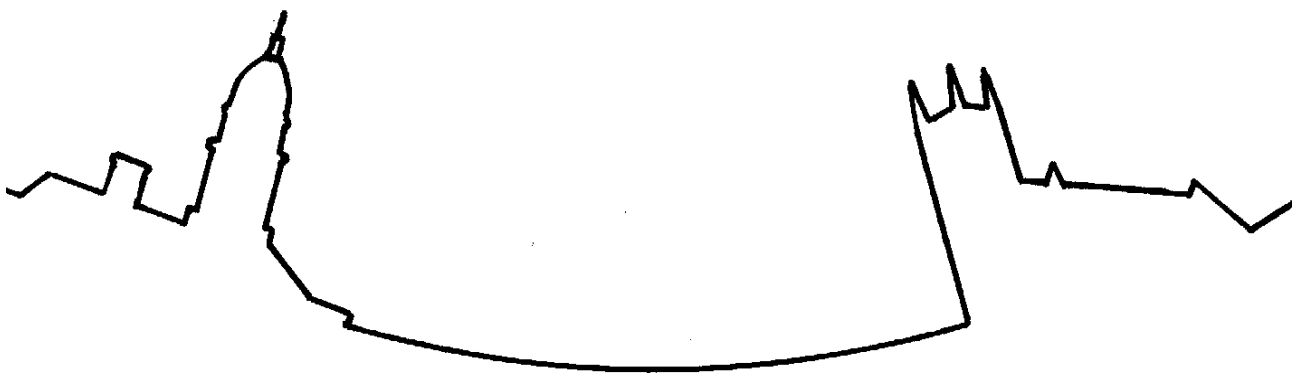
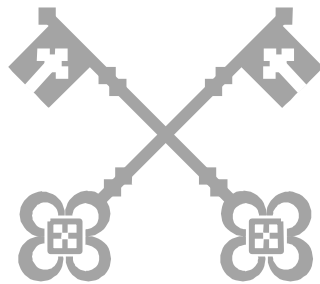


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Dear Friends,

We have reached that time of the year when the nights suddenly draw in, the leaves are just beginning to think of dropping and my first cold of the season arrives without ceremony. Yet I love autumn with its burst of colour and (hopefully) its fresh bright sunny mornings when all I want to do is head for the hills for a stretching walk. It's also the season of harvest and girding ourselves for the madness of the Christmas rush to come.

This year for our Harvest Festival we have decided to support Winterwatch by circulating a list of foods and goods that they would welcome as donations. This excellent project takes place within our parish boundaries and is managed by Urban Outreach who have done such sterling work in recent years.

In all the parishes I have served in and around Manchester a realisation was arrived at concerning harvest. The Harvest Festivals I remember from my childhood with the sheaves of corn and the beautifully presented harvest baskets of fruit and vegetables meant very little to the children of the inner city. I also remember some fairly fruitless (forgive the pun!) pastoral visits after the service when it turned out that the carefully chosen folk who were to receive our gifts were a little reluctant. Some of them would show me their fruit bowls or point out that they could get eggs from Asda etc.

So we changed tack and harvest gifts were encouraged in a different way. Stocks of tinned foods were donated so they could be given to local homeless projects; we educated ourselves by finding out where the genuine needs lay. Some of our donations found their way to city centre projects where homeless people were being fed on a daily basis. This led to a considerable rise in donations of things not least from some of those folk who had received harvest gifts in the past. In our inner urban context, harvest took on a whole new meaning and one which meant more to the church community.

It was still a time when we remembered to give thanks to God for all his grace and for our daily bread, but the harvest we offered was a harvest of the gifts of ourselves. From that we had received, we gave so that others around us might benefit. This looked very different from the carefully constructed agricultural scenes at Harvest Festivals that we all remembered (and some no doubt pined for) but in a deeper way it was more faithful to the spirit of Harvest.

So may I wish you a happy beginning to Autumn and commend to you the wonderful Christian festival of Harvest – a time for giving thanks to God and sharing our gifts with those around us.

With my love and prayers

Matt Thompson



## News from the Social Committee

What a hectic couple of month it's been – the Bolton Le Mans Festival, the choir trip to Carlisle and Heritage weekend!! We have a busy schedule for the coming months and we'd love to see you at one of the events!

*Dates for your diary.....*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Harvest Lunch

The Harvest Lunch this year will be a bring-and-share lunch. You are invited to bring your favourite dish to share with others. There is a list at the back of church where you can sign up! During this lunch the social committee will be asking for suggestions for future church social activities as we shall shortly be planning for 2011 – all ideas gratefully received!

### 17<sup>th</sup> October – Social Committee Meeting

This will be the planning meeting for 2011 where the social committee will be having a look at ideas suggested and planning social activities for the following year. If you would like to join the social committee, have time to help at social activities, have a talent that you would like to share, please speak to Victoria Davis or a member of the social committee – we're always looking for new members and new ideas!

### 20<sup>th</sup> November – Quiz Night

The popular Quiz night returns with a pasty and pie supper; details to be confirmed. Please keep your eye out for details in the pew slip.

### 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party

Details to follow.

## My Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank everyone who sent me Get Well cards, Best Wishes, and who said prayers for me while I was having my operation in Hospital.

I am now out of hospital and doing well. I am still on crutches and will be for some time to come. I hope to be able to come to Church in a few weeks' time.

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## Lost Churches

When I was a boy growing up in Salford, there were some twenty-five parishes in the city. Two churches had already closed in the 1930s: both were in deprived areas where most of the population had been re-settled elsewhere, and one of them (St Simon Springfield Lane) featured in an early painting by L. S. Lowry.

By the time I went away to university in 1959, another had been demolished, and though two new churches had opened on recent housing schemes, six more had closed when I returned in 1963. Since then, the rate of closures has slowed down and only five more churches have gone. Although several of the remaining parishes have been amalgamated in one way or another, there are still fifteen Church of England places of worship open in Salford deanery.

Manchester city centre is another case in point. Virtually no-one has actually lived in the centre for many years and only the Cathedral and St Ann's remain, as the city centre lost all its other parishes before the war. St Michael Angel Meadow; St Clement Lever Street; St John Deansgate; St Mary Parsonage; St James George Street (Piccadilly); St Peter Mosley Street; St Matthew Campfield; and St Simon & St Jude Granby Row have all vanished without trace – not to mention many more churches in the Ancoats, Ardwick and Hulme areas. The church of the Ascension in Hulme, where our Vicar first served after ordination, replaced ten other churches, only two of which are still standing. One has been converted into flats, and the other (after use by an African methodist congregation) is now up for sale again. St Benedict, Ardwick, is now a climbing centre!

Looking at the diocese as a whole, it is not surprising to find that as you travel away from the town centres, in the surrounding residential areas most churches have survived, and in many places several new churches have been built. Four of the six Anglican churches in Wythenshawe, for example, date from the 1960s. So how has Bolton fared?

Christ Church Deane Road and St Bartholomew Nelson Street were the first to close in Bolton, and although the site of St Bartholomew still remains empty, the site of Christ Church disappeared under the College of Higher

Education (now the University) years ago. Another early loss was St Alban's at Darcy Lever, a mission church of the parish of St Stephen & All Martyrs. Of the parishes which were united with ours, Holy Trinity, All Saints and St George's still stand, but St Mark Fletcher Street and St John Latimer Street (off Folds Road) were demolished almost immediately after they closed.

St Paul Deansgate closed relatively recently and also remains standing, though the parish is now united with Emmanuel (Cannon Street), where the original church has been replaced by an adaptation of the parish hall.

Further away from the town centre, St James at the Waterloo Street/Blackburn Road junction was demolished in the 1960s and later, the same fate befell the Church of the Saviour on Deane Road (though in this case the bells were transferred to our tower and joined by five new bells cast from the metal of our old ring). St Barnabas closed in more recent times, though the building still stands.

Like Emmanuel Church, St Matthew Brownlow Fold and St Luke Chorley Old Road have also been replaced by new buildings in recent years, the latter after a serious fire. New churches have been built at Johnson Fold (St Andrew) and Top o'th'Moss (St John).

In Farnworth, the first church to close was St Thomas Dixon Green in the 1970s, though the building still stands. St Saviour Ringley had a mission church at Outwood (St Aidan), which closed in the 1980s and was quickly demolished. All Saints Moses Gate, a red brick church which stood close to the Farnworth by-pass, was demolished more recently. St Peter Farnworth also appears to have closed now, and the future of Holy Trinity at Prestolee seems in doubt. The three churches in the parish of New Bury (St James, St George and St Catherine) are now united with the parish of St Michael & St Bartholomew Great Lever, but all four church buildings are still open for worship.

I would be glad to hear from anyone who has photographs or other information about any of the demolished Bolton churches.

*Geoffrey Dowling*

## The Cotton Industry – Conclusion

When I first began working for the cotton company it would have been hard to believe that the industry could decline so rapidly. The import of cheaper textiles was taking its toll during the 1960s and we were merely one of the firms to be hit by a decrease in production, subsequent short-time working and the eventual closure of the mills. The end of an era.

Our company limped along for a while, during which time The Grange – full of many happy memories – was demolished. Wm. Heaton's mill at Lostock received the same fate in 1972.

It is incredible to recall the number of mills that operated in Bolton alone, at one time. Some are still there, of course, re-invented as retail outlets, housing developments, furniture warehouses, etc.

I found myself on this particular path of reminiscence after reading in the Bolton Scene newspaper about an industrial exhibition due to open in the autumn at Bolton Museum. A new-look history gallery is underway and will cover the impact of the industrial revolution and the lead-up to it, and the changes that the town has experienced in the past and up to the present day.

I saw a preview picture of the proposed gallery and couldn't quite take it in. It clearly shows a stained-glass window, described as "The Heaton Window", which belonged to our premises at Lostock, Wm. Heaton & Sons. It is remarkable that the window has been preserved and will be on view at the forthcoming display. You can imagine my surprise; seeing the window again after so many years brought the memories flooding back.

"Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy.  
The praises of my God shall still,  
My heart and tongue employ."

*Freda Rothwell*

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## **Bolton Museum, Aquarium and Archive**

The local history gallery at Bolton Museum, Aquarium and Archive has been closed since January. The new gallery mentioned in Freda's article on the previous page will open in November. The Art Gallery, Egyptology Gallery, History Centre and Aquarium have remained open throughout the work.

The new history displays will tell the story of Bolton. The new gallery will be split into three areas. The first is devoted to Samuel Crompton who invented the Spinning Mule. It will show the Mule's impact on textile production in Bolton and the rest of the country. The second display area will show how the physical landscape of Bolton has changed over the last few hundred years, while the third display will tell stories about the people of Bolton.

A lift has also been built to take visitors up to the balcony. In addition to the improvements to the gallery, there will also be better access to the Aquarium, which is housed in the basement of the Museum.

The Aquarium's extensive fish collection contains a wide range of freshwater fish from a wide range of countries, which include Peru, Borneo, Vietnam, Brazil, Venezuela, Madagascar and Egypt. The Aquarium is home to some amazing species, which include:

### *Adonis Catfish*

A very spiny Catfish found in a wide area of the Amazon. It will eat almost any type of food it comes across.

### *Red-bellied Piranha*

According to legend, anyone who enters the water in the Amazon region where these fish are found runs the risk of being devoured in seconds.

### *Pygmy Glass Danio*

One of the smallest fish in the world.

### *Lake Malawi Cichid*

Found in Lake Malawi in Africa. These beautiful bright yellow fish are known locally as *Mbuna*, which means 'rock dweller'. They spend much of their time in the crevices of rocks, hiding from predators.

The fish live in tanks that reflect their natural habitat. For example, a rocky environment has been created for the Lake Malawi Cichid, while the Peruvian fish are kept in tanks which provide a similar environment to the shallow, murky streams that are home to these fish in Peru.

## **Museum Events during October**

### ***At the Edge: British Art 1950 to 2000***

*Until Saturday 30 October*

This touring exhibition of art from collections of Rochdale, Preston, Oldham and Bolton shows British artworks from the 1950s to the present day. It shows work from a host of well known British artists, including Henry Moore, Lucian Freud, Andy Goldsworthy, Helen Chadwick and Jacob Epstein.

## **A Victorian Week**

*Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October*

The Museum is putting on an special programme of events during the October half-term period to celebrate the opening of the new Local History Gallery. The events and activities will have a Victorian theme.

Costumed characters will be appearing between 12 noon and 4 p.m., and additional craft activities will be taking place three times during the afternoon, at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

There will be a Victorian-themed storytelling session in the Local History Gallery at 11 a.m. every day (except Saturday). There is also a quiz available for the over and under 6s in the Museum and Children's Library throughout the week.

Activities include:

- Monday 25 October: A visit from a Victorian Schoolteacher and traditional 'wash day' activities
- Tuesday 26 October: A visit from a Victorian Quack Doctor and a chance for participants to draw real Victorian medical objects
- Wednesday 27 October: A visit from a Victorian Mill Worker and a chance for participants to create their own industrial landscape
- Thursday 28 October: A visit from a Victorian Policeman and a chance for participants to make their own policeman's helmet
- Friday 29 October: A visit from 'Major Horton', Victorian Ventriloquist, and a chance for participants to make their own puppet

## **Museum and Aquarium Opening Times.**

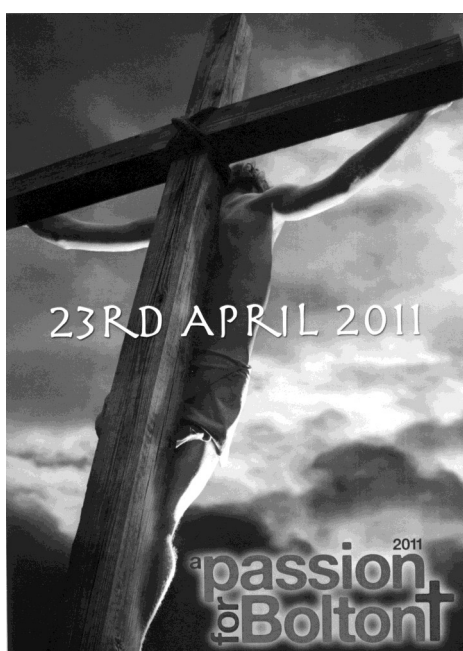
Monday to Saturday. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays.

## **Admission.**

Free. Most areas of the Museum, Art Gallery and Aquarium are accessible for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

**Location.** To the rear of the Town Hall, on Le Mans Crescent.

*Judy Pain*



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## The Story of Watermelon Island

### *A folk tale for Harvest*

Long, long ago, there was a ruler of Vietnam who came from the rich line of kings known as the Hung Dynasty. This king was so devoted to his people that he adopted a son from a poor peasant family. The boy, Mai An Tiem, was intelligent and talented, and quickly became the king's favourite son.

When Mai An Tiem turned twenty, the king arranged for him to marry one of his daughters – the princess Co Ba. The couple moved into one of the king's most beautiful castles and found themselves surrounded by dazzling treasures, with dozens of servants in attendance. However, Mai An Tiem never forgot his peasant roots. Every day he ate simple, healthy meals of rice and vegetables, and he preferred to wear simple, unadorned clothing. He particularly enjoyed working in the gardens, where he tilled the moist earth with loving care.

One day, Mai An Tiem and Co Ba held a party – flowers adorned every part of the castle, and guests were served delicacies grown in the garden. Everyone marvelled at the feast and the treasures in the castle. Mai An Tiem smiled and told them, "Those with wealth alone have nothing. Only labour brings true happiness." Among the guests was Hau, one of the king's natural sons – a clever but lazy young prince who had been jealous of Mai An Tiem for many years. Hau recognized his opportunity and rushed to his father's palace. "Mai An Tiem has spoken against you," he declared. He repeated Mai An Tiem's words, also adding a few lies of his own. The enraged king immediately sent soldiers to Mai An Tiem's castle to break up the party. The beautiful treasures were confiscated and the servants were ordered back to the palace. Mai An Tiem and Co Ba were left in an empty castle, with only their servants Mo and Man, remaining. The king also decided to banish the young couple to a deserted island in the Eastern Sea, where they were left with nothing but some clothes, a knife, and enough food for a month. The king was sure Mai An Tiem would beg for forgiveness, and it was his intention to send soldiers to bring back the couple and their two servants after one month. However, Mai An Tiem had no intention of retracting his words.

Mai An Tiem, Co Ba and the two servants found themselves in an inhospitable location with not a sign of human life. The waves lapped against a sandy beach next to a strip of barren land, bordered by dense forest, with hills in the distance. After several hours searching for a place in which to shelter for the night, they came upon a shallow stream running from the direction of the hills. The

water was so clear that every pebble on the stream bed could be seen. On the other side of the stream was the entrance to a cave. "Let's use the cave as a shelter," Mai An Tiem suggested. "It will protect us from the weather and animals." Tired and hungry, they cleared a small area, then lit a fire and cooked some of the food that they had brought along with them. Darkness fell, and the women rested while Mai An Tiem and Man took turns to guard the entrance to the cave. Next morning, Mai An Tiem and Man set off to explore the island. Not far away, they found a large stand of bamboo. They immediately took out the knife and began to make traps for hunting and nets for fishing. Co Ba and Mo collected mounds of dry leaves and used them to make soft cushions on which to sleep. When the other two returned at sunset, a hearty meal was waiting for them.

They soon settled into a routine, with Mai An Tiem and Man going out to hunt for food every day and Co Ba and Mo wandering along the stream gathering fruits and nuts. In the evenings, the four would sit around the fireplace, cooking and talking. The men preserved meat and carved tools out of bones. The women used threads from their tattered clothing to sew new garments out of animal skins. Co Ba's smooth hands soon became hardened by work. Mai An Tiem's white skin grew dark from the wind and sun, but their muscles were firm and their bodies were healthier than ever.

A few years passed and the four were so used to life on the island they rarely thought of the mainland. One day, after they had been on the island for seven years, Mai An Tiem walked to the ocean to check his nets for fish. As he stepped out of the woods onto the barren ground near the beach, he disturbed a flock of birds. Mai An Tiem noticed that the sandy ground where the birds had rested was scattered with shiny black seeds. He didn't know what kind of seeds they were, but he buried them, hoping they would grow into something of use.

Life was very busy for Mai An Tiem and he completely forgot about the seeds. It was not until many months later, on one of the hottest days of the year, that he noticed a patch of strange plants growing in that spot. The plants grew close to the ground, and Mai An Tiem knelt down to look. Under the leaves, he saw an enormous fruit resting on the ground. Smooth and green, it looked like a melon but was larger than any melon he had ever seen. He cut it in half and discovered a deep red pulp dotted with shiny black seeds.

He scooped out a small piece and tasted it. The fruit was sweet, fragrant and full of juice. As he swallowed, he felt his mouth and throat and stomach grow cool. The heat of the day seemed less oppressive. Mai An Tiem hurried home with one

of the enormous fruits. They decided to call the fruit 'red melon' after its bright red colour – we know it as 'watermelon'.

That afternoon, Mai An Tiem and Man gathered the seeds of the fruit to use to plant another crop. Then Mai An Tiem had an idea. Taking a dozen or so of the finest melons, he carved his name and the location of the island into their rinds. Then he released them into the ocean and waited. Although the island was deserted, it was not far from a busy shipping lane. Soon, several merchant ships pulled the melons from the sea. The sailors also loved the delicious fruit, and followed the instructions on the rinds to reach the island, hoping to find more of it. When they met Mai An Tiem, they offered to buy the fruit. Instead of money, he asked for fabric, salt, tea, and other goods they had not been able to make for themselves on the island. The sailors agreed. As news of the melons spread, people from the mainland came to the island to ask if they could stay and help with the planting and harvesting. The population began to grow and the island became famous for its special red melons.

It was only a matter of time before a servant presented the king with a piece of the bright red fruit. It tasted so good that the king enquired about its origin. When he heard the story about the remote island, he thought of Mai An Tiem and Co Ba. His anger had abated and he ordered his soldiers to go to the island and bring his son and daughter home. When the couple arrived, the king hardly recognised them. Mai An Tiem had grown into a powerful man. The once delicate Co Ba was now a strong and healthy woman. The king felt happiness and regret at the same time. Now he recognised the truth of Mai An Tiem's words all those years ago. Wealth didn't matter. All the wealth in the kingdom could not have bought such strong bodies and healthy minds. No riches could have purchased the happiness that shone from those faces.

The king realised that Mai An Tiem had the wisdom necessary to be a great leader and named him heir to the throne. Under Mai An Tiem's reign, the kingdom was peaceful and prosperous. Man and Mo stayed on the island and turned melon farming into a hugely successful enterprise. Traders came from near and far to buy the fruit.

*Vietnam exports a variety of everyday and exotic fruit. The main fresh fruit exports are watermelon, dragon fruit (pitaya), litchi, longan, mangoes, rambutan and bananas.*

*There are over 1,000 varieties of watermelon in the world, with weights ranging from less than 1 lb to over 150 lb.*

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## Co-incidence...or what?

Before our recent evening organ recital by Philip Rushforth of Chester Cathedral, I took some publicity to a lunchtime recital there in the hope of attracting some of Philip's regular clientele. After the recital, I spent the rest of the day at the Chester Record Office looking up the family of my great-grandmother Jane Godley (née Roberts) who was born in Chester. I already knew the names of her parents and siblings from the census entries available on the Ancestry website.

My great-grandparents were married in March 1860 at the New Connexion Methodist Chapel in Pepper Street, Chester, and I had therefore assumed that great-grandmother's family were methodists. However, after some searching I found the birth and baptism dates for all except her eldest brother, (who was born in Bala, Merionethshire), and these baptisms all took place at the church of Holy Trinity in Chester, now demolished. There were three boys and five girls altogether. As my great-grandparents' first child was baptised in 1861 at St Oswald's in Chester (actually the south aisle of the cathedral), the reason for their marriage in a Methodist church still remains a mystery.

I have yet to follow up her parents' marriage at Bala, and the baptism of the eldest boy there. Her mother seems to have died in Chester in 1868, and the second son disappears from census records after 1841, so I assume he died in Chester while still young. Hopefully, their burials will be recorded somewhere in Chester, and will be the subject of a further visit to the Record Office.

There are, however, two connections with Bolton. I already knew that one of great-grandmother's sisters had an illegitimate daughter (Emma Roberts), who by 1881 was in domestic service as nursemaid to the children of a family living at *Hollinhurst*, Chorley New Road. The following year she was married to Richard Richardson Haddock of Bolton at Bolton Register Office, and they soon emigrated to Australia, where they settled in Brisbane for the remainder of their lives. One of their great-grandsons is now assistant conductor and composer-in-residence at the Sydney Opera House!

After my great-grandparents' marriage and the birth in Chester of their first child (*my*

grandfather was actually their seventh child) they moved first to Liverpool and then to Eccles. But most of great-grandmother's siblings (and their father) also seem to have moved to the Liverpool area after their mother's death. In trying to trace them on Ancestry, I found that the youngest brother (John Robert Roberts) had married at the age of 20 in 1870, but I could only find his wife in Liverpool on the 1871 census.

Eventually, I found John Robert Roberts recorded as a lodger at 23 Churchgate, Bolton. He had *not* deserted his wife, but was there in connection with his work, his occupation being described as "organ-builder" (a colleague was also lodging at the same address). This discovery, coupled with their lodgings so close to the parish church, leads me to think that they were working for the Liverpool branch of Gray & Davison, builders of the 1852 organ, who would at that time be preparing to re-install the old organ in the newly completed Parish Church, ready for its consecration on St Peter's Day, 1871.

J R Roberts seems to have worked for one of the Manchester organ-building firms later in the 1870s, as his second son was born there, and his first wife's death was recorded in Manchester in 1878. Two years later he re-married in Liverpool, and the whole family are recorded at a Liverpool address in the 1881 census. What happened after that is so far a complete mystery, as none of them are shown in the 1891 or 1901 returns. Another case of emigration, perhaps? However, I do have memories of a cousin of my mother's (second son of the boy baptised at St Oswald's Chester in 1861) telling me about forty-five years ago that there had been an organ-builder somewhere in the family, and at last I seem to have found him.

*Geoffrey Dowling*

### **Sunday Morning Coffee Rota**

Due to illness, there will be a vacancy on the Coffee Rota from 1st January 2011.

Would any one like to join the rota? Three is ideal, but two works well, as there are always people willing to help with table-clearing etc.

Please contact the Administrator if you can help. Men especially welcome!

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,  
but the night is as clear as the day: the  
darkness and light to thee are both alike.

Psalm 139

Remember this – that there is a proper  
dignity and proportion to be observed in  
the performance of every act of life.

Marcus Aurelius

Light after darkness, gain after loss,  
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;  
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,  
Home after wandering, praise after tears.  
Sheaves after sowing, sun after rain,  
Sight after mystery, peace after pain;  
Joy after sorrow, calm after blast,  
Rest after weariness, sweet rest at last.  
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,  
Love after loneliness, life after tomb;  
After long agony, rapture of bliss –  
Right was the pathway leading to this.

Frances Ridley Havergal

Let not fears your course impede;  
Great your strength if great your  
need.

Henry Kirke White

Still we say as we go, -  
"Strange to think by the way,  
Whatever there is to know,  
That we shall know one day."

Dante Gabriel Rossetti

O Holy night! From thee I learn to bear  
What man has borne before.  
Thou layest thy finger on the lips of Care  
And they complain no more.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

As we grow older,  
the beauty steals inward.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Do not speak unless you can improve on the silence.

Spanish Proverb

Consider and act with reference to the  
true ends of existence. The world is but  
the vestibule of an immortal life. Every  
action touches on some chord that will  
vibrate in eternity.

Frederic Chopin

In men whom men pronounce as ill,  
I find so much of goodness still;  
In men whom men pronounce divine,  
I find so much of sin and blot;  
I hesitate to draw the line  
Between the two, where God has not.

Joaquin

### From the Parish Records:

#### September 2010

##### Baptisms:

19 September Alfie Munro Goodram

##### Weddings:

4 September *Wedding Blessing:*  
Iain Jones & Lisa Wilson

25 September Matthew Cheston &  
Anna Capparelli

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Parish Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer  
Tuesday 12:30 p.m. Holy Communion  
Wednesday 12.30 p.m. Healing & Wholeness  
Thursday 12.00 p.m. Holy Communion

Other Holy Days - Holy Communion as announced

For Baptisms and Weddings please contact the Lecturer on 01204 522226.

For funerals please contact the Vicar on 01204 522226.

Church is open from Tuesday to Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. for private prayer and visitors.