

THE WHITE ROSE

The Parish Newsletter of Old Saint Paul's June & July 2015

Who will go for us?

The month of June began with the feast of Corpus Christi, the day of thanksgiving for the Holy Eucharist. At the High Mass that evening Bishop John led us in re-affirming our baptism promises, confirmed two people, received another person into the Anglican Communion, and licensed David Todd to serve as Lay Reader in OSP. The connection between these four rites is not simply that they took place in the same service, but that they were about different ways of living out our Baptism.

In other words, about ministry, which is not just what those in clerical collars get up to in church, but what all the baptised do every day in ordinary and extraordinary ways, most of them not particularly religious. This is how all of us should increasingly come to think about our daily obligations and relationships, as ministry in the name of Christ.

This is the real meaning of the phrase 'priesthood of all believers', which is not about anyone being able to do anything, but about each person using their gifts and doing that in the name of everyone else. As S. Paul says, in the body of Christ when the hand acts, the ear and the foot are part of it. The church has visible, ordered ministries, as a sign of the ministry to which all are called. 'Ministers' don't just serve us, they encourage

us by their existence to take our own service more seriously.

In OSP we have been blessed by God with successive visible ministers both lay and ordained, both full-time and part-time, who have been our encouragers as well as our servants. Two of them will, sadly for us, will soon be moving on from OSP - Mtr Kate Reynolds and Fr Andrew Bowyer.

Mtr Kate Reynolds

Mtr Kate has been at OSP for her curacy, the period after ordination in which a priest continues to train 'on the job' as assistant curate. Sadly, those three years will come to an end in August when Kate and Justin (with Judy and Coleridge) will be moving to new work and a new home. Many people know that her visit to Israel and Palestine in November left Kate with a real desire to return there, so I am proud and delighted that the Church of Scotland has, in an

ecumenical spirit, offered her the position of associate minister of their churches in Jerusalem and Tiberias. This will be a demanding and challenging ministry, and Kate and Justin will have our prayerful support over the years ahead. Mtr Kate's last Sunday with us will be 23 August.

Fr Andrew Bowyer

Fr Andy came to join us at OSP when he arrived in Edinburgh from Sydney, Australia to complete a PhD in Theology. As a priest, he was appointed to our ministry team by the Bishop, and as a part-time assistant priest he has celebrated mass and preached regularly, been closely involved in the Young Adults' group, and taken groups away for retreats and parish weekends. In January Andy was asked to go and serve as temporary Chaplain at Trinity College,

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Cambridge, and I'm delighted that the College has now appointed him to the permanent post, starting in the summer. I am also happy to say that Fr Andy will return for a final Sunday with us, on 28 June, the feast of S. Peter and S. Paul.

So, two ministry departures this year, but also two arrivals - David Todd and Jenny Wright.

David Todd

David has been a member of OSP for many years, but for the past five years has been Warden of the College of the Holy Spirit on Cumbrae. Many groups from OSP, going to stay at the College for retreat or recreation, have come to appreciate David's gifts for hospitality and worship (see the interview with David in the last White Rose). For the last two years he has also been in training at the Scottish Episcopal Institute for ministry as a Lay Reader, and was licensed to this ministry by the Bishop at Corpus Christi. A Lay Reader is not ordained, but is authorised by the Bishop to help with leading worship, preaching and teaching, and pastoral assistance to the clergy. David's ministry at OSP will include all of these. I'm very pleased that



David has joined us a Lay Reader, and delighted to be working with him as a colleague. David is in honourable company, because previous Lay Readers at OSP (both were later ordained) have included Mtr Carol Naismith and Canon Albert Laurie. Welcome, David!

Jenny Wright

Jenny is currently a student at the Scottish Episcopal Institute, and an ordinand in training for full-time ordained ministry. Jenny has been appointed by the Bishop to be assistant curate at OSP after Mtr Kate's departure. Like Kate, Jenny will continue in training during the curacy. She is looking forward to spending three years at OSP. She and her husband Sean are originally from South Africa, and worship at S. Paul's and S. George's in York Place. There will be more about Jenny in a future White Rose. She will be ordained deacon and so begin her curacy, on Sunday 27 September at the Cathedral. As one of her teachers, I have got to know Jenny already, and am looking forward to welcoming her to OSP.

Fr Ian

A placement from Finland



In June and then in August we will be welcoming Kati Pirttimaa, a student who is in training for ordained ministry in the Church of Finland.

Kati is from the Diocese of Espöo, in southern Finland. Espöo and Edinburgh are partner dioceses within the ecumenical relationship between the Scottish Episcopal Church and the Church of Finland within the 'Porvöo Communion', which is a communion of thirteen mainly northern European Anglican and Lutheran churches. It was established in 1992, and establishes full communion between the churches. Kati's placement is one of the personal and practical fruits of that agreement, and we are delighted to welcome her. Over the weeks she is here, I hope you will have many opportunities to meet Kati and help her to get to know us. Here, she introduces herself:

"I'm Kati Pirttimaa, from the Lutheran Church of Finland, and I will be attending in Edinburgh, at Old Saint Paul's, for the month of June and the month of August.

In Finland I work as a consultant at the office of the



Diocese of Espöo, the partnership diocese of Edinburgh. My main responsibilities in the Diocese are worship life, and spirituality. I have an education as a musician, and I used to work as an organist and choir director in Kallio Church in Helsinki. I have begun theological studies a few years ago in the University of Helsinki, and I hope to be ordained in the future. This period in Edinburgh is a part of my studies. I'm very happy for this opportunity to learn about the worship life and congregational life of the Episcopal Church of Scotland. I have been very impressed of your communities and hospitality every time I have visited Edinburgh. And of course, I have very much enjoyed your talented choirs and church music.

I have a family in Finland, my husband Markus and three children: Oskari, 20 years, Otto, 16 years, and Onerva, 9 years. Markus, Otto and Onerva will also be visiting Edinburgh in the end of June."

On belonging

How I still feel a part of OSP when I am unable to attend mass due to age and arthritis.

Mike and I moved from London to Edinburgh in 2000 when he had a disabling stroke and we wanted to be near our daughter and our Scottish grandsons.

Living in Gayfield Square, one of my neighbours was Jim Wynn-Evans. We shared a back garden. The previous owner of our flat told me that Jim was a retired minister, so feeling a need for the Anglican church, I asked him if he knew of a High Church in Edinburgh. When we first married, Mike and I had worshipped at St Cyprian's Clarence Gate, and we knew and loved the liturgy and ceremony of its services.

So Jim introduced us to Old S. Paul's and it became our spiritual

home.

Fr Ian was a great support when Mike died in 2008. Unfortunately, I became disabled myself and became unable to worship in OSP in person.

But I have a lovely back garden which Jim dug and planted, covering the back wall with varied ivys and the walls of the back of Gayfield Place with a beautiful creeper which becomes scarlet in the Autumn. And he created an enormous bed of shrubs, including a white star magnolia which shines at dusk.

Sadly Jim didn't live long enough to see the garden's full glory.

Looking out of my window always reminds me of Jim and of the church he loved.

And now I have the joy and comfort of the Blessed Sacrament which is brought to me by Mtr Kate Reynolds who has become a dear friend. And I have visits from Lynne Niven who tells me all the news and cheers me with amusing anecdotes.

I am sent the White Rose regularly, and I can listen to our wonderful choir on CD.

So, sad as I am to be unable to come to OSP, it still remains to be an important part of my life, and I still feel that I belong to this friendly community.

Jane Hastilow

A Prayer

Thy words O Christ to me are life,
Like balm they soothe my fears.
Thy name O Lord shall cleanse my lips
Thy joy shall dry my tears.
You sorrow Lord to see me fall
With love you help me rise.
O Christ be near to hear my call
For thee I'll always praise.
Thy Cross my God before my eyes
Has purified my soul.
In glory Lord come to my side
And make this sinner whole.

- Anon.

Holy Week in France

I was in France last October, visiting a family I first met on a school trip almost 48 years ago. We have kept in touch ever since, and they remain among my very closest friends.

On the Sunday before I left, I drove into town and attended Mass at St Pierre, the main church of Orthez, in the Pyrenees Atlantiques. After Mass, as is my wont on such occasions, I bought a newspaper and retired to my favourite watering hole in the town for a pre-prandial glass of red. It was the weekend on which the Pope's Synod on the Family issued the second report on its opening session. I was drawn to an article, which was, in effect, an interview with Fr George Nicholson, one of his curates, and also a Protestant pastor in Paris. Fr George was expressing views which I do not think accurately reflect the current teaching of the Catholic Church (although I have no difficulty with his views). For instance, he is happy to give Communion to re-married divorcees. His views intrigued me, as did his name. You don't get all that many Nicholsons born and bred in Paris!

Well, of course, he was not. He was born and bred in England. He was the cure of L'Eglise St Eustache in Paris and I contacted him. We subsequently had an extended email exchange.

I advised Fr George that I was to visit the aforesaid family over Easter. He invited me to stay in the "small and rudimentary" spare room in the presbytery at St Eustache, over the weekend of Palm Sunday. Small and rudimentary it was not: kitchen corner, en suite

shower, and a very comfortable bed.

On the Sunday, I managed to find my way out of the presbytery and into a cafe for a croissant and a cappuccino. Having duly breakfasted, I took a short walk in a very sunny Marais, before returning to St Eustache. I was there about 20 minutes before High Mass. The organ was playing. St Eustache is probably a bit smaller than Notre Dame, but it is still a very big church, and the music resonated beautifully.

Fr George concelebrated with four other priests and a Deacon. He also preached. Entering the church, there were folks giving out "Palms", and inviting offerings for the "Soupe de St Eustache", which involves a late night distribution of food to the homeless in central Paris. George was the only one wearing a red chasuble, but the other priests and the deacon were obvious from their stoles.

In the course of his Sermon, George referred to a Rubens depiction of the Supper at Emmaus, which he indicated as being behind him. After Mass, I went looking for the Rubens. I was having difficulties, but I was accosted by a couple from Biggar, of all places. They were obviously well known to George, but, guessing my native language from my kilt, they spoke with me and pointed me to the right chapel. The painting was beautifully reproduced on the cover of the Easter Service Sheet. The original I found to be a tad under-lit, although a very impressive canvas.

On the Monday, I caught the train, and spent five or six hours

seeing again the beautiful paysage of the Loire Valley. I arrived early evening in La France Profonde and my pal Joel duly picked me up. As he lives several kilometres out of town, I did not participate in the other celebrations of Holy Week. On Easter Sunday, however, I did attend Mass at St Pierre de Moncade, the main church of Orthez. The pews were packed. Unlike the previous Sunday, the altar was not. The priest, whom I have met on various previous visits, was on his own without even a thurifer. He had a superb sonorous voice, whether speaking or singing.

My friends are not regular church goers, but they are a very close family, and we were 12 at table on Easter Sunday, not counting the under-fives.

The French are if not actually having a revolution then on strike. My flight back was cancelled and I was forced to enjoy a couple of extra days of superb French hospitality. The week was only marred by my pal's mother driving us into a very deep ditch, en route for a concert. No injuries, but the concert was missed. She is only 84 but does not let me drive on such occasions as I drive too slowly! To be fair, after the ditch, she did let me drive her around in Joel's car!

All in all a very enjoyable and uplifting experience (apart from the ditch)!

James Campbell



The Raven Trust



As many of you know, the knitting group likes to take on charity knitting/crocheting causes, and this Lent we chose the Raven Trust. They provide practical, direct support to needy communities in Malawi, East Africa. I am thrilled to say we have knitted and crocheted 30 fantastic little bears that will go to children.

There's a story in the Old Testament where 'The ravens brought (Elijah) bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening and he drank from the brook' (1 Kings 17 v 6). The ravens supplied all that Elijah needed at that time. This is a story about God's loving provision in creation, pointing forward ultimately to his coming to Earth as Jesus to set things to rights. Following the example of these humble creatures, The Raven Trust aims to do a similar job for needy people in Malawi. It's also a focal point for people who want do something practical to help, and it supports those working in development and Christian mission.

Over the past few years they have researched, dispatched and funded many full container loads plus several part container loads to Africa with an estimated value well in excess of £1,000,000.

They have undertaken building and maintenance projects at Mission Hospitals and rebuilt a hospital boat for Lake Malawi, written and published distant learning material on Tool Maintenance and also published the 'Newlink' newsletter for a network of supporters and relevant organisations.

Some of the provisions they have sent out recently include:

- Medical Supplies (basic hospital disposables such as gloves, bandages, dressings, needles & syringes etc. Also equipment such as Ultra-scan machines, operating tables, infusions pumps, x-ray equipment, operating instruments, ECG machines & patient monitors)

- Books and Videos (medical, educational, secular and theological)

- Tools and Equipment

(carpentry tools, saw bench and planers, metal working tools, computers, printers, cables & monitors etc)

- Clothing (knitted goods for babies, blankets, cotton sheets, clothing etc)

- Toiletries (soap, talc, shampoo & disposable razors)

- Other items include mattresses, footballs, netballs, sports equipment, football strips, stationery, lecturing equipment, a ships engine and children's playgroup toys.

Here are just a few of the things that individuals and groups are doing in the UK: giving spare clothes and blankets, refurbishing bicycles, collecting second-hand spectacles, accessing unwanted medical equipment, refurbishing tools, building boats, knitting, doing engineering research and design, doing architectural design, accessing engineering components, giving computers, praying, giving technical advice, making movies, writing articles, measuring second-hand spectacles, raising money, giving money, packaging goods and recording them and their contents, stuffing containers.

Here are some of the things supporters do on visits to Malawi: bricklaying, building, painting, training, teaching, lecturing, practising various branches of medicine, praying, general volunteering, electrical work, agricultural training, making movies, youth work, HIV/AIDS care.

For further information, please go to www.theraventrust.org.

Kimberley Moore Ede

Bible Botany: Moses' Rushes

Moses was one of the earliest foundlings. He was also lucky because the Pharaoh considered 'this people of Israel are too many for us' and ordered the midwives to kill male Hebrew children at birth. However the unknown Levite, Moses' mother, 'took for him a basket made of bulrushes, and daubed it with bitumen and pitch', placed the infant in it and left him amongst the reeds at the brink of the River Nile. The baby was found and raised by an Egyptian Princess and the rest is history, fully documented in Exodus 3.

As was so often the case, translators of the Bible were not botanists. So they didn't know that Protestant bulrushes were not the same as Egyptian ones. Indeed confusion over the names has a long history. The British bulrush, sometimes called the reedmace because of its brown club-like flowering structures, is now correctly known as *Typha latifolia*.

But *Typha* is not found in Egypt and Moses was put in a basket of papyrus, *Cyperus papyrus*.

This plant is a member of the sedge family and quite separate from *Typha*. Papyrus grows up to 2.5m high. A much shorter species, *C.alternifolius*, is grown as a houseplant, the so-called umbrella plant.

Papyrus grows densely along the edges of much of the Nile valley and is the predominant plant of the vegetation mass known as Sudd. In the circumstances the infant Moses in his basket was lucky to have been found by the sharp-eyed princess. Papyrus swamps are also abundant in much of Uganda and nearly 60 years ago I was able to show that the roots of these swamp dwellers, growing in oxygen-deficient conditions, accumulate lactic acid. This is the same compound that accumulates in the oxygen-deprived muscles of sprinters when they run flat out.

Isaiah's botany is also confusing. The prophet makes frequent and indiscriminate reference to (bruised) reeds and rushes. But Isaiah 19 makes specific reference to the paper reed. This is certainly *C.papyrus* from the pith of which the ancient Egyptians made a form of paper. Papyrus scrolls, some dating back 6000 years, are invaluable sources of information on ancient Egyptian life and culture. The durability of the scrolls when kept dry has given scholars important material from which to learn about the advanced state of mathematical, scientific and medical knowledge current in the early Egyptian dynasties.

John Dale



Lilies in Eastertide



Our thanks and appreciation goes to Ginger Franklin and the members of the Flower Group for the lilies which adorned OSP from Easter Day to Pentecost.

The idea of inviting members of the congregation to fund the lilies as acts of memorial or thanksgiving was Ginger's own, and it was largely due to her own energy and imagination that there was such a positive response, and that the Easter lilies could be replenished and present throughout Eastertide, each one given in memory or in thanksgiving.

Thank you Ginger and the Flower Group, for creating this opportunity, and for all that you do for us throughout the year.

Fr Ian



Restoring our reredos



The large and beautiful gilded reredos above the High Altar is one of the glories of OSP. With the altar itself, it is the focus when we gather to worship. The 'History' section of the OSP Website describes it well:

"The reredos, installed in 1896, is of elaborate Gothic gilded oak. Around the central panel Moses, Melchizedek, Solomon and Joshua are depicted, symbolising Christ as Prophet, Priest, King and Saviour. The bottom cornice features the twelve Apostles with their emblems. The central panel features a copy of Benvenuto de Cellini's 'Infant Saviour with Madonna Enthroned'. The side panels are adapted from frescoes by Benozzo Gozzoli in Florence; the angels have Latin texts from the Gloria around their robes."

Closer examination reveals the ravages of time: cracks in the side panel paintings, and the dust and dirt of decades encrusted on every surface. It's my view, and that of your Vestry, that it would be sign of hope and inspiration for our liturgy, and for all the life and work that flows from our worship, if it could be restored to its original state of colour and sparkle.

Fifteen years ago the central painting was cleaned and restored, using gifts and donations made in memory of a number of people. Now we would like to begin the work of cleaning and restoring the rest of the reredos.

Bishop Richard Holloway, former Rector of OSP and now a member of the congregation, has recently given OSP a large donation towards the restoration. Our warm thanks and appreciation to Richard for his generosity, but also for helping us to decide to take on the rest of the challenge, and aiming to complete the restoration before Christmas.

How can you be involved? Perhaps you would like to remember someone, whether they died recently or long ago. Or perhaps you would like to give thanks for something in your own life. If so, would you consider making a donation, of whatever amount, towards the Reredos?

If you are interested in being a donor towards the restoration of the Reredos, please contact Fr Ian, who can give you more information (rector@osp.org.uk, 39 Jeffrey St, EH1 1DH)

Consultation: Handrail Improvement to War Memorial Chapel Steps

Consultation period: 4 weeks from Sunday 7th May to Sunday 7th June 2015

As noted in the White Rose for February to March, 2015 the Vestry proposes to improve the access to the Warrior Chapel. Our architects Gray, Marshall and Associates have made drawings to our specification to take down the timber handrail on the west side of the steps to the War Memorial Chapel, and replace it with two painted steel rails, on the east and west side.

Apart from being on one side of the steps only, the existing rail

is not continuous, being separated into two lengths with a gap in the middle. It also does not start or end on the level floor. The replacements would improve access to the chapel and high altar and chapel for those who find stairs difficult. The proposals comply with current Building Regulations.

The proposal for changing the present arrangement originated with the People's Warden on behalf of members of the congregation.

Questions, comments

or objections should be communicated in writing to the Property Committee: Vestry@osp.org.uk or to Lauder House.

After this consultation period, and taking any pertinent comments into account, we will be applying to the Diocese for Canon 35 Permission to make the alteration.

Property Committee Tim Blackmore, John Walker (Convenor and member of Vestry), Nicholas Uglow (member of Vestry)

Vestry Report

It is good to be able to report that OSP raised £615 for this year's Bishop's Lent Appeal. The donation has now been sent to the diocese.

We are also very pleased to announce that Fr Andrew Bowyer has been appointed to the permanent post of chaplain at Trinity College Cambridge from September. He will be at OSP for the feast of St Peter and St Paul and we can celebrate his appointment then and thank him for his work at OSP. He will be missed. David Todd will be licensed as the OSP lay reader on 4th June - we will be happy to see him back at OSP! We are also delighted that the Bishop has appointed Jenny Wright to be Kate's successor as assistant curate at OSP. She is currently a member of St Paul's and St George's and will join us in September.

We will be having a full-time Finnish student on placement in June and August and we are grateful to those who have offered to put her up in August.

Lynne Niven has given her resignation as cleaner and will finish up at the end of July. We thank her warmly for all her hard work. If you or anyone you know would be interested in taking on the job, please let any of the clergy team know, or email the office.

Finally, we are happy to announce that, due to a new charity scheme, we no longer have to pay for our water. This will save us about £1000 per year.

Date of next vestry meeting: 24th June 2015

OSP supports children in Uganda



At the end of last year, Emma Stewart, a member of our congregation, wrote to tell us about her work with Child of Hope (CoH), a UK registered charity based in the Eastern Ugandan town of Mbale. CoH works with between 300 and 400 children and their families who live in the impoverished slum of Namatala. It consists of an ever growing nursery and primary school, with attached medical and social facilities.

Emma, who was returning to the school in January 2015, had been tasked with fundraising and appealed to OSP for support. On behalf of all of us, the Vestry responded with a donation of £1,890 – enough to fully fund both a nursery teacher's post and a nursery assistant's post for one year and to pay for scholastic materials for both primary and nursery levels for one term. It is astonishing how very much even a comparatively small amount of money can achieve!

In an email, the Child of Hope Outreach Finance Director, Bex Okotel wrote:

Emma has forwarded to me your email confirming the church's very generous grant to Child of Hope. Thank you very much indeed.

Please pass on our very sincere thanks to all those at the church, not just for the donation but also for 'giving us Emma! She is doing sterling work with our education teams, particularly with regard to reading in the younger years. Unfortunately education methods in Uganda are about 50 years behind the UK and so we have a lot of catching up to do! However, the teachers are keen to learn and I know that in the long term, Emma's work is going to have a significant impact on the children's futures.

Many thanks again and blessings to you all, Bex

For more information: www.childofhopeuganda.org.





History Project Update

Work is well under way on the 1915 issue of 'Old Saint Paul's remembers the First World War'. The casualty list in 1914 numbered nine men; in 1915 this number has risen to thirty-five. At least sixteen of these were killed in May

or June – the consequence of the Gallipoli campaign, the Quintinshill train disaster and continuing trench warfare on the Western Front. Later in the year, at least five would die at the battle of Loos, four of them on the same day.

The train disaster at Quintinshill or Gretna when 210 men of the Royal Scots were killed remains Britain's worst ever rail crash. The dead, most of them from Leith, were buried in a mass grave in Rosebank Cemetery and special services of commemoration will take place there and at Gretna this year.

We have had some success in finding a few more photographs but the identities of some men remain elusive despite all our best efforts. The results of our research, with biographies of the soldiers, background information and extracts from Canon Laurie's letters from the Front, will be available on Remembrance Sunday 2015.

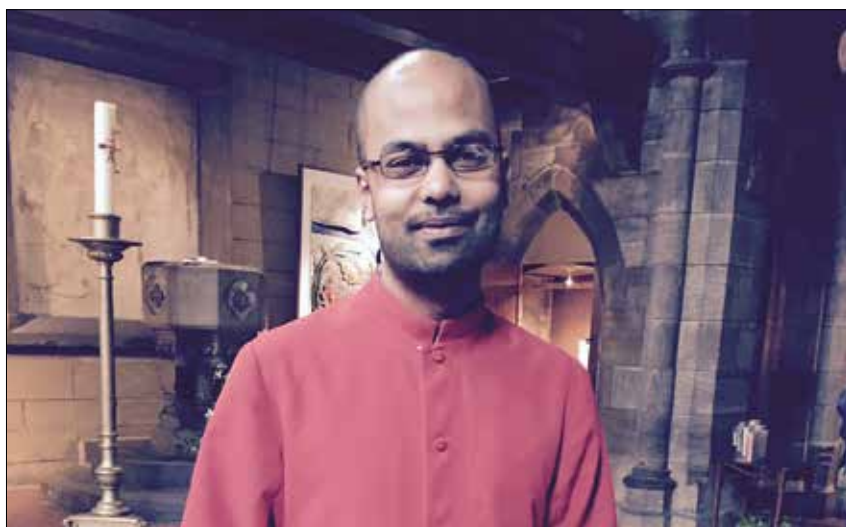


Prayer Cards

Many people have asked when small prayer cards will be available again in church, as they had been for many years. They are now available, thanks to Frank Pottinger who has made a new rack to display them for sale at the back of the church, and to Jamie Haswell who will be maintaining the stock of cards.



A coffee withJubin Santra



I was born in Cowdwar in the state of Orissa. My father, Jagat, had just given up banking in order to study theology so he was at College in Pune when I arrived. Three years later my mother and I moved to be with him. Initially, I went to school in Pune but elected to go to boarding school when I was about ten. Kodaikanal International School, founded by American missionaries, was in Tamil Nadu in the south of India, thousands of meters up on a hill. My primary school had probably as many as 70 students in a class and four classes in a year; now I was in a class with 30 pupils. That was not the only difference: in the state school system rote learning was the norm but being at Kodai allowed me to think differently.

In August 2000 my mother, sister and I came to join my father in Edinburgh and settled in to 56

Jeffrey Street, then owned by Old Saint Paul's. My father had been in Edinburgh for some time but his attachment to OSP had just begun as a result of his making contact with Bishop Richard. The remainder of my schooling was at Boroughmuir but shortly after I finished school, my parents and sister returned to Pune, leaving me here to pursue a degree in Accountancy and Economics at Napier University. This was quite a challenge but I was already quite independent and, besides, I had a great deal of support from OSP and beyond.

I had always enjoyed Economics which seemed to me to look at the 'bigger picture' whereas Accountancy appeared to be a rather dry profession. Now in some ways I combine both, working in the Internal Audit Department of Lloyds Banking group and, at the same time,

studying to acquire the ACCA qualification.

I had no choice as far as going to OSP was concerned so it might be more appropriate to ask why am I still there? Actually we had experienced many different kinds of church tradition but the Anglican one appealed to me most. I haven't found anything as comfortable or uncomfortable at the same time as OSP and I like the fact that it gives you space to sit and be. I have been a server for many years but having recently become Rector's Warden, I am more involved in other aspects of church life, such as having to go to Vestry meetings!

The people who have most influenced me are teachers, I suppose. The Economics teacher at school knew how to ridicule the mundane and to shine light on what some consider to be complex problems but were, in fact, simple ideas. That made an impression on me as a teenager.

At the moment too much of my time is taken up with work and studying, making it difficult for me to do what I most enjoy – mountain biking or hill walking. I have just bought a new bike – a Merida hard tail – in anticipation of the days when my exams will be over. The Highlands of Scotland are my favourite part of the world and I go there – myself, with Kim, with friends – as often as I can, in snow or sunshine (not rain), no

mobile phone contact – bliss.

My current reading is P5 Advanced Performance Management for ACCA and my final paper is at the end of May. I hope it will be my last exam – ever. I want to read ‘Wilful Blindness: why we ignore the obvious’ by Margaret Heffernan because I am interested in why we turn a blind eye to personal and corporate problems.

I don't know about being angry – but what grinds my gears seems to depend on my mood. I wish that people ‘in power’ would remember that they are public servants and their job is to serve – not increase their power.

I am happiest when I am on my bike, without a care in the world,

cycling up hill.

People give me hope. We can all be so obnoxious but there are so many glimmers of people doing the right thing. My reality check is India. When I go back to visit my parents I am reminded of how the majority have to live. We live such a cushy life – this adds perspective.

If I could invite three people to dinner I would ask Adam Smith, the father of economics, because I would like to know what he thinks of things today; and Genghis Khan because I would like to know what on earth he was thinking about – and I would have to have Jesus to find out about the quirky side to him and what made him laugh.

I would probably be too busy listening and asking questions

to cook – but I could make a vegetarian chilli and give them a decent glass of whisky!

Jubin Santra was talking to Sheila Brock

The deadline for the next issue of the White Rose is **Monday 20 July**. Please email contributions to media@osp.org.uk.

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Calendar and Lectionary June-July 2015

June 7—SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings at Mass:

Genesis 3.8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1;
Mark 3.20-35

Readings at Evensong:

1 Kings 17.8-24; Luke 7.11-17

Weekday observances:

Mon 9—Ephrem the Syrian, *deacon and teacher, 373*;
Tue 9—St Columba of Iona, *abbot, 597*; Thu 11—St
Barnabas, *apostle*; Fri 12—The Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 14—THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings at Mass:

Ezekiel 17.22-24; Psalm 92.1-4,12-15;
2 Corinthians 5.6-17; Mark 4.26-34

Readings at Evensong:

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a; Luke 7.36-8.3

Weekday observances:

Thu 18—Bernard Mizeki, *martyr in Zimbabwe, 1896*;
Sat 20—Fillan, *abbot in Pittenweem, c 750*

June 21—FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings at Mass:

Job 38.1-11; Psalm 107.1-3,23-32;
2 Corinthians 6.1-13; Mark 4.35-41

Readings at Evensong:

1 Kings 19.1-15a; Luke 8.26-39

Weekday observances:

Mon 22—Alban, *first British martyr, c 209*;
Wed 24—The Birth of St John the Baptist;
Thu 25—Moluag of Lismore, *bishop, c 592*;
Fri 26—Robert Leighton, *bishop of Glasgow, 1684*;
Sat 27—Alexander Jolly, *bishop of Moray, 1838*

June 28—SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Readings at Mass:

Ezekiel 34.11-16; Psalm 87; 2 Timothy 4.1-8;
John 21.15-19

Readings at Evensong:

Isaiah 49.1-6; Galatians 2.1-9

Weekday observances:

Wed 1—Serf, *bishop in Kinross, c 500*;
Fri 4—St Thomas, *apostle*

July 5—SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings at Mass:

Ezekiel 2.1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12.2-10;
Mark 6.1-13

Readings at Evensong:

2 Kings 5.1-14; Luke 10.1-11,16-20

Weekday observances:

Mon 6—Palladius, *bishop in Tayside, c 450*;
Tue 7—Boisil, *prior of Melrose, c 642*;
Sat 11—Benedict of Nursia, *abbot, c 550*

July 12—SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings at Mass:

Amos 7.7-15; Psalm 85.8-13; Ephesians 1.3-14;
Mark 6.14-29

Readings at Evensong:

Deuteronomy 30.9-14; Luke 10.25-37

July 19—EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings at Mass:

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2.11-22;
Mark 6.30-34,53-56

Readings at Evensong:

Amos 8.1-12; Luke 10.38-42

Weekday observances:

Tue 21—William Wilberforce, *social reformer, 1833*;
Wed 22—St Mary Magdalene;
Sat 25—St James, *apostle*

July 26—NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings at Mass:

2 Kings 4.42-44; Psalm 145.10-18;
Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21

Readings at Evensong:

Hosea 1.2-10; Luke 11.1-13

Weekday observances:

Mon 27—John Comper, *priest in Aberdeen, 1903*;
Wed 29—Martha and Mary of Bethany;
Thu 30—Silas, *companion of Paul*;
Fri 31—Ignatius Loyola, *priest and religious, 1556*



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