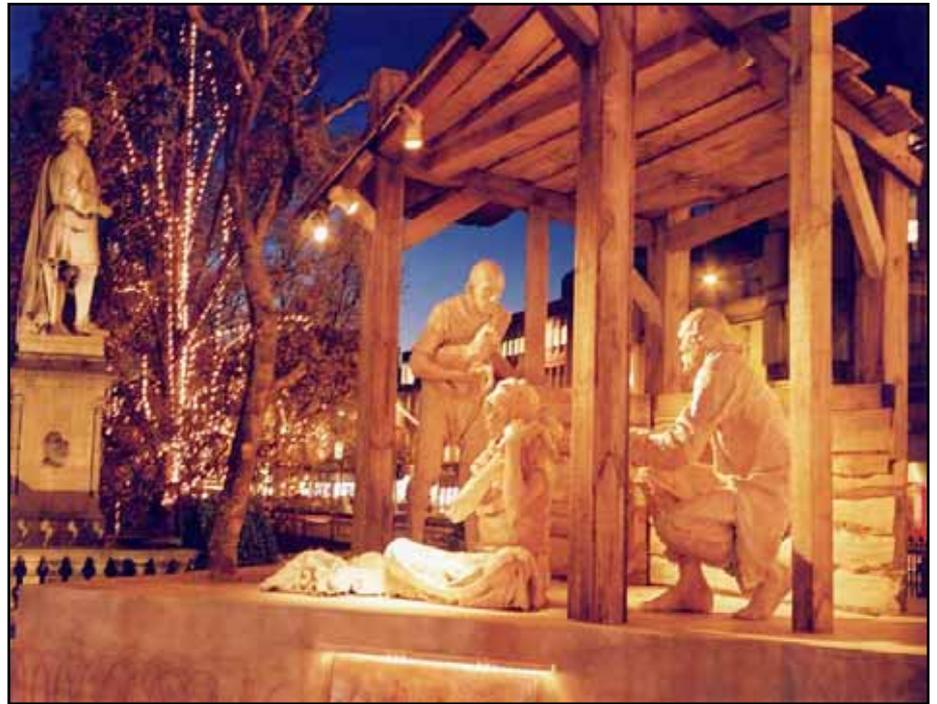


# THE WHITE ROSE

*The Parish Newsletter of Old Saint Paul's Church*

*December 2011.*

## For Grown-ups



*Above: Christmas is more than just the traditional images of trees, carol services & cribs*

“Christmas is for the children”, people say. Yet the Sundays of Advent speak of an adult Christ and the kingdom of God, not of an infant born in the past. Only on the fourth Sunday of Advent do we turn back to the event of annunciation, and then on Christmas Eve to the birth of the Christ child. Before that, the readings for Advent and Christmas suggest that the adult Messiah is more important than the baby Jesus. After all, the climactic reading for Christmas is not the nativity from Luke but the prologue of John: “The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.”

Yet many Christians, especially those from a tradition like ours that fully observes Advent, find themselves playing two games at once during this season. On the one hand there is the usual frantic shopping, wreath hanging, tree trimming, party-going and over-eating. On the other hand there is the deepening mood of Advent, which calls us to a mature, clear-sighted and steadfast faith. A similar split in our sensibility is apparent in Christmas

card shops where an austere Byzantine icon will be displayed next to an angel that looks like a Barbie doll, and Bethlehem stable scenes sit next to Santas playing golf.

This aesthetic confusion may contribute to our theological immaturity. Grown-up people can end up using the season to try and recapture a lost childhood. Harmless, you may say. But in a culture like ours, where parents have very little time to spend with their children, where older and younger generations rarely share in social life together and where an obsession with youth is making older people feel redundant and young people feel inadequate, a focus on becoming childlike at Christmas seems guaranteed to distort the message of the Incarnation.

We think about Christmas as a single day, but it is actually a whole season of the year. It extends into the Sundays of Christmas, Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord, and Candlemas. All of it is about the Incarnation - that God is the kind of God

who becomes a human being, part of the flesh and blood world of birth and death, of triumph and tragedy, and transforms it with his unconditional love.

The Incarnation means we should have a high and optimistic view of human nature, for it is human nature that God assumed in Jesus. Many people suffer from a low and pessimistic view of their own and all human nature, but the real call of Christmas is to throw away that way of thinking, to celebrate the humanity that God has made his own, and to love and cherish it in one another. That's not just about childhood, but about mature adulthood too.

So may the celebration of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany help us all to think about the Incarnation and not just about the baby in a manger, change the way we think about all people and not just children, and be filled with goodness and love for everyone, young and old alike.

*Fr Ian*

## Christmas at OSP



### Sunday 18 December

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols by candlelight

### Christmas Eve, 24 December

4.30pm Crib Service, for children & families  
11.30pm Midnight Mass of Christmas by candlelight

### Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December

10.30am High Mass of Christmas Day

## AGM

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday 11 December after High Mass. This is your opportunity to elect the members of Vestry, review the finances and ask questions. Elections will be held for Lay Representative, Alternate Lay Representative and 3 Ordinary Vestry Members.

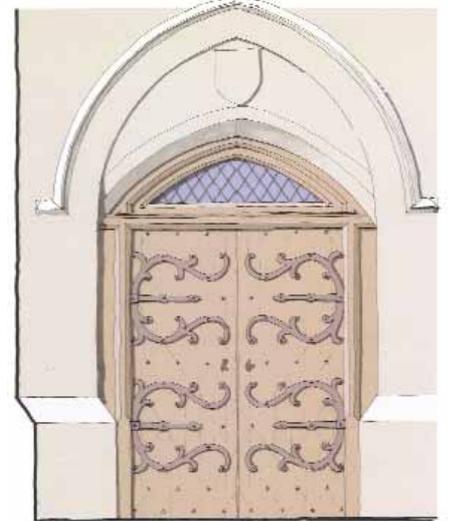
Nomination forms for the Vestry and other information about the AGM, including the church accounts are now available. You can pick them up from the back of church or download them from the website: [www.osp.org.uk](http://www.osp.org.uk)

If you are interested in standing for the Vestry or want to find out what is involved please speak to Kim Moore Ede (the Vestry Clerk) or other members of the Vestry. Please note that nomination forms must be submitted by Friday 9 December.

# RESTORATION & RENEWAL

of Old St Paul's Church

## Phase 2 Update



Above : The new light fittings, and an Artists impression of the proposed new outside door on Jeffrey St.

Do you remember John Major in Spitting Images? The totally grey man? I think of him often when I start the trek up the Calvary Steps surrounded by tones of grey. But John Major's days are numbered (at OSP anyway) because the R&R and Fundraising Committees have been working in the background all year to organise and fund the process of restoring the entrance and stairs.

Consultations have and site visits multiplied ... with the congregation, with Historic Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council, the Vestry, Architects (Simpson and Brown), contractors and the Diocesan Buildings Committee, the Bishop and our own R&R committee. While approving the restoration of the entrance and stairs, the Vestry decided to postpone work on the Memorial Chapel till Phase 3 and further fund raising.

The good news from all this effort is that on 22 November we were given Canon 35 consent by the Diocese, the process allowing it to assume the role of the local planning authority.

### So what has been approved?

#### External

- Replace external door with oak arch headed double door
- Replace tarmac at Church entrance with composite slate
- Replace notice boards with boards that incorporate an integral light

#### Porch & Stairs

- Replace existing internal doors with fire rated frameless glass doors
- Wheel Chair Lift installed up west side of Stair to comply with the Equality Act 2010
- Specialist conservation, cleaning and repair of water damaged limestone walls and ceilings
- Rewire and upgrade lighting
- Repair existing damaged floor in porch

### How much is it going to cost?

£122,795

### How much money have we raised so far?

To date we have about £30,000 in hand and another £20,000 in pledges. Well done everyone!

### Next steps

- Approval by the Bishop
- Step up in fundraising effort
- Tenders and drawings submitted to contractors for formal quotes for work
- Contractors selected and work timetabled
- Supervision of work with aim to be complete by summer 2012

Comments (positive ones especially welcome!) and questions to: [david@red-group.co.uk](mailto:david@red-group.co.uk)

David Taylor

# Episcopal Election Update

The process of electing a new Bishop of Edinburgh to replace the Right Reverend Brian Smith is moving towards its conclusion.

In September the vacancy was advertised in the Church Times and on the Provincial and Diocesan websites. At the same time, a description of the Diocese, comprising individual profiles of all the churches in the Diocese was circulated to all Electoral Synod members - clergy and lay representatives.

The process of nomination is wide open: any priest in the Anglican Church can be nominated by anyone. However, Electoral Synod members do not at this stage know the names of nominees.

Meantime, the Preparatory Committee of 11 - 6 from the Diocese and 5 from the Province - have prepared a detailed questionnaire, which is sent to all nominees and also becomes the basis for short-listing for interview.

Searching interviews with the nominees enables the Preparatory Committee to select no fewer than three and no more than five candidates who are introduced to and make presentations to the Electoral Synod on 4th February 2012. Voting will take place in a dedicated session of the Electoral Synod on 11th February 2012.

The lay representative from each church takes the sole responsibility for voting for the new Bishop on behalf of the laity within that congregation. This is a serious task and one for which one cannot prepare in the way familiar to those of us who have been involved in party political campaigns - there are no door-step campaigns, no hustings, no flyers! Not even the names of the candidates will be known to the lay reps before December.

It is instead a process of discernment. In this, members of the Electoral Synod were supported in their role an Electoral Synod on 14th September, when members discussed in groups the question: What are we looking for in the next Bishop? We were asked to feed back one key quality.

So many desirable qualities were identified! Synod members were looking for a new Bishop who would be:



- Open, affirming and challenging
- Someone who respects diversity
- Someone who can take a theological rather than a managerial approach to leadership
- A pastoral empathetic human being, encouraging us to face outwards and become as Christ in the world
- Someone with a mission to challenge, inspire and enable the Diocese
- A pastorally minded person who can enable the Diocese to develop a sense of purpose
- A courageous individual
- Someone who will draw out gifts in people
- A leader with a respected profile in the public media, unafraid to voice what is right for the Diocese
- Someone who can hold the big picture and yet pay attention to detail
- A risk-taker whom we can trust
- A bridge builder, who can hold together the unity of God's church and be a prophetic voice in society.

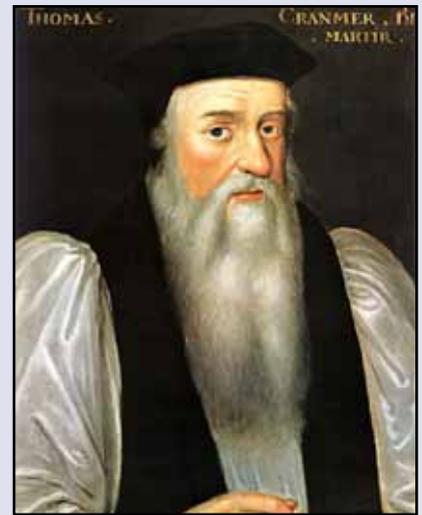
No small order!

Electoral Synod members also wished for, among a host of other qualities, a zingingly good preacher, a lifelong learner and a mediator - and above all, someone with a deep and abiding faith and knowledge and love of God.

As OSP lay representative to the Electoral Synod, I need your help. It would be extremely helpful to learn from you the qualities and attributes that you as OSP members wish to see in our new Bishop. Even more than that, I need your prayers for discernment over the next two months. I will be now be away until 24th January, but would like to encourage you to keep in touch - at [hkmtyrrell@gmail.com](mailto:hkmtyrrell@gmail.com) Thank you.

Helen Tyrrell

## The Prayer Book Collects



You may have noticed that on Advent Sunday we started to use the Collects from the Scottish Prayer Book. We are going to be using them every Sunday until next Advent, partly as a way of honouring the anniversary in 2012 of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, but also because the editor of the first English Prayer Book, Thomas Cranmer, adapted ancient mediaeval collects and also wrote his own new ones, to create a series of prayers for the Christian year which have been memorized and prayed by generations of our forebears in faith, and contributed as much to our language as the King James Bible did. I particularly like the collect for Epiphany 1:

*LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

I would like to recommend that everyone should learn, or at least pray quietly every day throughout the year, the Collect for the week, just as our predecessors in faith did. I think that anyone who finds it difficult to pray, or who is starting to pray, will find this a deepening and rewarding discipline.

Fr Ian

## Double Your Donation For L'Arche



The L'Arche community in Edinburgh, which I belong to, is a community of people with and without learning disabilities. Some of us live together in shared homes, others are part of the wider community. Mutuality and friendship are at the heart of our common life.

At present we have two houses and a flat and are hoping to open our fourth house in 2012. We are fundraising to build this new home near our other houses in Leith, and it will cater specifically for older people with learning disabilities.

I know that at OSP we are up to our eyes in our own restoration and renewal plans, but the reason I am asking you to donate to L'Arche just now is because our appeal has been selected to benefit from The Big Give Christmas Challenge (see [www.theBigGive.co.uk](http://www.theBigGive.co.uk) for more information).

That means that any donations made online between 5 and 9 December, from £1 up to a maximum of £5,000, will be doubled.

The "Challenge" is to raise £100,000 in total during these five days of December, which when matched will add £200,000 to the £250,000 already raised, putting the goal of completing the building in 2012 within reach.

To help, please donate the amount of your choice, between 5 and 9 December, through: [www.TheBigGive.org.uk/project/larcheedinburgh](http://www.TheBigGive.org.uk/project/larcheedinburgh)

Please note that this link is only operable between 5 and 9 December.

Helen Reid-Thomas



Above: An American medical team giving free eye tests & glasses in the Cultural Centre

The generous bequest from Bert Fortune earmarked for the 'work of Old Saint Paul's overseas' has enabled us to give many useful grants of money to people in different parts of the world, from Malawi to Burma, India to Swaziland. Now this money is gradually coming to an end and by the end of 2012, the Tithing Fund will be expected to cover our giving as a congregation to charitable organisations at home and abroad.

Our longest standing connection has been with the Jenin Cultural Centre on the West Bank and its Director, Yousef Ahwad. This Centre is open to everyone in the community undertakes a range of activities mainly, though not exclusively, for young people. Its overall objective is to brighten the lives of the people of Jenin and of the surrounding villages.

For example they run a management training programme to enable people to start up their own business. Recently, a young man who had spent six years in an Israeli jail took the course. Six months later, having set up a mobile phone repair centre, he told Yousef 'You gave me a new life; you changed my life for the better'.

The Centre has made good contacts in other countries which turn out to be of service to Jenin. There is no pension scheme in Palestine and most old people cannot afford to buy spectacles. Imagine the excitement when a medical team came from America and offered free eye tests and free spectacles. There was also the young handicapped boy whose family were so poor they couldn't afford to buy him glasses - 'it was so touching to see him

wearing the glasses and to see the happiness on his face'.

The Centre offers, among other things, classes in English and Computers and music and dance are also an important element in the programme. Recently a bus load went from the Centre to a village in the nearby Jordan Valley in which the houses had been demolished by the Israeli authorities because they had been built without permits. But it is impossible for a Palestinian to obtain a permit! The team from Jenin helped to make bricks from mud to rebuild the houses in the hope that the people will be able to live there again.

The Centre started up a bakery making biscuits which it was hoped would not only provide some much needed employment but also bring in a small amount of money. Unfortunately it had to close: the price of flour doubled, people scarcely have enough money to buy bread, let alone biscuits.

The money from OSP has, on the whole, been given to cover the core costs such as rent, water, electricity, paper and other administrative necessities. This allows Yousef to concentrate on getting project funding for different activities. But life is hard on the West Bank and it is often a struggle to find the energy to deal with the daily problems. With more money the Centre's programme could be extended to involve more people. Nevertheless, this Centre is offering support, providing education and giving opportunities to people who have very little. It is just what Bert Fortune would have wanted.

Sheila Brock

# Gastronomic Connections

*Be not forgetful to entertain strangers  
for thereby some have entertained angels  
unawares.*

*Hebrews 13:2*

Cold, unfriendly and dull; three words often used to describe churches these days. However, when I came to OSP a little over two years ago my experience was far from this. On my first visit I was welcomed and spoken to by several people, I was subsequently invited along to the then X-Y group, and I found all the 'costumes, pomp and circumstance' so far from dull. All this to one side though, there a deep sense of sincerity with people as they engaged in communication with me. There was much warmth and a lot of love. It was these fundamental aspects that kept me coming along; as much as the great teaching and style of worship.

Recently, Fr. Ian has been stirring us to become more outwardly focussed in our faith and expressions of this. Two such opportunities already present are the regular evensong suppers and the chance to cater for the Bethany night shelter. Personally I have taken these messages and meditated on them over the weeks. I have been thinking about gifts and talent in the church and seeking God on how we can use what we already have amongst us to reach out into the community. God directed me to read 1 Corinthians 12 where he talks about a "ministry of helps" and "those able to help others". Paul is speaking about the different gifts & facets of the body of Christ. Then it hit me. I had been looking in all the wrong places. One of the biggest strengths (of which there are many) OSP members have is their willingness to welcome, love, accept and be hospitable to 'unknowns' or strangers.



With this in mind I have spoken with Fr. Ian and we shall be opening a café, in the church hall, after Mass, on the third Sunday of each month. The idea is to encourage one another to engage in continued fellowship over some home cooked, gastronomic sensations. All meals will be costing no more than £5, to combat the tighter budgets we all have these days and any funds received over an above cost will be put towards the R&R fund. This is our opportunity to put into action what Paul commands us to do when he writes his letter to the Romans, to "practice Hospitality"

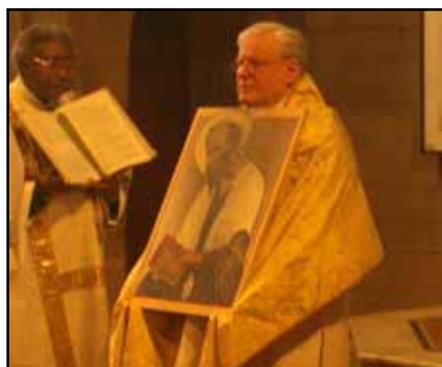
Everyone likes to eat and more so everyone likes to eat good food with people who care. This is an amazing opportunity to meet and greet new members and visitors to make them feel welcomed and part of our family. In order to sustain this project we are looking for a team of 6-8 volunteers (3-4 each month) to cook, serve, clear away and be generally chatting and welcoming to guests. If you are interested in helping or wish for further information on this new opportunity then please contact Alexander Glen-Bott on 07792 573 322 for further information.

*Alexander Glen-Bott*

## 29 Jan 2012 : The Conversion of St Paul

Old St. Paul's Patronal Festival will be celebrated with a festal High Mass at which the celebrant and preacher will be the Right Revd Gregor Duncan, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway and acting Bishop of Edinburgh.

It is possible that mass will include the welcoming of a new member to the Old St. Paul's ministry team - more details later. Mass will be followed by a parish lunch.



## Creating Success



The Creative Day on the 5 November went with a swing accompanied by Rosemary's cupcakes. The art workshop and historical walk went very well and attracted a few people from other churches as well as teaching us something new. The cake decorating workshop involved lots of focus, equipment and time. It was full of joy and hilarity. A visit to Alton Towers could not have been more fun!

Many thanks to those who generously gave donations for Deborah Owusu as well as those who came along for the day. We made almost £230 of which a percentage has been given to the R & R fund.

*Tina Wood*

## Lent 2012

On the Sundays of Lent we will be repeating the successful practice of last year, in which the slightly shortened High Mass was followed each week by facilitated discussion over coffee of the sermon, ending at 12.45pm.

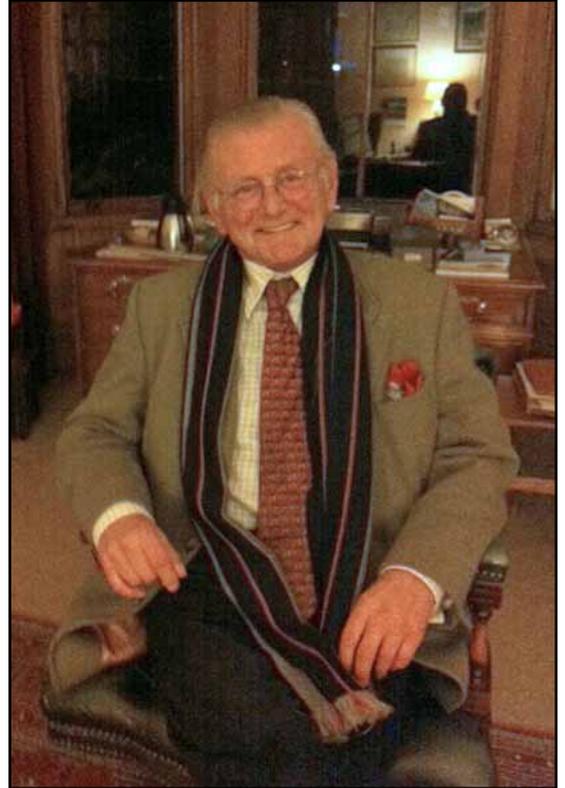
Most of the congregation stayed to join the discussions last year, and I hope that people will again use this opportunity for deeper reflection on the Lent scriptures and learning from one another. *Note: The first Sunday of Lent 2012 is 26 February.*

## Thank You

A big 'Thank You' to all of our contributors and to the *Newsletter fairies* who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make it appear every month, even collating and stapling it on occasions.

## A Glass of Wine with ... Barnaby Hawkes

*Barnaby Hawkes, who had the unenviable task of taking over as sacristan from Peter Unsworth, tells us a bit about himself ...*



I was born in Oxton, Nottinghamshire, moved to Bletchley in Surrey when I was three and then to Northumberland when I was thirteen. My father was a priest, I was brought up in Rectories - hence all the moves. His was a country parish in Northumberland so although we had midnight mass at Christmas, the normal service was fairly low key. But my father was also Archdeacon of Lindisfarne and we used to go there on pilgrimage once a year which was wonderful.

I came to Edinburgh in 1970 because I met somebody at a party and she was working at the Traverse. The theatre was about to move to the Grassmarket and I spent quite a bit of time scrubbing floors.

Before that I had been taken on by P&O which is where I received my initial training in catering. That was a great experience because after dropping off the people who had emigrated to Australia we went to the South Pacific.

I did all sorts of other jobs besides - car salesman, insurance salesman veterinary drugs salesman, election agent and even Tarmac construction. I decided that I needed to get some qualifications so I went to Stevenson college but two years of that was enough.

Finally I ended up at the George Hotel where I worked for 26 years, mainly as the Restaurant Manager in the Chambertin Restaurant. I loved that job - partly because it was so varied and I met so many interesting people - but perhaps mainly because I am an out and out foodie!

So of course I cook for relaxation: often quite simple stuff to put in the freezer but then I will see something - like clams - and I plan what to do with them, adding a little bit of that to make it even more special.

I was introduced to OSP by the brother of a girl friend and I have been coming since 1971. At some point I was a bit erratic and went to St Michaels and All Saints at Tollcross or the Cathedral and even the golf course. But OSP is my spiritual home.

The biggest eye-opener for me was my acceptance of women priests. It was a real change of heart because for a time I wouldn't take communion if a woman was celebrating. It was Bridget Macaulay who was responsible for what I really understand as a revelation!

About four years ago when Peter Unsworth was becoming rather unwell, I began to help out in the sacristy. Now that I have stepped into his shoes, I feel I am learning on the job. But I love it perhaps because I am by nature rather pedantic and appreciate the strict rules about liturgical colours and the need for the right vessels and vestments. I did go to an Anglo-Catholic Prep school so maybe this is somewhere in my blood.

An influence on my life? My goodness I can't think - well, maybe Keith Floyd because I loved the way he cooked. When I was young I was taken to London for a treat. I can't remember what the treat was but I can remember exactly what I had to eat!

I am happiest when I am cooking and listening to Radio 4 - and if that gets too irritating and too politically correct - I switch to Radio 3.

I can get angry at things on the radio such as last week when there was a discussion about women bishops and the people who phoned in to object were all women! I

woke up in the night and fired off an email complaining about 'backward in bigotry'!

My idea of a perfect holiday is a European city - Berlin or Amsterdam or Paris but definitely not a beach, and not self-catering. Every now and again I visit my family: my daughter has two little girls and they live in Gisborough.

I do read but not nearly enough. I have three books on the go at the moment. 'Some Tame Gazelle' by Barbara Pym; Birds without Wings by Louis de Bernieres and Gustave Flaubert's 'Madame Bovary'. I do watch TV but I prefer listening to radio.

The three people I would ask to dinner are Kathleen Ferrier, wonderful singer and slightly naughty; Elizabeth David, the doyenne of cooks and slightly naughty; and Natalie Beran, a famous socialite who loved fast cars and joined the ministry of works - and was, of course, slightly naughty! To eat we would have Tournedos Rossini - beef, fresh truffles, foie gras and a madeira sauce with a 1961 Chateau Latour -and finish with a pear tarte tatin accompanied by a chateau d'yquem. That would be a marvellous experience!

*Barnaby Hawkes was talking to Sheila Brock*

# So What is Godly Play?



*For many years now Godly Play has been used in OSP's Sunday school. Paul Lugton writes about what Godly Play is and what it means for OSP.*

Godly Play is essentially a form of storytelling devised by Fr. Jerome W. Berryman, an Episcopalian Priest from the USA. It is centred in the Montessori tradition and has been developed after careful research.

The stories are told using materials, such as models of people, animals and buildings or objects such as sand, a candle or other items to communicate Bible stories, from the Old Testament, the Parables and the life of Jesus Christ, in addition to stories about liturgy and the church year.

A Godly Play session is led by two adults, a Storyteller and a Doorkeeper. The Doorkeeper welcomes the children and gets them ready for the story; once ready the children go to the storytelling circle one by one. In the circle, the Storyteller tells the story, using the materials.

At the end of the story, the children are normally asked wondering questions, e.g. "I wonder which part of the story is most important?" This allows the children to engage with the story without feeling their knowledge is being tested.

After the story is the response time, children may work with the storytelling materials, for that story or other stories. They may also spend time doing artwork, which is undirected by the adults. This is

because the children respond to what they have heard in the way they need to. An example not from OSP, if a child is feeling angry at God that day and wants to paint a piece of paper black he or she should be able to do so.

At OSP Godly Play is offered to primary age school children alongside other styles of Sunday school. At OSP we want children to have a good experience of worship, as adults do at High Mass. Godly Play is useful in this regard; because it lets children encounter God's Word rather than just hear about it.

Godly Play can also be used with one or several children and for all ages, which is crucial given the nature of our Sunday school roll. The theology behind Godly Play is also in step with OSP's, not just in its approach to children and how people encounter God, but also, for example, it's understanding of the Bible, the church, the role of Mary, and of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection.

At OSP we have invested time and money in Godly Play. A big thank you is due to the people who have made materials, and the people who tell stories and door keep.

*Note: There will be no provision for children at High Mass on Christmas day and New Year's day, which are both Sundays.*

## FOSP Vacancy

The Festival Of Spirituality & Peace (FoSP) Board seeks a new Director for the Festival, in succession to Donald Reid who created and ran it for seven years. Now recognised as one of the annual Edinburgh festivals, in 2011 it attracted 25,000 visitors. Donald ran the Festival on a part-time basis, but now intends to return to full-time ministry in February 2012.

The FoSP Board is looking for a creative person who can lead the Festival in 2012; sympathy with the spiritual aims of the Festival is crucial.

Some of the planning for the theme and booking of speakers/performers for the 2012 Festival will have been done by February 2012, but there will be scope for the new Director to complete the work and place his/her mark on the Festival.

The post is temporary initially, until the funding for 2012-2015 has been confirmed, and then a longer term post will be advertised. Experience has shown that over the year the post is on average a 0.6 fte role/3days per week. For much of the autumn, winter and spring the work will be occasional; for the period immediately running up to the Festival it will be full time, and during the festival itself, and the prior period (7-8 weeks), it will be intensive.

Full particulars are on their website: [www.festivalofspirituality.org.uk/director](http://www.festivalofspirituality.org.uk/director)

Further information about the role can be obtained from: Dr John Armes, Convener of FoSP Board: [johnames@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:johnames@blueyonder.co.uk) or from Donald Reid, current FoSP Director: [donald@festivalofspirituality.org.uk](mailto:donald@festivalofspirituality.org.uk)

The closing date for applications is Friday 30 December 2011

## Next Issue Deadline

The deadline for the February issue of the *White Rose* is **Monday 30 January**. Please email any contributions to: [media@osp.org.uk](mailto:media@osp.org.uk)

# Calendar & Rotas for December 2011

	10.30am High Mass			6.30pm
Day & Observance	Readings	Readers	Intercessor	Readings & Reader
December 4 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm 85.1-2,8-13 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8	James Campbell  Hilary Campbell	Junia Willson	Baruch 5.1-9 Luke 3.1-6  Sheila Brock
Weekday observances:	<b>Tue 6 - Nicholas of Myra, bishop, 4th cent; Wed 7 - Ambrose of Milan, bishop &amp; teacher, 397 Thu 8 - Conception of Mary, mother of the Lord</b>			
December 11 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thess 5.16-24 John 1.6-8,19-28	Janet de Vigne  Margot Alexander	Helen Tyrrell	Zephaniah 3.14-20 Luke 3.7-18  Ginger Franklin
Weekday observances:	<b>Mon 14 - John of the Cross, priest and teacher, 1591 Wed, Fri, Sat - Ember Days of prayer for the vocation of all God's people</b>			
December 18 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	2 Samuel 7.1-11.16 Luke 1.47-55 Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38	Margaret Aspen  Mary Johnstone	Ingrid Uglow	Genesis 3.8-15 John 3.16-21  David Bassett
December 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 24th - 11.30pm	Isaiah 9.2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-20	Trevor Harding  Felicity Cullen	Paul Lugton	
Weekday observances:	<b>Mon 26 - St Stephen, deacon &amp; martyr; Tue 27 - St John, apostle &amp; evangelist Wed 28 - The Holy Innocents; Thu 29 - Thomas of Canterbury, archbishop &amp; martyr, 1170 Fri 30 - Josephine Butler, worker among women, 1905; Sat 31 - John Wycliffe, priest, 1384</b>			
January 1 2012 THE NAMING OF JESUS	Numbers 6.22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.15 21	tbc  Jimmy Blair	Sheila Brock	
Weekday observances:	<b>Mon 2 - Seraphim of Sarov, monk and teacher, 1833</b>			
January 8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Isaiah 60.1-6 Psalm 72.1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12	Andrew Kerr  Susanna Kerr		Isaiah 49.1-7 Matthew 12.14-21  Elly Smith
Weekday observances:	<b>Tue 10 - William Laud, archbishop of Canterbury, 1645; Wed 11 - David, king of Scots, 1153 Fri 13 - St Kentigern (or Mungo), bishop of Glasgow, c 603; Sat 14 - Hilary of Poitiers, bishop &amp; teacher, c 367</b>			
January 15 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Samuel 3.1-20 Psalm 139.1-6,13-18 1 Corinthians 6.12-20 John 1.43-51	Elspeth Messenger  Brenda White		Isaiah 62.1-5 John 2.1-11  James Cruise
Weekday observances:	<b>Tue 17 - Anthony of Egypt, abbot, 356; Wed 18 - The Confession of St Peter; Sat 21 - Agnes, martyr, c 304</b>			
January 22 Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Jonah 3.1-5,10 Psalm 62.5-12 1 Corinthians 7.29-31 Mark 1.14-20	Tim Blackmore  Judith Brearley		Neh 8.1-3,5-6,8-10 Luke 4.14-21  Jennie Gardener

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