve at All Saints’, which has been my spiritual home ever since I first came to Bristol in 1978; many years before that, it had been recommended to me as ‘the’ church to go to if ever I were in Bristol.

I will continue to work at Wesley College in Westbury-on-Trym as Tutor in history, so the main bulk of my ministry will necessarily be spent there over the next three years. However, O hope to be able to offer as much help and support to Fr Peter and Fr William as I can in my non-stipendiary role at All Saints’. As a parish with a long and lively tradition, we have a special contribution to make to the life of the diocese, and I hope that we can go on making a positive and vigorous witness to all that is good and alive in the Catholic tradition.

It has been good to come back from time to time while I have been at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, and to see old friends at All Saints’. However, I feel that in the past, I have been rather sheltered from getting to know many of the congregation in my remote eyrie at the back of the choir stalls! I’d be very pleased if those of you who feel we have never met properly could introduce yourselves so that we can get to know each other better. I want to be of service to everyone at All Saints’, and I would very much value your help as I set out to find what sort of ministry I should develop in the future. I would also appreciate your prayers as this new phase of my Christian life begins, and I look forward to serving you. A final word on my impossible Christian name: it is best pronounced **DERMID!**

Diarmaid MacCulloch

Footnote: Diarmaid MacCulloch has been Professor of the History of the Church at St Cross College Oxford since 1997. He is a Fellow of the British Academy, and co-edits the Journal of Ecclesiastical History. He has written extensively on Tudor England. His biography *Thomas Cranmer: a Life* (Yale UP, 1996) won the Whitbread Biography, Duff Cooper and James Tait Black Prizes. His latest book is *Reformation: Europe's House Divided 1490-1700*, with Penguin/Allen Lane. He has been interviewed on several TV programmes, including BBC2's *Timewatch 'Gunpowder Plot'* (2005) and BBC 4's *The Reformation* (2007). He has been invited to give the keynote lecture at the Calvin quincentenary Congress in Geneva in 2009.

SAND OR ROCK?

Sermon preached by Fr Hoyal at Solemn Mass Sunday 1 June on the Gospel for the day Matthew 7.21-27

Sand or rock? What is my life built on? What is your life built on? What is the church's life built on? What will hold if the weather changes and the floods bear down?

The recent disasters in Burma and China have been a grim and graphic reminder of how unexpectedly, how dramatically everything can change in our lives. In seconds houses collapsed in huge numbers as foundations failed, rocked by earthquake or battered by wind and flood.

How will we fare when crisis or tragedy visit us? Will we collapse in moments? Will everything we treasure be swept away?

Build on a firm foundation, says Jesus, build on the rock. Listen to what I'm saying, yes, but act on it too.

Going on at me “Lord, Lord”, just paying me lip-service, just going through the usual pious motions, that won’t do. And I shan’t be impressed just because you claim to be acting in my name. Plenty of people do that, but basically they’re just sanctifying their own agendas rather than embracing and carrying out mine. Many will say: “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, cast out demons in your name, do many deeds of power in your name?” I will declare to them, “I never knew you, depart from me.

Good works are certainly required of us. Faith without works is dead, says the New Testament. But what are we doing? Who are we doing it for, and why?

However good it all looks, it needs to be on a sound foundation. It needs to be the right thing and for the right reason. It all needs to be for the glory of God, not out of the conceit of man.

To be active in works and unfaithful in heart is like raising a beautiful and lofty building on an unsound foundation, said the great St Ambrose. The higher the building, the greater the fall. Without the support of faith, good works cannot stand. It is on faith in God our rock, our fortress, our salvation, it is on faith in him that our lives must be built if we are not to founder in times of trial and peril. It is through faith in him that our good deeds as believers can claim to have spiritual and moral worth before God.

Next Sunday is the 140th anniversary of the consecration of the original All Saints on 8th June 1868. This happens to be the third building in which the congregation here has worshipped. The first was bombed out in 1940. The second is now a block of flats. And this building, what about this building and our present situation?

I love churches. I value their power to be sermons in stone. The right building used in the right way can be a powerful source of inspiration to a congregation’s faith. But we have to accept that the building is less important than the faith it houses. What matters is the spiritual foundation. So the question must be: Are we a spiritually authentic church rooted in a spiritually authentic faith?

What motivated Richard Randall, the first vicar of this parish, and his pioneer generation was sacrificial commitment to the Catholic faith in the Church's proclamation of Christ. From the start, Randall knew what he was about – reclaiming the fullness of Catholic faith and practice for this part of the Church of England.

The world, you might say, has all sorts of ideas about Jesus, and all sorts of ideas about his Church. Equally, though, and sadly, the world has very *little* idea about Jesus and his Church.

It needs an authentic Church to proclaim an authentic gospel. Only an authentic Church can inspire and exemplify authentic gospel life. More than ever, the authentic faith of the Catholic Church of Jesus Christ needs to be lived and shared, and not least here in Clifton. What Randall started here urgently needs to be continued, to be done and redone. And it needs to be done on rock not sand, as does the building of your life and mine.

I believe we should hail our forthcoming anniversary year as a most welcome opportunity to celebrate and proclaim the fullness of Catholic faith and life this parish has always stood for. There are earthquakes and floods rocking the Church to-day. Please God, our faith will keep is from falling.

MCW's Postscript

Currently overwhelmed by decisions re internal or external scaffolding. Why? I hear you ask. Well, it's the old joke. How many Churchwardens does it take to change a light bulb? Two. One to think about it and one to chivvy a squad of scaffolders and a team of builders. But tonight I took time out to work with our CYP committee, a dedicated crew of sequin fanciers, wolfskin wearers and church knitters. I bet Barbara Pym cannot beat this: From my left, 'My mother's been dead for 18 years', and from my right, 'But it's amazing what you can do with glue these days.' Read the ads carefully. There's a lot going on. For the first time in 140 years, we need your silver and gold thread and your beads, and we need YOU!

to help make the banners. September 6, 9 30 am, and the Ceremonial Hanging at 12 noon.

And wasn't FF's party great? The PC was very restrained in off white, but I glimpsed at least one biretta with its purple pom pom, and some superb lace in choir.

140th ANNIVERSARY YEAR
DEDICATION FESTIVAL & FRIENDS SUNDAY
SUNDAY 6th JULY 11.00 am FESTIVAL MASS

- attended by **Friends of All Saints**
Guest Preacher Canon Donald Macdonald
Assistant Priest at All Saints 1975-78
Parish Picnic afterwards at church

*Come and give thanks for All Saints as we
rededicate ourselves in God's service.*



WALSINGHAM 2008



Our parish pilgrimage this year to this lovely Shrine village is from Monday 6 to Friday 10 October, and we are sharing a coach with St Gregory's Horfield since they are booked for the same week.

The beauty and holiness of Walsingham, and the wonderful spiritual fellowship on always meets there, make the pilgrimage a very special experience. Do ask Garfield Griffiths or Fr Hoyal if you would like to know more.

It is already time to book – please contact Garfield, either at church or at 0117 9441035 or Garfield.Griffiths@uwe.ac.uk .

GARDEN PARTY

You are warmly invited to a Garden Party on **Saturday 19 July at 3 Norland Road Clifton BS8 3LP** (*by kind invitation of Judy Torrens*) from 6 pm onwards. Tickets £6 (£5 concessions; £1 Children under 16) to include buffet supper, available at All Hallows Easton and All Saints Clifton after Mass on Sunday 6 and Sunday 13 July. In aid of All Hallows Easton Restoration Appeal

“THEN NOW NEXT”

140TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL 7-14 SEPTEMBER

An advance programme should be included with this magazine.

Do commend this important initiative widely as we both look back and look forward, with thanksgiving for all the blessings and opportunities we currently enjoy. If you are willing to assist in any way, we shall be most grateful – please contact Fr Brendan, Alan Rundle, Martin Robinson or Fr Richard. There is a lot to see to as we seek to celebrate our first 140 years, commend our present witness and also look to the future.

In addition to events itemized, we have our young people preparing a vast festival banner (meeting at church with Liz Badman and Mary Benton Saturday 6 September).

Jessica Smith has been involved in inviting local junior-school pupils to submit artwork inspired by visits to the church, and there will be prizes for items judged the best.

We also hope to provide other events of interest to children and young people particularly on Saturday 13 September, which is Bristol Doors Open Day, when we always look forward to welcoming a good number of visitors.

Mary Prior OBE, Lord Lieutenant of Bristol, and Trevor Fry, well-known BBC Radio Bristol presenter, have kindly agreed to be official Patrons of the Festival.

The musical highlight of the festival is “**SANCTUARY**” – an evening with Christian Forshaw and fellow artistes 7.30 pm Saturday 13 September. We are extremely fortunate to have secured Christian for our Festival, and we can be assured of a wonderful evening of beautiful and spiritually inspirational music. Do spread the word about this special opportunity.

Christian Forshaw is the British saxophone virtuoso-composer whose 2004 debut album *Sanctuary* was hugely successful and is frequently broadcast. The album combines saxophone, voices, church organ and percussion in arrangements of sacred melodies as well as original compositions. *Sanctuary* reached No.1 in both the Amazon.co.uk Classical Chart and New Zealand’s Concert FM charts, and has received airplay on BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio 3 ,BBC 1 TV, Classic FM and numerous local radio stations.

Christian Forshaw studied at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama in London, and has been professor of saxophone since 2002, just one facet of his immensely varied career working in many different genres.

Tickets: £15 (concessions £12, under 16s just £1) are obtainable from Providence Music 0117 9276536 or sales@providencemusic.co.uk.

“INSIDE THE BIBLE”

Two not-to-miss lectures at All Saints by world-class Bible scholar Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB, Editor of the New Jerusalem Bible:

7.30 pm Tuesday 30 September

Can the Bible be used for Moral Guidance?

7.30 pm Tuesday 18 November

Mark the First Gospel Writer

Do make a note now. Coffee from 7.00 pm. Admission free (suggested donation £3 to cover costs). Arranged by Bristol Church Union.

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ALL SAINTS IN BLOOM

FOR THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

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140th Anniversary Banner Appeal

The children and young people of the parish are making a banner to mark the 140th anniversary of All Saints. Donations of fabric, feathers and embroidery thread in 'flame' colours (gold, orange, red etc) would be gratefully received. Please give any donations to the Church Wardens or Liz Badman at the Parish Office.

ALL SAINTS CHOIR SCHOOL BOARDING SCHOOL

At the conclusion of the second world war, in 1945, it was immediately decided by my parents that I should attend a Christian boarding school. I was ten years old and thus far, my education had been at the local C of E village school.

Following advice given by my local vicar, All Saints Choir School, Bristol, was chosen and duly approached.

My mother was asked to take me to the Charing Cross Hotel, London, to meet with a Father John D Hankey one afternoon, and there we were interviewed and my future education was discussed. It was agreed that in the Autumn term of 1945 I would commence at the newly opened Boarding House, situated at Randall House, 5 All Saints Road, along with sixteen other boys.

Before we moved in to Randall House, we spent one term at the home of Mr and Mrs Gunn, Brentry House, as Randall House was not ready. They had a pony and cart that we used to travel around in and lovely fields out the back into woods. Wonderful. They were so kind to us and eased us into Randall House in a truly wonderful way. I remember in the winter of 1945 we actually tobogganed down the hill opposite the house. They also had several Standard motor cars in which they would take us for rides. Where they obtained the petrol in those days I know not. I also

recall that the Gunn family were Scottish and therefore, for breakfast it was without question porridge. What is more it was porridge without sugar or milk and salt in place of sugar. I love porridge and ever since then I take mine without milk, but sugar has replaced the obligatory salt!

The Housemaster was the aforesaid Father Hankey, supported by Matron, sadly her name escapes me but she was the cousin of Father Hankey. In addition there were catering staff who ran the kitchens, situated in the basement alongside the dining room. Outside of which we were each given a separate locker.

On the first, or ground floor we found a Common Room overlooking All Saints Road, and alongside this was a Prep room where every evening we would assemble and carry out our studies, or preparation for the following day. Father Hankey had his study in the next room, at the foot of the staircase, which led up to three bedrooms, a shower room and then to a farther flight of stairs leading up to Matron's flat and a sick room

In the garden, at the rear of the building, the flower beds surrounding the central lawn were laid out in sections and those of us so desirous each had a plot of our own to cultivate. Those of us who had pet rabbits had these situated on the back wall. Informal games were played on the lawn, such as cricket.

In the most junior of the dormitories we slept on bunks of two beds and it was here that my first punishment was earned. Pillow fighting one night brought Father Hankey to the door and we each received one strike of his cane!

In the wash room, each boy had a grey metal mug with his initials upon it, and our toothbrush and toothpaste were kept in it. Our washing was carefully monitored, and when it came to showers, compulsory after games and a regular once a week on top of that, Father Hankey carried out scrupulous attention.

Each morning, we would troop down stairs to breakfast, and one of the two prefects would stand at the top of the stairs and inspect us, hands on

both sides, before we assembled for a meal. This drill was carried out before every meal of the day.

The Latin grace was said both before and after meal times and to this day I know them. Meals were wholesome but due to rationing were memorable only by what we did not like rather than by any favourites.

At the week end, cook would try and make us a simple treat and I recall the various flavours of ice that we tried. From lemon to tea, anything that was edible and liquid would be frozen!

Every week-day morning we would walk to School and following assembly and prayers, go to our respective class rooms. I recall teachers named Miss Levy, Miss Allsop (both from Clevedon) and a Father Bertrand among others.

Behind the school there ran a lane containing mews buildings and a field. This was accessed by road from Alma Vale Road or by foot from the bottom of the school play ground.

In the field one summer we held a Physical Training display and among the displays I remember the school lined the four walls of the field and we each had to fall forward at attention one by one in time to music. How odd!

Also in one of the mews buildings we kept any bicycles we might own, and one of the staff kept an Austin 7 car, laid up through the war and still on petrol ration. This was a great place to get up to mischief.

Returning to food, each morning at school we lined up for a ration of a small bottle of milk during morning break and then when we had time off we would walk through to Alma Road where a sweet and toy shop existed and was very well supported by boys from All Saints.

Dinkey toys came back onto the market in 1947 and the boys from the boarding house started to collect these with saved up pocket money. We raced them home along the walls of the gardens on our route back

to Randall House.

Father Hankey encouraged the Boy Scout movement, and the 27th Bristol Scout Troop (All Saints Choir School) met in the gymnasium which was also situated in All Saints Road near to the bombed ruins of All Saints Church. It was here that I rose from being a Wolf Cub to a Boy Scout and it was here that I received, and still possess, my copy of Scouting for Boys specially for Bristol Scout Week

I cannot recall the caretaker who also operated the gym, but I do recall that he owned a black dog named Nixi which was a great favourite of we boarders.

Sunday was strictly controlled. Best clothes, walk down All Saints Road, footpath behind the into the Church Hall back entrance for Matins, and again in the evening for Vespers. We boarders sat at the back of the hall on a raised dais and watched all the ceremonies and functions. It was here that I was confirmed by the Bishop of Bristol and it was here that I recall the newly appointed Bishop of Trinidad, who had been a priest at All Saints Church, give a tremendous sermon.

I still possess the prayer book inscribed by Father Hankey who prepared me for Holy Communion. Sports consisted of a dreary walk to the Downs and taking our boots or kit each way. Marsh's of Clifton were the school outfitters and mother would make a special journey down from Aldenham to meet with me and see me properly kitted out. Later in life, after my wife and I moved to Somerset, this firm became our favourite clothing shop and had a fine restaurant that we regularly frequented. Sadly, they are no longer.

Back in Randall House we moved steadily through the ranks and I eventually was given my own separate bed (no bunk) in a dormitory overlooking All Saints Road. During this period I also developed bad ear ache and spent a week in the sanatorium and after the careful attention of Matron, I was permitted back to my own bed and came across Swallows and Amazons, by Arthur Ransome. Still my favourite children's author, I read all he produced. And have given copies to my children and grand

children. Then came the real test. During evening prep we were caught talking and swapping answers. WE were lined up outside Father Hanky's study. In we went one by one. Five of the best for each of us.!

However, he later introduced a projector and arranged for silent films to be shown each Saturday evening in the prep room and I recall that we had a fad one year for films on skiing. Why, I have no idea.

Each week we had to assemble in the prep room one evening and write a letter home. This was compulsory and my mother kept mine which invariably I had failed to stick a stamp on. Pocket money was severely rationed.

Staff I recall a Father Bertrand, also a Father Borland and there were other Fathers and I have already mentioned the Misses Levy and Alsop.

I still have two photographs of Randall House boarders (these will be available shortly at <http://www.allsaintsclifton.org/history/choirschool.html> Ed.)

Wells was the son of the Bishop of Hereford, Gordon came from a farm near Almondsbury and I stayed with him on occasions and vice versa. Baker and Ginger Hardwick were the two prefects who inspected us. Lukin was the son of the well known Bristol Baker. John Dalton came from Barry Island and Philip Willingale came from Essex. Ian Woodruffe I believe came from Exeter.. Gordon Westron I was told married a girl from my home village, whom he met while staying with me on holiday. Wow!! In 1948 I took the Common Entrance exam for Dover College, in Kent and moved on to other exciting things. Eventually I gained a commission in the Royal Air Force, and after fifteen years I became an Incorporated Insurance Broker.

In 1962 I moved to Somerset and opened my business in Clevedon. That year the Old Boys of All Saints School got together and we gave a prayer stall to the lovely new Church which you may still find in there.

These were great days and benefited me enormously. I was able to go on to public school, and to continue what became a life long relationship with the Scout Movement with a firm base to build upon.

Sadly All Saints Choir School Boarders disappeared in what we call the march of progress, I believe that Father Hankey went on to become Headmaster at Ullenwood School in Cheltenham. I corresponded with him for a short period but that changed as did my life. However, All Saints, with its three houses of St George, St Andrew and St David, and with Randall House for we boarders proved something worth while and of great vale to me in the years that lay ahead.

Leslie Fox

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The Catholic Societies of the Church of England

ASSUMPTIONTIDE FESTIVAL

Saturday 16 August 2008

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12.00 noon

PROCESSION OF OUR LADY

&

SOLEMN CONCELEBRATED MASS

at

Bristol Cathedral

by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter

Preacher: Monsignor William Mitchell

(formerly Vicar General of Clifton Diocese)

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3.30pm

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at the Lord Mayor's Chapel, College Green

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FOR CHILDREN UNDER 8 & THEIR PARENTS/CARERS

TUESDAY AUGUST 26

10am – 3pm

***ALL SAINTS CHURCH
PEMBROKE RD***

***Activities for wet and dry weather in
an Open Garden so bring your own
picnic and chairs/rugs, and come in
old clothes!***

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Rodents! Rodents! Rodents!

Children's carpet area:

Food consumed in this area is a potential problem, as we suspect it may be encouraging mice. Parents, grandparents and others, please be aware. Food without crumbs is to be preferred. If the Wardens have to introduce kestrels to cope, the watchword might become 'prey' rather than 'pray'.

Thanks,

Anne and Frances