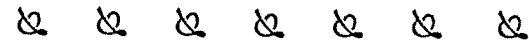


We are planning to repeat the pilgrimage next year at the beginning of May. If you would like to come please speak to me now, as we need to make arrangements soon.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Leonard Marsh



### CLERGY

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### SERVICES

#### All Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Evensong – sung on  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

#### Tuesdays (usually)

11.00 am Holy Communion

### All Saints Choir at St Paul's

By Brenda Allen

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May the senior choristers of All Saints had the opportunity to sing with the massed choirs at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the Royal School of Church Music area festival. It was an amazing event with, in total, 500 singers.

We arrived at the Cathedral at 1.30 to be met by Thomas, who directed us to the room allocated to us and three other choirs. Shortly after there was a 2-hour rehearsal in the Cathedral, after which we had a practice run of how we were to process into the Cathedral (quite a challenge for the organizers). After an half-hour break we put on our robes and gathered together to enter the Cathedral. I found this very emotional – one long procession of 500 people of all ages was quite something.

Some of the music was challenging, but Thomas gave up a lot of time to give us extra hours of rehearsal and always believed we could do it. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would have the opportunity to sing in a choir in a Cathedral, and it was a great privilege to be there.

Thank you, Thomas, for all you do – you made this opportunity possible and I, and all the other choristers, will never forget it.

### Saints of the Month: June.

9<sup>th</sup> St Columba. Founder of Iona and evangelist of many areas of Scotland. An Irish monk, he was described by his biographer Adamnan as “loving to every one, happy-faced, rejoicing in his inmost heart with the joy of the Holy Spirit”.

20<sup>th</sup> St Alban. First martyr of Britain and erstwhile contender for patron saint.

24<sup>th</sup> St John the Baptist. Contrary to the usual custom, this, his principal feast, commemorates his birth; his death by beheading is also observed, on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

29<sup>th</sup> Sts Peter and Paul. According to reliable tradition, Peter was martyred in Rome under the persecutions of the emperor Nero. Paul was martyred earlier, also at Rome, but the date is unknown.

### USPG - ANGLICANS IN WORLD MISSION

The latest news from USPG is that the Society has weathered the recent financial crisis has succeeded in meeting in full the promises made to partner churches for 2010 -but at a price. It has become necessary, for the foreseeable future, to limit support to two areas of work - developing leaders (which includes theological education) and working for health - always with the emphasis on the local church building up its own capacity. Sadly, this has meant staff redundancies, many of long-serving officers, as well as yet another move to smaller premises.

Bp. Michael Doe writes: 'I am grateful to our faithful supporters in Britain and Ireland on whom we depend to sustain relationships right across the world, and to help resource the churches that need it most, but always according to THEIR priorities rather than ours. I do regret that more and more parishes want to choose their own partners and projects, and so bypass mission agencies. But, as I've travelled round the country, I've also met so many people who have not given up on the greater global mission.' Michael retires as General Secretary of USPG later this year. His successor is Mrs. Janette O'Neill, the first woman ever to hold the post, and the first lay person since the early 18th century. Bp Michael concludes: 'I'm sure that under Janette's leadership the work will continue to go forward, and I pray that God will continue to bless USPG in its vocation to uphold Anglicans in world mission'. Bp Michael, as an Area Bishop in Southwark Diocese, will administer Confirmation here in All Saints' Church later this year.

As a supporting parish, we will soon be receiving information about some of the Society's ongoing work; but, meanwhile, here is a rather shocking report from Zimbabwe highlighting a serious problem in the Church there. USPG is standing by Anglicans who have been turned out of their churches, and seen the buildings themselves desecrated, with some even being turned into brothels. At the root of the problem is former bishop and Mugabe-supporter Norbert Kunonga, who was excommunicated by the Anglican Province of Central Africa in 2007, and who then set himself up in opposition to the Anglican Church in Harare, calling on the police to prevent former congregations from entering their churches by using tear gas and threatening violence.

The current Bishop of Harare, Chad Gandiwa, until recently a member of USPG Home Staff, reports: 'We get very very concerned and angry! The most shocking news from reliable sources that boggles the mind is that two of our churches are being used as brothels. When we eventually go back, we will have to cleanse all our church buildings. Our sacred space is daily being desecrated'.

According to Zimbabwe website 'News Day', the Anglican Cathedral in Harare is being used by three private colleges. Another church has become a commercial creche and college, a second has been turned into a 'phone shop, a third into a sewing shop. A court order issued in March 2010 ruled that Anglican buildings should be shared by Kunonga and the Diocese of Harare- but Kunonga ignored the ruling.

Bp Chad goes on: 'We continue to be encouraged by the faithfulness and commitment of the people of our diocese despite the challenges that they face daily. The church is continuing to grow'. And Canon Edgar Ruddock, of USPG's Home Staff, comments: 'God is certainly teaching the Anglicans in Harare that the church is not the buildings, but the people of God. Their continuing witness is a challenge to us all, and to how we view the Church in our own countries'.

Bp Chad, meanwhile, does not accept the situation tamely - he is fighting back by conducting services on the actual streets of the town of Harare itself! (See the picture on the next page)