

July August

2007



JULY:

1st	ST. PETER and ST. PAUL Acts 12. 1-11 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16. 13-19	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
8th	TRINITY 5 Isaiah 66. 10-14 Galatians 6. 7-16 Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
15th	TRINITY 6 Deuteron. 30. 9-14 Colossian. 1. 1-14 Luke 10. 25-37	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
22nd	ST. MARY MAGDALENE Solomon 3. 1-4 2 Corinth. 5. 14-17 John 20. 1-2, 11-18	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
29th	TRINITY 8 Genesis 18. 20-32 Colossian. 2. 6-15 Luke 11. 1-13	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.



AUGUST:

5th	TRANSFIGURATION Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1. 16-19 Luke 9. 28-36	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.
12th	TRINITY 10 Genesis 15. 1-6 Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12. 32-40	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY 18th AUGUST 2007 – ST. ALBAN'S SUMMER FÊTE

19th	TRINITY 11			Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.
	Jeremiah	22.	23-29	Sung Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
	Hebrews	11.	29-12.2		
	Luke	12.	49-56		
26th	ST. BARTHOLOMEW			Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.
	Acts	5.	12-16	Sung Eucharist	10.30 a.m.
	1 Corinth.	4.	9-15		
	Luke	22.	24-30		

NOTES:

SUNDAY SERVICES for July and August are as listed above.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is on holiday, and starts again in late August.

COFFEE is served after the 10.30 a.m. Sunday Service.

CHOIR PRACTICE takes place every Sunday Morning before the Sung Eucharist.

New choir members are always welcome. Contact Peter Rohling: 33 25 00 74.



Dear Friends,

We have four weddings in July at St. Alban's. I often tell couples being married that a good bit of advice through the years is to keep doing three things: to keep saying to one another "I'm sorry", "I forgive you" and "I love you". Ogden Nash put it another way: "To keep your marriage brimming with love in the loving cup, if you're ever wrong admit it and if you're ever right shut up!" I also tell the congregation at a wedding that a good way to celebrate the wedding is to tell your own loved one sometime today that you love him or her - especially if you haven't for a while. Don't forget!

It is good to know that people are enjoying the Cinema Club. The next trip is on 3rd July - keep your ears open for more details or give me a call to find out what the film is this month, and where to meet up.

I am delighted that on 8th July we welcome Peter Wrede as the preacher at the 10.30 Eucharist. Peter is a retired priest of the *Evangelischen Kirche in Deutschland* and a regular member of our Bible Study and Wednesday congregation. It is always a treat for me to hear a sermon that isn't my own! On 12th August we also welcome The Rev'd Mark Kenny as the preacher. Mark was my curate in London and is visiting Copenhagen that weekend. He is Head of Religious Studies at Francis

Holland Girls' School in London and always has challenging and interesting things to say.

It was wonderful having the visiting church choir from Watford with us on the Feast of Pentecost. St. Augustine once said that the one who sings prays twice. It certainly enriches an act of worship to have quality music. We are very fortunate to have Peter, and his deputies, on the organ at St Alban's and to have such a dedicated choir. If any of you would like to join the St. Alban's choir please do have a word with Peter - men are especially welcome. Don't hold back but come and try it...

On Sunday 12th August at 12.45 a very talented 16 year old boy, Edward Dean, from Lancing College is to give a small organ concert in St. Alban's after the service. I do hope many of you will be able to stay and hear his skill.

August, of course, sees the Summer Bazaar on 18th. Maria, Jean and Katie are busy and hard at work and need all the help they can get to make the day as successful as it has been in the past. I do ask you, then, to read their notice in this Newsletter and to offer your help in any way you can as preparation or on the day - from working on a stall to helping with the tents - so that this vital fundraiser is also a great day of fun for us and for all our visitors.

The great German priest, who died at the hands of the Nazis, Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote: "You know what has been the trouble with our ministry over the centuries? We haven't been sufficiently concerned that people enjoy themselves in life and as a result we were not sensitive enough to the pain and suffering people endure in life." It seems vital to me that a church such as ours should both be a place where we enjoy ourselves, and welcome others in to join us in that enjoyment, and that we should be a place where loose ends and human pain can also be met with compassion, practical help and understanding. As the Summer comes upon us let us be as resolved as ever to be such a community for this great city and country in which we have the privilege to live.

Your priest and friend,

MARK.

**CHAPLAIN'S DIARY
July and August 2007**

Mark is NOT away from the Chaplaincy during July and August

NEWSLETTER NEWS

This Newsletter is a double issue for July-August 2007. The next Newsletter is the September issue for which the deadline for material to reach me is August 15th (newsletter@st-albans.dk):

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ST ALBAN'S SUMMER FÊTE

Saturday 18th August 2007, 10.00 – 17.00

Do you enjoy good food, music, fun and games, do you enjoy browsing through stalls, picking up a book or two, looking at some truly wonderful embroidered and handcrafted gifts, making a find amongst the attic treasures, stocking up on marmalades and jellies for the year or just spending some time with friends old and new? Then come and join us on the August 18th.

There are lots of things laid on, with dancers, singers and musicians there to amuse you both in and out of the church and much to see and do. There are games to play and of course that most international of barbecues in town. So, mark your diaries, spread the word, and bring your friends.

As everyone knows these sorts of things don't just happen and would not be possible without the support and commitment of so many of our congregation. This year, as always, an enthusiastic band of helpers has stepped forward to head up the individual stalls, and they are keen for any offers to help on, or before the day. We are always happy to welcome 'old' and 'new' volunteers. Contact details of the individual stallholders can be found on the Fête Notice Board in Church or from one of the organisers/overall coordinators, who will also be willing to answer any questions or queries that you might have.

Home produce and Church gifts	Jane Hansen	
Glass and Crystal	Carole Rasmussen	
Used Books	Charles Robson	
Gifts	Edith Elwert	
Games and Amusement tent	Nigel, the Mills family and assorted children	
Attic Treasures	Janet and Judy Kamara	
Refreshments	Jean Gram Andersen	
	Chris Moore	
	Raymond Shannon	
Guardians	Chris and Nini Leigh	
Publicity / Information	Claire Clausen, Linda Jensen, Jocelyn Hird and John Mills	
Treasurer	Nils Mortensen	
Tents, storage and site team	Katie Robson	
Legalities, electricity and tower team	Nigel Rowley	
Overall Coordinators,	Jean Gram Andersen	39 56 51 87
entertainments	Maria Mortensen	36 16 34 03
and etceteras	Katie Robson	39 61 39 71

If there is any help you can give please sign up or get in touch with us.

Your church needs You!

Fete Goods Drop Off:

From August, most things can be dropped off in the Church:

Jams and Marmalades etc. in the sink room.

Gifts, Attic Treasures and Books in the crypt or direct to Katie or Maria.

If you need help with transport please contact Katie.

Cakes and perishable goodies please bring them on the day or the afternoon before.

FROM PETER AND MARGARET BARTON

Most of you will already know that Margaret Barton has made a miraculous recovery from her critical illness. When Margaret was too ill to even read her Bible she felt herself supported and lifted up by your prayers. Margaret continues to grow in strength, and plans are now on for a visit to Yorkshire in July and to the USA in August.

Peter and Margaret wish to express their sincere thanks to all the congregation for their friendship and prayerful support.

PENTECOST WEEKEND

To celebrate Pentecost has always been somewhat of a mystery to me. I have never been able to grasp nor begin to understand what happened that 50th day after Easter.

In my childhood at home, Whitsun was “celebrated” with outings and picnics, and staying up late to see the sun dance on Whitsun morning. It was the time when you wore white and in a way marked the beginning of something new and fresh.

Then I read about the plans for the Pentecost Vigil to be kept in Church on Saturday 26th May. “Vigil” – I’ve attended the Easter Vigils, but why keep a vigil at Pentecost?? I had to find out. I further read it was going to be an alternative service, and somehow, that expression often brings out the worst expectations in me – I was determined to prove myself wrong. And I’m so glad I made the effort.

The Church was “dressed” in Red – the first surprise. Red flowers at the pulpit, red and bright orange flowers on the altar (big amaryllises, which are also known as “the four corners of the earth”: very apt in this connection, I think), red antependium, and all the candles were lit as well. Red and orange to symbolize fire and flames, and the setting was just right for that very special service we were to experience.

About 25 people had come, and we all sat in the choir stalls. A small group from the congregation and Rygårds School formed the “alternative” choir with keyboard and guitar as accompaniment.

We went through a reading from Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2, verses 1–21 (same text as the first reading on Whit Sunday.) At first the whole text was read in its entirety, and it was then divided into four parts with a reflection on each passage in turn: Wind and Flame, Languages, Dreams and Visions, Baptism. In

between the readings and reflections we sang some modern hymns, very well led by the small choir.

Mark had brought a candlestick with deep red candles – to remind us of the nine fruits of the Spirit, as Paul listed them: Love – Joy – Peace – Patience – Kindness – Goodness – Faithfulness – Gentleness – Self-Control (Galatians 5. 22). As each candle was lit, we prayed in silence for anyone, or anything that needed that special gift. The reflections slowly led us through the meaning of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit to work in each of us and to make us see more clearly and to make us understand more fully, and to make us communicate across different languages and teach us to speak the language of God. The Holy Spirit gathered the scattered flock and enabled them to spread the Gospel in a language understood by all.

We had now come to the prayers, which were said in many different languages: Swahili, Hindi, Korean, Iranian, Danish and Hebrew. Each person translated his/her own prayer into English as well, but it was an incredible experience to listen to so many languages – although you didn't understand what was said at first, the message shone through, nevertheless. It was a very intense experience. We finished the prayers by saying Our Lord's Prayer in our own mother tongue – very powerful to listen to so many voices in foreign languages, all murmuring the first prayer which our Lord has taught us.

After the last reflection on Baptism, we shared the baptismal water and were marked with the sign of the cross on our forehead – entrusting us all with the message: God forgives you – forgive others – forgive yourself. We were sent away, as indeed we are every Sunday, to go out and preach His word in the assurance of His eternal love for us all.

The Pentecost Vigil was very real to me that evening and I went away that Saturday night with a tear in my eye, feeling I had taken a small step forward towards a deeper understanding of the way God works in us all.

I came to the Sunday service a little wiser. The red and orange colours, emphasized by Mark's red chasuble, served as a strong reminder of one of my favourite hymns: Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fireThe Pentecost service was back in its usual frame, but the fire was still burning in us from the Saturday Vigil, and the Church was full – packed – with people from all over the world, coming together and listening to God's word in the language we all understand: that of hope, forgiveness, and love.

These were indeed two moving Pentecost services.

Lis Rasmussen.



REGISTRAR'S REPORT

BIRTH:

27th May 2007

Patrick and Malene Friend are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, WILLIAM JACOB, who arrived in the early hours of the morning at 01.07

BAPTISMS:

6th MAY 2007

KRISTIAN VALENTINE HVIDBRO-MITCHELL
son of
Maiken and Simon James Hvidbro-Mitchell

EMILY RØNNING BROOKS
daughter of
Lone Rønning Brooks and Daniel James Brooks

17th June 2007

ROMEO ANDREAS MEROLLI
son of
Ann-Sophie Peebles and Giuliano Merolli.

BLESSINGS:

9th MAY 2007

SARAH ELISABETH TIPPER APGAR
and
BENJAMIN DARDEN SMITH

16th JUNE 2007

FIONA JULIE ALEXANDRA SALICATH
and
ETIENNE DOMINIQUE STEWART PRONGUÉ

WEDDING:

19th MAY 2007

PIA NIELSEN
and
PAUL ROBERT REDBOURN

FUNERAL:

6th JUNE 2007

EMANUEL NDUBUISI OKEKE

Lis Rasmussen.

TO DARE TO CARE

A bowed head weighed down with woe.
All the troubles of the world hanging there
But do I dare to care?

I wanted to reach out and lift that head.
Help to lighten the heavy load.
But do I dare to care?

While reaching out to that hanging head
I paused, stopped by a haunting thought.
Will they dare to share?

AUCTION OF PROMISES

We now have 20 "promises", and some of them are very interesting – but more are needed. There are still lots of possibilities. Maybe you have something at home that you never use, which you could donate. Maybe you are making something for the summer fête and could "double up" as a donation for the auction. Maybe you could donate your time to do pc-fixing, gardening or something else you are good at.

Promise	Donor	Comments
Dinner for 4 with the chaplain	Mark Oakley	
Bell-ringing lesson (45 min.)	Siff Pors	Minimum age 10 years
5 hours driving (not necessarily all in one go)	Rosemary Bohr	e.g. a carless person has a visitor and wants to take them to Helsingør, lift to a hospital etc.
Bottle of Jacquesson & Fils champagne	Pauleen Bang	
An evenings babysitting	Dorothy Ocanda	4-5 hours
Website package + help to install	Ed Cerullo	
Bottle of Irish whisky	Anne-Marie Tetsche Sweeney	
Watercolour by Maudaunt Parker	Anonymous	Reserve price applies
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Christmas cake	Jean Gram Andersen	
Case of wine	Lis Rasmussen	
Hand painted glasses	Jean Gram Andersen	
Window cleaning (3 hours)	Lucky Yaru	
Baileys Irish Cream	June Woolrych	
Matisse poster from Louisiana 2005	Ulla Monberg	
Dinner for up to 6 at your home	Brendan Edwards	You buy the food, Brendan does the work
Sailing trip on the Robson's boat	Robson family	Max. 4 persons
Food allergy test	Chris Moore	More information to follow
Bottle of Gammel Dansk	Joan Alsing Andersen	
Decorative platter with peacock	Joan Alsing Andersen	40 cm diameter

Tony Wedgwood has kindly agreed to be auctioneer for the occasion. Nils Mortensen will keep track of the money and announce the proceeds at the end of the auction.

During the summer (between Newsletters) I will make sure that an updated list of "promises" is on the notice board in the narthex, which I hope will inspire you. There will also be a form to fill in, if you wish to donate something.

On the day of the auction (6th October at Søborg church hall), please bring a cheque book (or cash). If you cannot be there on the day, but are interested in

bidding for one of the "promises", you can leave a "sealed bid" with Nils or me beforehand. A "sealed bid" is an envelope with cheque made out to the church for the maximum amount you wish to bid, together with your name and contact details and the lot number of the item you wish to bid for (nearer the day a final list will be published, where each item will have a lot number). The auctioneer will be aware of the sealed bids for each item and will "bid" for you. If you are lucky, you may get the item for less than your maximum.

As before, you can contact me with your "promises", preferably by e-mail (dpae@post7.tele.dk). I can also be contacted by telephone (33 25 45 15 - leave a message if I am not there) or in church. Alternatively, you can fill in the form on the notice board in the narthex.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Pauleen Bang.

THE CHAPLAIN ´S BOOK REVIEW

In the Country of Men

Hisham Matar, Penguin paperback, 2007



Nine-year old Suleiman lives in Tripoli. It is 1979 and he is waking up to the shadows of the world. He is a boy who enjoys playing with his friends and who, like most children, takes his parents and home for granted. One day, however, he sees his father in the market square wearing dark glasses. His father is supposed to be away on business. He realises that the wider world is a place where the ones you love most can lie to you and where your questions go unanswered.

Suleiman turns to his mother and she shares her own childhood secrets with him. In doing so the boy begins to turn into a man and his mother into a vulnerable girl. At the same time, the Libyan political regime is harsh and cruel. Suleiman sees things on TV and in his own life that he begins to comprehend. It frightens him – especially as this cruelty seems to be creeping like a panther towards his own life and family.

The fragility of our relating and the ways we can try and protect each other, which can ultimately hurt us more, are poignantly captured by Hisham Matar who, born in New York to Libyan parents, spent his own childhood in Tripoli and then Cairo, before now living in London. The writing is lyrical and the prose is paced beautifully. It is a novel that explores childhood, exile, fear, suffering, mistrust, rage – but perhaps most of all, love. The novel hints that it is this might be the only thing that can see us through all the rest.

This is Matar ´s first novel. It is tender, assured and compelling. Buy it for the beach but be prepared to carry the memory of it around for a while longer.

ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

At the start, people were rather slow in returning the application forms for the Electoral Roll. However, by the deadline of 8th April, we had received 145 Electoral Roll Application forms. Five applicants were ineligible – they had been ordained and therefore cannot be included. One applicant died before the deadline and his name was removed.

Therefore as at 8th April, 2007, the number of eligible names on the Electoral Roll stood at 139.

We received 79 renewals, and 60 new applications. Quite a number of people on the old list had moved away, and some chose not to renew for various reasons.

The oldest applicant was born in 1913 and the youngest was from 1989. We have representatives from the following countries: Australia, Austria, Bulgaria/Denmark, Canada, Canada/Denmark, China, Denmark, India/Denmark, Kenya, New Zealand, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, UK, UK/Canada, UK/Denmark, USA.

It is not too late to have your name included on the Electoral Roll. There are forms in the Narthex, and you can contact Mark Oakley or me.

Linda Jensen.

BEATITUDES FOR THE AGED

Blessed are they who understand
my faltering steps and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who looked away
when coffee was spilled on the table today.
Blessed are they with a cheery smile
who stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say
“You’ve told me that story twice today”.
Blessed are they who know the way
To bring back memories of yesterday.
Blessed are they who make it known
I’m loved, respected and not alone.
Blessed are they who ease the days
on my journey home in loving ways.

(From a notice-board in a hospital)



WORLD CHURCH FOCUS -ARGENTINA

With an area of 2,777,000 sq km, Argentina is Latin America's second largest country. Sharing borders with Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, and Uruguay, it is a country of diverse terrain. Nearly 2,500 miles long from the subtropical north to the subantarctic south, it includes part of the Andes mountain range, swamps, the large plains of the Pampas, and a long coastline. Its experience as a nation is no less diverse – just in the past 50 years, Argentina has had to struggle with military dictatorship, instability in both civil and military governments, a lost war over the Falkland Islands (*Islas Malvinas*), tens of thousands of citizens mysteriously disappearing in the 1970s and 1980s (the so called “dirty war” waged by ‘government sponsored’ death squads), and severe economic difficulties despite abundant natural resources.

A deep recession foreshadowed economic collapse in 2001, causing a social crisis. By 2003, recovery was under way, but despite some improvement, at least 53% of Argentina's 40.27 million population live below the poverty line. The middle-class has largely lost its affluent way of life; the poor have become destitute; and children have died of hunger. Low standards and corrupt and wasteful management also threaten public health and education. The resulting discontent often leads to protests and frequent traffic chaos in the centre of Buenos Aires, as well as an increase in crime and burgeoning shanty towns. Tourism, however, is a success story with record numbers of foreigners coming here to take advantage of bargain prices, a European-style culture, an excellent climate and the spectacular sights.

Although there has long been religious freedom, Argentina is a Roman Catholic country, and even where Argentineans are not practising Catholics, its traditions still influence culture. Other denominations developed through both missionary endeavour and immigrant groups setting up churches, and include Pentecostal, Baptist, Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist and Orthodox churches. Pentecostal churches almost outnumber all the other non-RC churches put together, and show the largest numerical growth. There has been an Anglican presence in Argentina since 1824, and there are currently two dioceses. The Diocese of Northern Argentina is a traditional area of mission work among indigenous peoples, although it now also includes flourishing congregations in several cities. The Diocese of Argentina, is larger geographically, covering 77% of the country and 87% of the population, but has a smaller number of congregations – only 12, all in the central belt from Buenos Aires to the cities of Rosario, Córdoba and Mendoza to the west. There are also isolated Anglicans in Patagonia. However, its continued presence, its impressive St John's Cathedral in Buenos Aires, its good name as a ‘traditional’ church, and its social work (including a large soup-kitchen run from the Cathedral) have made it quite well-known. The Cathedral has worked alongside homeless people since 1989, and was a founding member of *SIPAM*, an ecumenical network of Anglican, RC and Methodist churches working together to provide support to those living on the city's streets. On any given day, *SIPAM* works with approximately 2,000 men and women through its various feeding, social and training projects, but this is only a fraction of Buenos Aires' homeless people.

Information compiled in June 2007 from various sources, by Revd. Mary J. Vickers,

IS LOVE ALL YOU NEED?

“All you need is love! De-de-de-de-de!” sang the Beatles in the scintillating 60’s. My version of that song is: “All you need is RESPECT! De-de-de-de-de! Of course, it doesn’t sound quite as catchy as the Beatles’ version.

A lot of things can grow from respect: friendship, trust, tolerance, patience, generosity (you can add to the list yourselves), and of course love.

I was told that respect is a very difficult thing to create and nurture, but it may not be as difficult as it may seem!

It helps a lot to realise that every single person on this planet have three things in common:

1. Nobody chose to be born.
2. Nobody chose WHERE they were born.
3. We all happen to be together on this planet NOW!

It simply means that everybody could have been anybody anywhere at any time! The persecutor could just as well be the persecuted.

Respect is the ability to turn things around, to realise that the person standing next to me can’t possibly be: like me; believe in the same things as me; react in the same way as me; have the same experiences as me and so on. It’s a fact of Nature! Nature thrives on diversity. A world where everything was the same would be doomed to extinction.

There are many stories demonstrating lack of respect: the white patient in a hospital who refuses to be treated by a black doctor; the white parishioner who refuses to take communion from a black priest; the dictators who have no respect for the poor and destitute in their own countries; the motorist who won’t let another motorist on a side road come into the stream of traffic.

One just has to imagine how it feels to be on the receiving end of “lack of respect”.

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!” rather than “do unto others BEFORE they do unto you!”

“All you need is respect! De-de-de-de-de!”

A bit more catchy now perhaps!

Stephen Brawls.



BRENDAN EDWARDS

After four-years of study Brendan is now a qualified Caterer! CONGRATULATIONS



LOOK TOWARDS THE 'SUN'

Tall are the trees that strive
For the sun.
Dense is the foliage.
How proud they stand,
Giving oxygen to those around,
Offering protection for those below,
Sheltering the weak
Supporting the succulent,
A house for the birds
Who choose to build their homes in the branches.

If the tree hadn't looked towards the sun
It would be none of these things today.

Turn your face to the Son,
Let Him feed you with His light,
That you may be a breath of fresh air
And a helping hand
To those around you,
Supporting the weak and
Offering hospitality gladly
In Jesus' name.

God loves to take a walk in the forest
To enjoy His creation.
Be a part of it.
Look towards the light and grow.

Shirley.

BJØRN'S INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Bjørn's International School is a small and friendly school in Copenhagen, offering a quality education for children from Kindergarten through 9th grade. Students from throughout the world attend Bjørn's International School and follow either an English or Danish curriculum.

Bjørn's International School is partially subsidized by the state and adheres to the national standards and qualifications for schools in Denmark. Those students who plan to live in Denmark for at least four years and enroll in the Danish-speaking Department will receive an education that follows the Danish School Curriculum.

Upon graduating from Bjørn's International School, students in the English-speaking Department will have followed the curriculum requirements of the IGSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education). The students will have had the opportunity of taking the IGCSE examinations in up to six subjects (English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, and Art and Design).

The Danish and English departments are frequently combined so there is constant interaction between the students in both departments.

Please feel free to contact the school and arrange a time for a visit. We would be happy to answer your questions and show you the school.

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School Leader: Pia Drabowicz

MORDAUNT PARKER

Two watercolour paintings by Mordaunt Parker [1891–1970] are amongst the items offered in the “Auction of Promises” on 6th October at Søborg Church Hall. The framed paintings have Gloucestershire motives, one a landscape (30 × 45 cm) and the other a stone-built house (35 × 48 cm). While well-known during his lifetime, his paintings rarely appear on the market today. The present owner was brought up by Mordaunt Parker after his father died when he was only 12, and he inherited these and other paintings when his guardian died in 1970. Mordaunt Parker painted murals on religious subjects for a number of churches in England, and his last Exhibition at Michelham Priory in 1970 raised a substantial sum for a campaign in aid of East Sussex Churches. It is this connection with the church that has prompted the owner to donate two of Mordaunt Parker’s paintings to St. Alban’s Church. At the auction there will be a reserve of 1500 kr. on each painting, but all proceeds will go to St. Alban’s.

Mordaunt Parker painted mainly in watercolours but also in oils, and exhibited regularly from 1923 until his death. Works by Mordaunt Parker were included in exhibitions at, amongst others, the Royal Academy, the Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours, the Royal Society of British Artists, and the Society of Graphic Artists. A painting of St. Paul’s surrounded by bomb-damaged buildings was purchased by the City of London in 1949, and 23 watercolours of post-war London were subsequently acquired by the Guildhall permanent collection. After his death, Dover Corporation bought a set of his oil paintings of Dover Castle.

Editor.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE – FEAST DAY JULY 22nd

It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint both of repentant sinners and of the contemplative life.

Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberias in Galilee. She became his follower to the bitter end. She followed him to Jerusalem and was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint his body on the Sunday morning.

Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid: it gave her a unique privilege among all mankind: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. At first she thought He was the gardener.

Mary Magdalene has sometimes been identified with the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon (Luke 7.37). Over the centuries many artists have painted this scene. Mary Magdalene's feast has been kept in the West since the 8th century. England has 187 ancient churches dedicated to her, as well as a College in both Oxford and Cambridge.

THE TRANSFIGURATION – CELEBRATED ON THE SUNDAY NEAREST AUGUST 6th

The story is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36). It was a time when Jesus' ministry was popular, when people were seeking him out. But on this day, He made time to take Peter, James and John, his closest disciples, up a high mountain. In the fourth century, Cyrillic of Jerusalem identified it as Mount Tabor (and there is a great church up there today), but others believe it more likely to have been one of the three spurs of Mount Hermon, which rises to about 9,000 feet, and overlooks Caesarea Philippi.

High up on the mountain, Jesus was suddenly transfigured before his friends. His face began to shine as the sun, his garments became white and dazzling. Elijah and Moses, of all people, suddenly appeared, and talked with him. A bright cloud overshadowed the disciples.

Peter was staggered, but, enthusiast that he was – immediately suggested building three tabernacles on that holy place, one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. But God's 'tabernacling', God's dwelling with mankind, does not any longer depend upon building a shrine. It depends on the presence of Jesus, instead. And so a cloud covered them, and a voice spoke out of the cloud, saying that Jesus was his beloved son, whom the disciple should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our *listening* to Jesus.

The Eastern Churches have long held the Transfiguration as a feast as important as Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension and Pentecost. But it took a long time for the West to observe the Transfiguration. The feast starts appearing from the 11th and 12th centuries, and the Prayer Book included it among the calendar dates, but there was no liturgical provision for it until the 19th century.
