



# ST CYPRIAN'S NEWSLETTER

## February 2016

### Services in February

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February

3pm – Evensong and Benediction

Responses: Ayleward

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: Dyson in D

Motet: Balfour Gardiner *Evening hymn*

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Quinquagesima

10.30am Mass Celebrant: Father Michael Fuller

Mass setting: MacMillan *St Anne's Mass*

Motet: Tallis *If ye love me*

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday

7.30pm – Mass Celebrant Father Gerald Beauchamp

Mass setting: Byrd *Mass for five voices*

Motet: Purcell *Remember not Lord our offences*

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

10.30am Mass Celebrant: Father Victor Stock

Mass setting: Lotti *Missa Brevis in D minor*

Motet: Stanford *O for a closer walk with God*

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

10.30am Mass Celebrant: Father Michael Fuller

Mass setting: Merbecke

The choir will be singing at York Minster

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

10.30am Mass Celebrant: Father Michael Fuller

Mass setting: Palestrina *Missa brevis*

Motet: Howells *Like as the hart*

**Weekday Mass** – Thursday, 1.10pm,

**Morning Prayer** – Tuesday – Friday, 8am



*The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (formerly known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and usually called Candlemas) falls on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*According to Luke 2 : 22-40, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple forty days after his birth to complete Mary's ritual purification after childbirth and to perform the redemption of the firstborn, in obedience to the Law of Moses. Here they encountered Simeon the Righteous, who had been promised that "he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ." Simeon is depicted in the Eastern light of the window in Holy Name Chapel. Purchased as the work of Comper in 1993, it is probably by Burlinson & Grylls, a firm employed by Comper early in his career.. [Photo: David Peet]*

## Letter from Father Michael

Fr Gerald has asked me to introduce myself as I will be with you during Fr Simon's leave of absence

Once upon a time, a very long time ago I appeared in Devon, where I grew up . I left school early and was indentured to the state owned electricity company. After 'serving my time', I went forward for ordination and was promptly told that the church was not looking for engineers and to go away.

The next twenty five years were spent with a very large international food corporation being promoted further up the ladder as my levels of incompetence were exposed. Finally the Hound of Heaven caught up with me and I submitted to God's call, went forward for selection, off to Theological College and Ordination.

I served a short curacy at All Saints, Fulham before moving to the Parish of Kensington as Associate Priest, Priest in Charge at St George's, Campden Hill and Director of Post Ordination Training.

With the reorganisation of the Parish, I was appointed Vicar of Holland Park, combining St George's with St John the Baptist, Holland Road and a couple of other jobs! Four years ago I was called to St John's, Shaughnessy in Vancouver that had gone through a very troubled time, going from 1500 members to 15!! Beginning the process of rebuilding this damaged church was a wonderful challenge.

All this has taught me is that God is surely a God of surprises, the greatest surprise is that we are consistent recipients of God's grace. That Christ is the answer, no matter what the question!

Fr Michael Fuller

## News

### **Ash Wednesday & Lent**

Easter, is this year, the earliest it can be and so Lent is almost upon us. On the Tuesday 9th of February, here at 7.30pm, we shall anticipate the period of abstinence with our Pancake Party. Please join us and please add your name to the list at the back if you are coming! Then on Wednesday 10th we observe Ash Wednesday. Morning Prayer will be said at 8am and Mass sung at 7.30pm. Please plan to be with us to begin Lent appropriately.

### **Homelessness**

I was asked last Sunday if there was anything that this person could do to help a homeless person sleeping on their street. I asked a friend at the Broadway Housing Trust who offered this advice:

'StreetLink is a national organisation, you can contact them about homeless people anywhere in the UK. You can find them at [streetlink.org.uk](http://streetlink.org.uk), or call the 24 hour hotline on 0300 5000914.'

St Cyprian's also supports the West London Day Centre at 134-136 Seymour Place W1H 1NT

### **Parish Discussion Day on Issues of Gender & Identity, Saturday 23 April, 11.00am – 3.00pm**

As I wrote last month the parish will be having a discussion day to prepare the ground for the decision on what to do once the Resolutions inhibiting the ministry of ordained women cease to have effect this autumn. When the PCC last voted on this last there was some surprise about the views that people held. The discussion day will not be making any decisions but it will provide an informal and hopefully relaxed context in which we can explore why we think what we think. Since the idea was mooted at the end of last year there has been a meeting of Anglican Archbishops from across the world to talk about (among other things) same-sex relationships. This has led to criticism of The Episcopal Church in America which endorses the change and it being distanced from the Anglican Communion as a whole.

Mary Ashwin has had initial conversations with Ali Lyon the, facilitator, and the arrangements for the day in church are:

11.00am	Arrival, Coffee & Introductions
11.30am	Conversation
12.45pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Conversation
2.30pm	Mass
3.00pm	Depart

The timings are flexible but we should be away by 3.30pm at the latest.

Children will be welcome and nannies will be asked them to look after them downstairs or they may go to the park. They may join us for lunch and the mass. The lunch will be a one course buffet with wine supplied by Maroush in the Edgware Road. A sign-up sheet for the day will be available from the beginning of March as we will need to know the numbers for lunch. The event will be free of charge but donations will be invited to defray the cost of the lunch.

I hope that we will have a wide-ranging and honest conversation. It may not be easy but I hope that it will be loving. If we can celebrate and embrace difference then we will have something profound to offer the world around us.

## Events

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1pm – 2.15pm**

#### **Invitation to VistMyMosque Day**

The Regent's Park Mosque is inviting people from the community to visit and extend the hand of friendship. Please go if you can. Fr Gerald will be there.

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am.**

The mass will be sung by a 50-strong choir from Japan arranged by Julian Collings

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am.**

British Museum Visit. Meet at the main entrance. Robert Gwynne has chosen objects for us to look at on the theme of Passiontide. We will have lunch together afterwards. There will be a sign up list at the back of church soon.

### **Thank You**

To Nicholas O'Shaughnessy for the drinks party at his home on 13<sup>th</sup> January. Nicholas has kindly offered to host similar events in the future. The next one will be after Easter

Fr Gerald

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CHORAL EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION



SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016

at 3pm

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Motet: Balfour Gardiner Evening hymn

With the S<sup>t</sup>. Cyprian's Singers

Directed by: Julian Collings