

Not Doing But Being

Michaelmas Day and the day following when I presided at the Eucharist for the first time, proved to be two of the happiest and most significant days of my life. It is twenty years since I first experienced a call to priesthood and so finally to be ordained priest by Bishop Richard in our own chapel at All Saints Convent was the fulfilment of a long-held, heart-felt dream.

The Service of Ordination had a beauty and a depth of meaning and symbolism that will linger in the memory for all the years to come. Much of its significance I could not adequately express in words. Word and sacrament, signing and symbolic gesture, the early

evening sunlight through the windows, all mingled in an occasion of beauty, and solemnity and "mystic meaning". The preacher, Canon Hugh Wybrew, Vicar of St Mary Magdalen, said 'priesthood is about being before it is about doing'.

That sentence resonated in my mind. It is the hope that I shall be enabled to be a priest among you – in prayer and loving awareness – as well as offer a priestly ministry of Word and Sacrament and pastoral care. We can't have the "doing" unless we "are" with and for people first.

Of course there is a sense of

inadequacy about the awesome task ahead. But this brings me to the service the next day, also at the convent, at which I presided at the Eucharist for the first time. That too was for me an occasion of great joy and spiritual depth of meaning. Canon John Fenton's sermon was a *tour de force*. Towards the end he quoted St Paul's words, 'carry one another's burdens'. He used the striking image of meeting someone

at the railway station who has two suitcases, one labelled 'success' and the other 'failure'. Just like me, so everyone has two suitcases of success and failure. We are here to help carry each other's load, as much when we get things wrong as when

all is going smoothly. Sometimes the suitcases will feel light, at other times unutterably heavy. The point is to keep faithful and carry on helping each other along the way, regardless.

I am so deeply full of thanksgiving at this most special time - thankful to my sisters for their loving support; thankful to the Cowley Ministry Team, Stephen, Fr John and Mark; thankful to the all the parish of Cowley; thankful to my relatives and friends. Thankful to everyone who has offered their love and support!

Sr. Margaret Anne



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Mothers' Union News

Sharing Life

With enthusiasm we are progressing well with our discussions on this Diocesan theme. Two further sessions are planned.

The Wave of Prayer

Every hour of the day groups of MU members across the world meet in a wave of prayer. In June it was Oxford Diocese's turn and we met for a simple lunch before meeting for the 15 minute time of prayer.

Summer Tea Party

This was a time for presentations. Cynthia Retter received a crystal vase and Connie Uren a Silver MU Cross with the love and thanks of the branch for their long service as MU Committee members.

Jubilee Celebration Service and Strawberry Supper

The Botley Branch invited us for this enjoyable occasion.

Cathedral Welcoming

Rosanne is now responsible for the rota. Branch members cover two days a year. Thank you to this years volunteers. We need more helpers – non-members can volunteer too for this vital and enjoyable job.

Australian Link

Crystal has written to our link parish with a newsy letter about our branch activities. We await a reply.

MU Projects

Our Branch

We collect toiletries for mothers and babies staying at the Women's Refuge.

Diocesan

Each member is asked to provide 50p towards the cost of a Virtual Baby, to be loaned to local schools so that young people can experience the needs of a baby 24hrs a day.

Autumn into Winter Programme 2002/3

Monday 21st October

Tradecraft for Fair Trading

Michael & Ceinaren Barlow

Monday 18th November

Understanding Others - Adam Romanis

Monday 16th December

Christmas Party

None members are warmly welcomed at our meeting in St James Church Centre at 2.30 pm.

Crystal Hewlett

MU Chronicle Correspondent

Pat Chung

Branch Leader

Healing Eucharist

Wednesday 23rd October 7.30 p.m.

St James Church

Receive Jesus' promise of healing
through personal prayer



ST LUKE'S DAY

Patronal Festival

Friday 18th October

7.00 pm

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ST LUKE'S CHURCH



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A Eucharist of Thanksgiving

It is ten years ago since St Luke's Church was last used regularly for parish worship. On this anniversary we shall be giving thanks for the life and witness of the St Luke's Congregation over fifty years

Wine and Nibbles will follow

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

Dr George Carey retires as Archbishop of Canterbury at the end of this month.

Here are some biographical details on the new Archbishop, Dr Rowan Williams.

Rowan Douglas Williams was born in Swansea on 14 June 1950. He was educated at Dynevor Secondary School, then at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he read Theology. After research in Oxford (on Christianity in Russia), he spent two years as a lecturer at Mirfield Theological College near Leeds. From 1977, he spent nine years in academic and parochial work in Cambridge. From 1986-1992, Dr Williams was Professor of Theology at Oxford. He was enthroned as Bishop of Monmouth in 1992 and Archbishop of Wales in 2000.

Dr Williams has written a number of books on the history of theology and spirituality and published collections of articles and sermons - as well as two books of poetry. He has been involved in various commissions on theology and theological education. He was a member of the Church Schools Review Group led by Lord Dearing and chaired the group that produced the report 'Wales: a Moral Society!'

Dr Williams is a Fellow of the British Academy. His interests include music, fiction and languages.

Since 1981, Dr Williams has been married to Jane Paul, a lecturer in theology, whom he met while living and working in Cambridge. They have a son and a daughter.

Details in brief:

Christ's College, Cambridge, B.A. 1971. M.A. 1975

Wadham College, Oxford, D.Phil 1975

College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, 1975

Deacon 1977. Priest 1978

Tutor, Westcott House, Cambridge, 1977-1980

Honorary Curate, Chesterton St George, Ely 1980-1983

Lecturer in Divinity, Cambridge, 1980-1986

Dean and Chaplain, Clare College, Cambridge, 1984-1986

Canon Theologian, Leicester Cathedral, 1981-1982

Canon Residentiary, Christ Church, Oxford 1986-1992

Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, Oxford 1986-1992

Enthroned as Bishop of Monmouth on 14 May 1992

Enthroned as Archbishop of Wales on 26 February 2000





Rosanne interviews Nigel Harris

“Education, education, education”. What exactly do those famous words mean – league tables, OFSTED inspections, “performance indicators” and exam results? Well, not according to our interviewee this month. His idea of education, much in evidence in the Middle Ages, involves helping the whole person to develop, as he exercises his mind, spirit and imagination to the full. And he, as a Senior Lecturer at Birmingham University and a researcher into medieval German literature, should know!

The first thing that strikes you when you meet Nigel is his wonderful West Country burr, so it comes as no surprise to learn that he was born and raised near Taunton, the son of a Cornish couple from the town of Redruth. As an only child he became an introverted, bookish boy, a bit bullied at school but, he says, not without inner strengths and resources. It was at school that he developed his love of languages and the arts. He has always had what he describes as a hip problem and so did not participate in sports, though he is a life-long fan of cricket and

supports Somerset (of course!). After passing his 11+ exams he studied at Dr Morgan’s Grammar School in Bridgwater, where he qualified for university a year early. He chose to read French and German. Having graduated from Birmingham, he did his post-graduate research at Oxford. Still quite a young man, he took up a lectureship (again at Birmingham University) in 1984.

In 1999 he was offered a ‘swap year’ to lecture in Florida. He loved his year lecturing in the USA, despite the fact that he had just met Katharine. She had recently shaken him out of his long-term bachelorhood and was responsible for a good many lengthy transatlantic phone calls in 1999 and 2000. Their relationship continued on Nigel’s return and they married in 2001. They are obviously delighted that a baby is now on the way.

A two-year Research Fellowship brought Nigel to Oxford in 2001. It also brought him to Cowley and to worship at St James’. He was trained as a Lay Reader whilst living in Birmingham and worked in an inner-city parish which, he emphasises,

is very different from ours. He says that he and Katharine felt instantly at home at St James’ and admire the mutual respect they have encountered amongst the ‘down-to-earth’ people who worship there. Both of them regard St James’ as an unusually healthy, mature and thoughtful Church community.

Sadly, Nigel’s period of research will soon be over and he has to face the fact that commuting between Birmingham and Oxford, plus the demands of his work at one end, and home and parenthood at the other, is not practical. Still, we’ll make the most of Nigel and Katharine while they’re here and wish them Godspeed when the time comes to leave us.

What sort of child were you?

A loner – academic – bookish. I read everything except science. A bit of an eccentric, I suppose.

Has your faith been with you since childhood or did you find it later in life?

It's been there all the time. I became more conscious of it in my teens. It has developed as I have.

Which period of your adult life has given you most satisfaction?

I suppose I've gradually got more at ease with myself and my circumstances as I've aged – so perhaps now!

Are there any aspects of modern life you dislike?

Quite a few, I'm afraid! First, what I see as the tendency to recognise the cost of everything and the value of nothing – especially in education. I dislike the preoccupation with results and grades instead of the education of whole people. I dislike the application of the standards of the business world to everything. Then there's the blame culture – 'It's somebody else's fault, not mine'. And I'm annoyed by British intolerance towards our fellow Europeans.

What's best about life today?

Above all, the fact the God is still involved in our lives. In the end, that makes everything OK. Also I like lots of modern technology: CDs, EMail, the internet, the opportunity to travel. And the convenience of modern life which frees us from having to wonder where the next meal is coming from. And every day you can create something

and experience someone else's creativity.

How do you like to spend your leisure time?

With Katharine. I also love music, mainly classical. I read novels – 'classics' like Trollope, Hardy and the rest, but also lots of modern authors. I'm a cricket fan – I like to go down to Somerset to watch my team.

What makes you laugh?

I have a strong sense of the ridiculous. I admire irony and wit.

If you had a Holy Wand what would you change?

I'd eradicate world hunger.

If you were not doing what you do now what would be the alternative?

I'm looking forward to retirement because I could do the things I enjoy without the pressure of time. Basically, I'd like to retire early.

What do you hope to be doing in ten years' time?

I want most to be a good husband and a good father.



The Archbishop of Canterbury is also:



Diocesan Bishop of Canterbury

Since 597, the Archbishop's See has been at Canterbury. The

next Archbishop will be the 104th. His diocese in East Kent has a population of 825,000 people and comprises 270 parishes in an area of nearly 1,000 square miles.

Metropolitan for the Southern Province of the Church of England

The Archbishop of Canterbury has what is known as metropolitan authority (that is, a supervisory authority for defined purposes) in relation to all bishops and clergy in the 30 dioceses in southern England. The Archbishop of York has the same authority in relation to the 14 dioceses in northern England.

Primate of All England

The Archbishop has this title in recognition of his lead ecclesiastical role in England. The Church of England has 13,000 parishes and 13,000 full-time parochial and other clergy. He is regarded as the nation's senior Christian and spiritual voice.

Leader of the Anglican Communion

The Anglican Communion includes all 38 provinces in communion with the See of Canterbury, a total of about 70 million members throughout the world.

Ecumenical role

The Archbishop of Canterbury takes the lead in respect of Anglican relationships with other Christian churches in the United Kingdom and abroad.

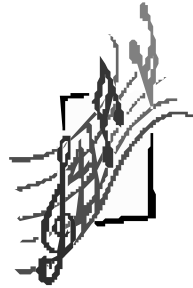
Inter faith role

Similarly, the Archbishop of Canterbury leads in respect of Anglican relationships with other faiths.

Sunday Evening Praise

Worship, teaching,
prayer ministry
in an informal setting
Sunday 3rd November
6 o'clock

Speaker: ***Bruce Gillingham***
Vicar of St Clements



October 28 **Simon and Jude**



Jude the apostle and martyr warns us in his epistle that not all 'evil' is obvious ghosties and ghoulies. He writes instead to warn the Christians of the greater danger of people who infect others with heresy and moral failure. He writes that they are nothing more than "blemishes on your love-feasts...feeding themselves. They are waterless clouds carried along by the winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up the foam of their own shame, wandering stars, for whom the deepest darkness has been reserved forever.

Such dangerous people can be frightening, but Jude also encourages his readers to remember "...him who is able to keep you from falling and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing..the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time and now and forever....

According to Western tradition, Jude and Simon went to preach the gospel in Persia, where both were martyred.

Memorial Services *for* ***the Departed***

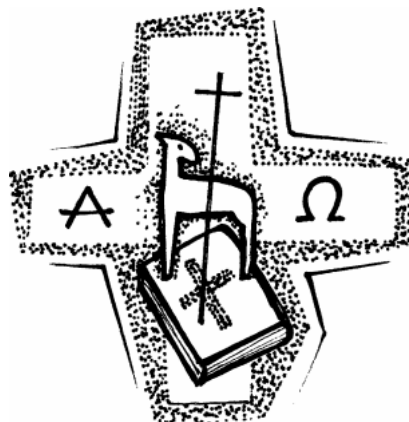
Sunday 3rd November
St Francis at 5 o'clock
and Sunday 10th November
St James at 4.00 o'clock



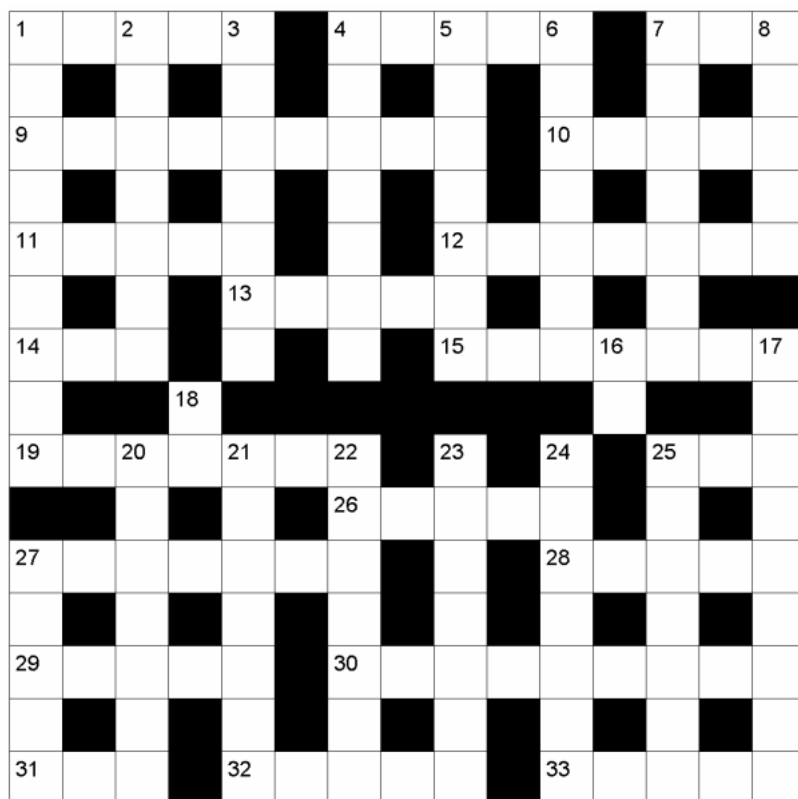
During this simple service, we shall sing a few well-loved hymns and pray by name for your loved ones. Lists will be available in both churches to record names to be remembered

Morning **Prayer** **& Breakfast**

St Francis Church
Saturday Mornings
9.15 am
all welcome



October's Crossword



- 21 Agitated (7)
- 22 Shrewish (7)
- 23 A place or state of torment or suffering (7)
- 24 Loss of memory (7)
- 25 Incorrect deal (7)
- 27 An ecclesiastical law or code of laws (5)

September's Solution

ACROSS

- 7. Inerrancy
- 8. Jolly
- 10. Religion
- 11. Chakra
- 12. Imam
- 13. Disciple
- 15. Idol
- 17. No
- 18. Or
- 20. Mass
- 22. Daybreak
- 24. Baal
- 27. Church
- 28. Reinvent
- 29. Wrath
- 30. Designate

DOWN

- 1. Angel
- 2. Triism
- 3. Talisman
- 4. Icon
- 5. Modalism
- 6. Pluralism
- 9. Acts
- 13. Do
- 14. Adiaphora
- 16. Laborite
- 19. Rabbinic
- 21. Ok
- 23. Echo
- 25. Advent
- 26. Unite
- 28. Reed

ACROSS

- 1 Type of Christian introduction course (5)
- 4 Basic (5)
- 7 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet (3)
- 9 The doctrine of the final causes of things (9)
- 10 Compassionate treatment (5)
- 11 Remorse felt for wrongdoing (5)
- 12 Worship as a god (7)
- 13 The incarnate word (5)
- 14 Direct a gun (3)
- 15 A belief in one god (abbr) (7)
- 19 Become hoarse (7)
- 25 An adult male (3)
- 26 At right angles to a ships length (5)
- 27 Stopping (7)
- 28 Pertaining to the nose (5)

- 29 Lowest point (5)
- 30 Bursting into flame (9)
- 31 A woman religious (3)
- 32 An authoritative principle (5)
- 33 Awry (5)

DOWN

- 1 One's name or signature (9)
- 2 A faith in many gods (7)
- 3 Chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel (7)
- 4 Scientific study of life (7)
- 5 Smart (7)
- 6 Pasquinade (7)
- 7 Cocktail (7)
- 8 Perhaps (5)
- 16 Belonging to (2)
- 17 Worship of a single deity (9)
- 18 Otherwise (2)
- 20 The destroyer, or angel of the bottomless pit (7)

Sunday Services

ST JAMES' CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (<i>exc 2nd Sunday</i>) Family Service (<i>2nd Sunday</i>)
11.15 am	Sung Eucharist (<i>2nd Sunday</i>)
6.00 pm	Evening Service <i>[1st Sunday of the month]</i>

ST FRANCIS' CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist
10.30 am	Parish Eucharist <i>[Family Eucharist - 2nd Sunday of the month]</i>

Mid-Week Services & Meetings

Monday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
Tuesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	8.00 pm	St Francis Discussion Group – <i>4 Long Close</i>
Wednesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist – <i>St Francis</i>
	10.10 am	Mothers and Toddlers – <i>St Francis</i>
	12.00 pm	St James Prayer Group – <i>13 Clive Road</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
Thursday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist - followed by coffee – <i>St James</i>
	11.00 am	St Francis Prayer Group
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	7.00 pm	Eucharist – <i>St Francis</i>
Friday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	7.00 pm	Friday Club – <i>alt Fridays at St Francis</i>
Saturday	9.15 am	Morning Prayer & Breakfast – <i>St Francis</i>

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Confessions and Home Communion can be made with any of the clergy.

Days Off

Stephen has Friday off, Fr John and Mark have Monday. Except in emergency, please try and respect these days of rest. Sr Margaret Anne works within the parish on Tuesdays, Thursdays and two out of three Sundays

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