

Fr Hoyal writes

2009 RETROSPECT

Following what has become custom, I take advantage of the January magazine to help us look back over the last year and take stock. Of course, many very significant events and activities are not caught by my rather coarse net of categories. So much of what happens is unseen or taken for granted, but nonetheless often very important.

Guest Preachers

Epiphany (6 January) – **The Ven Tim McClure** (Archdeacon of Bristol)

Candlemas (2 February) – **Fr Peter Bolton CMP** (Vicar of All Saints, Weston-super-Mare. Sadly Fr Peter is currently in poor health)

Sunday before Lent (22 February) – **Canon Neville Boudy** (Chaplain, Bristol Old Vic Theatre School & formerly Vicar of Cotham)

Lent 2 (8 March) & Trinity 16 (27 September) – **The Revd Kim Taplin** (Chaplain of Clifton College)

Annunciation (25 March) – **The Revd Dr Simon Taylor** (Priest-in-Charge, St Mary Redcliffe)

Holy Saturday with baptism & confirmation (11 April) – **The Rt Revd Adrew Burnham** (our Provincial Episcopal Visitor)

Ascension Day (21 May) – **Canon Alan Finley** (Dean of Clifton RC Cathedral)

Fr John Morley Bunker's 40th Anniversary of Priesting (1 June) – **The Rt Revd Keith Newton** (Bishop of Richborough)

Corpus Christi (11 June) – **Fr Tim Bugby** (Honorary Chaplain, Christ the King, Gordon Square & formerly Vicar of St Augustine's, Highgate & Superior General of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament)

Dedication Festival (5 July) – **Fr John Morley-Bunker**

Michaelmas (29 September) – **The Revd Rod Symmons** (Priest-in-Charge, Redland Parish Church, and Tutor, Trinity College Bristol)

Special Occasions

Mothers' Union children's Epiphany party (10 January)

Lent: overall theme *Making All Things New*; weekly Tuesday Lent Holy Hour (conducted by Fr Hoyal) and home Lent groups discussing the Sunday Lent sermons

Lent giving for Archbishops' Zimbabwe Appeal

Easter Monday parish walk (12 April)

Curry night with All Hallows in St Mark's Road, Easton (23 April)

Parish Retreat at The Abbey House, Glastonbury (8-10 May – postponed from February because of snow – conducted by Fr Richard Williams, Vicar of Hay-on-Wye)

Bristol West Deanery Uganda Link 40th anniversary celebration at All Saints with Ugandan youth choir, followed by supper (9 May)

Christian Aid Week box collection at Clifton Down shopping centre (16 May)

Launch of Pentecost 2009 Appeal: All Saints – *Living & Giving in the Spirit* (31 May)

All Saints/All Hallows joint coach party to Glastonbury Pilgrimage (20 June)

“The Opera Picnic” with Ian Yemm and Welsh National Opera friends – cream teas beforehand, opera concert in church with interval for picnic suppers in the garden (20 June)

July – Saturday Soup Run

St John's School End of Year Service with presentation of Bibles from All Saints to leavers (22 July)

Summer Fun Day for All Saints & All Hallows children (28 July)

Bristol Doors Open Day (12 September) with All Saints participating

Asbestos removal programme (September/October)

Harvest Appeal for Royal Agricultural Benevolent Fund (RABI) and Self-Help Africa

Harvest parish lunch (4 October)

All Saints parish pilgrimage to Walsingham, jointly with St Gregory's, Horfield (5-9 October)

Belgrave School harvest service (15 October)

Local artists' weekend autumn exhibition in atrium in aid of British Heart Foundation & Penny Brohn Centre (16-18 October)

Day Pilgrimage to Pusey House & Oriel College, Oxford, with Church Union (17 October)

“Darwin & God – Why is there a dispute?” Lecture and supper evening led by Professor Mike Benton (17 October)

“Just a Little Run – Around the World!” Talk by celebrated runner Rosie Swale Pope in memory of Alan Rundle (26 October)

Church Union Lecture – Post-Reformation Saints? 1. Bishop Edward King – the Revd Dr John Newton, former President of The Methodist Conference (10 November)

Remembrance Day observance at Whiteladies Road War Memorial with St John’s School and Clifton College representation (11 November)

“Celebrating Purcell” – St Cecilia-tide candlelight Sacristy concert with fork supper (21 November)

Licensing of Fr Hoyal additionally as Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, Broad Street, Old City (22 November)

Church Union Lecture – Post-Reformation Saints? 2. Dr Edward Pusey – the Revd Dr William Davage, Librarian of Pusey House (24 November)

Inaugural meeting of Bristol branch of *Christians in Science* at All Saints, with Professor Andrew Halestrap on “Science, Suffering & A God of Love” (27 November)

“From Darkness to Light” - special service for Advent Sunday (30 November)

Belgrave School carol service (10 December)

University of Bristol Chamber Choir/Bristol University Music Society carol service (9 December)

105th birthday of longstanding All Saints member Vera Price (16 December)

St John’s School carol service (16 December)

All Saints carol singing in aid of charity outside former St John’s church (19 December)

First official All Saints pre-Christmas service of Lessons & Carols for Christmas (20 December)

Parish Christmas appeal for Shelter and Julian Trust

Monthly Walsingham Cell Masses, *MU-Plus* Masses, requiem Masses and Masses for healing, parish Sunday lunches after Solemn Mass, carol services at Carlton Mansions, Glenavon and Whatley Court residential homes

Occasional Offices

2 adult and 7 children’s baptisms – 3 All Saints members confirmed (2 adults, 1 child) – 2 weddings – 9 church funerals – 2 church memorial services – 8 other crematorium services for parishioners

Over the year we had to bid farewell to several All Saints members, friends and close family members, among them James Ostler (brother of Christine), Jim York, Albert Jones (father of Vivienne Stanley), former All Saints member Conrad Addey, Rani Kingman, Ray Walters (father of Julia Greenbury), Fr Clive Wyngard (father of Andrew Wyngard), Michael Hazeldine (father of Vanessa Fisher), Barbara Biggs (mother of Brendan Biggs), Mary Rossetti, Alan Rundle, Rhona Ray (sister of Vera Sanders), Gordon Williams, Francisca Tandy (sister of Jessica Smith), John Emery (father of Claire Chandy), Jean Weller (wife of the late Revd John Weller), Dolores Ching (mother of Remie Clark), Rob Graham (son-in-law of Hugh and Gillian Barron), Dixie Dean (father of Colin Dean), and Leslie James.

Music

The monthly Saturday Concert Matinees at 4pm continued to be popular, with a varied programme of contributors, both instrumentalists and singers. They included:

Richard Johnson – Keyboard Rhapsodies (31 January); Graham Smith, Vicky Bremner & Nigel Davies – Teatime Treats: Elgar to Gerschwin (28 February); Andy Dewar – organ recital (28 March); Josie Goddard, soprano – Love, Loss & Betjeman (25 April); John Davenport – Organ Lollipops for Whitsun (30 May); Dorian String Quartet with Helen Finch – Mozart & Haydn (27 June); Maita Robinson with Anna Sibley – songs from Richard Wagner, Verdi & Spirituals (25 July); Kate Walter & Jennifer Carter – flute and violin (29 August); Concorde Saxophone Quartet – classical & jazz (26 September); 70-strong State Youth Choir of North Rhine/Westphalia (10 October); Shelley Ezra & Jennifer Carter – clarinet & piano (31 October); Jeremy Watkins & David Naysmith – baritone & piano (28 November).

Other concerts have included: Lent Charity Concert for Zimbabwe of 16th C choral music – Armonia Apprezzata & University of Bristol Schola Cantorum (19 March); Hurrah for Handel, Haydn & Purcell – St Mary Redcliffe choir (6 June); Exaltate Singers concert with David Ogden (13 June); Summer Recital for Amnesty International – Schumann & Britten (15 June); “The Opera Picnic” – see above (20 June); Glories of Venice – Italian renaissance music from Exaltate Singers with David Ogden (5 July); Colin Andrews – celebrity organ recital (15 July); People of Note – popular concert for Amnesty International (12 September); Armonia Apprezzata concert of church music – Allegri, Palestrina, Anerio (19

September); “Celebrating Purcell – see above (21 November); and concerts by Bristol Grammar School and Colston Girls’ School.

People and Events

In 2009 we welcomed the birth of Mary to Steve and Rachel D’Evelyn, and of Gabriel to Jenny and Adrian Muller. We had to say goodbye to Kenny Dalglish and Laura Williams, who were married in the autumn. Following retirement from the university, Professor Richard Harrison, a member of All Saints for over 30 years, left us for Hove.

Deterioration in Fr Peter Cobb’s health also made it necessary for him to move. Happily he is now receiving excellent care at the new St Monica Trust home in Sandford. Thanks are due to church members who did so much to support Fr Peter during a difficult period, and who found him the right new home and saw to clearing of his Sneyd Park flat. Many of his books have appropriately gone to Pusey House library, formerly in his care as Librarian.

Among those who faced extensive periods in hospital but are happily now back at home are Gillian Barron and Martin Henwood. Fr Dick Meredith Jones had several spells in hospital, and in the summer he and Mary moved from Portishead to residential care in Weston super Mare. They and many others have been in our regular prayers.

Jim York’s death on Christmas Day 2008 was a great sadness; he quietly contributed much to our life at All Saints, among other things assisting the treasurer, helping to run the bar and supporting Myra’s own work for us. Jean Weller’s sudden death in July was a shock. She was recently widowed herself, and had been granted permission not long before to exercise her Readership ministry at All Saints. She made an important contribution to our daytime Lent home group and was poised to start preaching and assisting at services. Alan Rundle’s equally sudden death while running has deprived us of a warm and supportive enthusiast also much missed.

The Children and Young People’s Committee went from strength to strength, arranging events to support and encourage our younger children, among them the Nativity incorporated in our Christmas Eve carol and crib

service. The new academic year saw Olivia Griffiths, Alex Gordon and Phoebe Verity begin their student lives at college and university.

A small but faithful band continued to enjoy Fr Paul's lovely *Mothers' Union Plus* Mass at 10.30 am on the first Friday of each month, at which babies and toddlers are welcome alongside Mothers' Union members and others, and refreshments served. It would be good to see more availing themselves of this opportunity for fellowship and welcome.

After four immensely dedicated and productive years as church warden, Anne Bradley stepped down in the spring, and Philippa Drewett started her term of office alongside continuing warden Roger Hopkins. We owe our wardens an immense debt of gratitude for their unstinting and invaluable service on our behalf, and not least for the many hours they so generously gave to prepare for and see through the major asbestos removal programme last autumn.

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These notes inevitably omit mention of many regular activities, and of the hugely valuable work done by among others our tremendous team of assistant clergy, our parish readers, treasurer and assistants, choir, director of music, assistant organists, servers, cleaners, sacristy helpers, PCC and committees, family service and children's helpers, parish growth committee, social and welcome committee, and other parish organizations and church groups.

Please continue to give thanks for all who are working so faithfully to make All Saints what we are being called to be. Nationally, 2009 was a tough year militarily, politically and economically. And no solutions were forthcoming for the seemingly intractable problems occupying the Church of England and the Anglican Communion.

Here at All Saints, despite a growing emphasis on outreach and mission, we paradoxically found ourselves barricaded in for the Christmas and New Year by cable-laying! But I am glad to say it is business as usual on all fronts.

The Church as symbolized in Revelation 21 as the heavenly Jerusalem is walled, and the wall has the twelve apostles for its foundations. But it also has no fewer than twelve gates, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel, that is the totality of all who make up the Lord's people.

Christ himself and the Father are the temple and the source of all light for the city. By that light the nations are invited to make their way in. For the gates are not for shutting. Indeed they are not to be shut! As long as your name is written in the Lamb's book of life you can enter.

May All Saints play its part in keeping the gates of salvation open to all who are being called into the fellowship of the Lamb and his apostles.

With very best wishes for 2010,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Hoyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the surname "Hoyle".

All Saints Parish Retreat 2010

Our Parish Retreat is the weekend of February 5-7 2010 at Abbey House, Glastonbury.

Those of you who have been on our retreats before will be able to extol the virtues of Abbey House to others and encourage them to join us in February. Abbey House is a large, elegant early 19th century house set in beautiful gardens overlooking the Abbey ruins. It is peaceful, comfortable, warm, and the food is excellent and there is a bar – all to ensure 48 hours of spirituality and ‘winding down’ from the stresses of our everyday life. The delights of Glastonbury with its interesting High Street and the beauties of the countryside are an additional attraction. Many of us take advantage of a weekend in the country to intersperse our spiritual activities with fresh air – and there is always the Tor to climb.

The cost of the Retreat will depend on the number of retreatants. There have been changes at the Retreat House and the Trustees have put the cost

up, but as a Church Group we still get a good discount. Ideally, we will fill all 20 places and the cost will be around £115 each. Unfortunately, if we are a smaller number we still have to pay for the empty places and this will inevitably increase the cost for those taking part. **Please think hard about this opportunity** and sign up in the porch. You will not regret it. Where else would you find 48 hours full board in such glorious surroundings for such a low cost? Perhaps you could bring a friend along as well.

We will have to ask for a non-returnable deposit of £30 to book a place, the remainder to be paid on arrival at Abbey House. Please make cheques out to All Saints with St John.

Please sign list in porch.

For further details please contact Liz Badman at All Saints, Clifton on 0117-9741355 or allsaintsclifton@tiscali.co.uk

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CLARK'S 'CRANBROOK'

DECEMBER'S newspapers carried reports of a supposed 'discovery' by someone from Durham described as "a musical academic" or was it "an academic musician"? (ugh, either way) that the tune to "On Ilkla Moor baht 'At" was identical to an early 19th century hymn tune called Cranbrook. Later columnists got the thing the wrong way round, as if the hymn tune was pinched from the song. I should know. I first sang this tune as a hymn in the 30s before I ever encountered it as "Ilkla Moor."

Enter Thomas Clark (1775-1859), shoemaker in Canterbury and a most gifted amateur musician. NEH has one tune (348) from his prolific output. His Cranbrook is, no doubt, sung, up north, and, I believe, in Cornwall to "While shepherds watched," which is in what poets call ballad metre and hymnbooks call Common Metre

(syllables 8.6.8.6). To do this, you ignore the slurs in the original . For it was written as a Short Metre (6.6.8.6), as is clear from the book he edited, the ‘Union Tune Book’ of which I possess the last edition, of 1879.

But there’s more. It was written with a particular hymn in mind, from the pen of Philip Doddridge (author of NEH 6,18,416). And here is the first verse:

Grace! ‘tis a charming sound,
harmonious to my ear.
Heav’n with the echo shall resound,
and all the earth shall hear.

Now at last you see the point of the bass’s imitative response in the third line:

“The echo shall resound;” and the insistent repetitions of the last line: “All the earth shall hear.”

That’s Cranbrook then, a sturdy, even uproarious tune. Harmonious too!

Ken Smith

ALPHA AT ALL HALLOWS’ EASTON

We ran a successful Alpha course at All Hallows’ in the autumn of 2008 and we are beginning a second one this month on Thursday evenings starting 21st January. There will be a simple meal at 6.30 followed by a talk and discussion, finishing at 8.30.

The course is designed for anyone wanting to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, low key, friendly and fun way. It has particular appeal for those wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, newcomers to the Church and those wanting to brush up on the basics. The meal enables people to get to know each other and from there to listen learn discuss and discover – and ask anything. No question is too simple or too hostile. Alpha is tried and tested by all

the main Christian denominations. There is no charge, though we ask for donations towards the meal.

Anyone from All Saints' is welcome to join us, as a guest or as a helper. Help with the meal, leading discussion or general welcoming and being around would be much appreciated. Do get on touch, either with me or with Father Richard.

Jessica Smith

Lay Minister, All Saints' and All Hallows'