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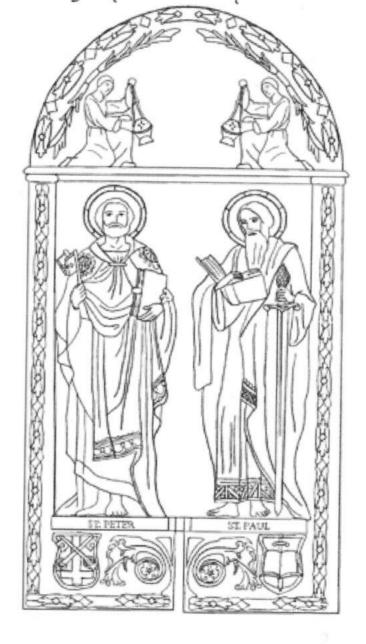
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- Saints Peter and Paul -



June + July + August 2016

Diary Dates ...

19th June

Mass for Healing
Sung Mass 10am

26th June

Confirmation of
Niniola Oyebode
by Bishop Tony Robinson
Sung Mass 10am

30th July

Parish Barbecue

Tickets available nearer

the date from the

Churchwardens

21st August

Assumpton of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sung Mass 10am

Fr Terry writes

HICTONAY!

Dear Friends,

Pentecost marks the close of the Easter Season and Paschaltide, which we have celebrated at St. Wilfrid's with great joy. Although we return to the ordinary liturgical season it is punctuated by great celebrations including Bishop Tony's visit to St. Wilfrid's on 26th June with confirmation; Petertide, traditionally the time for ordaining deacons and priests; and the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM on the 14th August. There are also the social events of the summer to look forward to including Bishop Tony's garden party, for members of Forward-in-Faith in Leeds on 18th June, and the Parish Barbeque on 30th July.

We, at St. Wilfrid's, have a lot to be thankful for this year. It was a source of great joy to hear at our annual meeting that we have paid all our Diocesan share for 2015, together with all our arrears. This spectacular turnaround in our financial affairs is due to the hard work of our PCC team. Elizabeth Demaine has worked tirelessly as our treasurer; Harry Bowden has renegotiated our electricity and gas charges as well as liaising with the Eritrean community who use our hall and worship in church. Paul Moran has been so successful in dealing with hall bookings that the hall is almost fully booked each day. Our new web-site constructed by Tom Ward has helped lots of people find St. Wilfrid's, putting us on their map. When we faced our financial crisis I asked you to pray about it. Completely unexpectedly a number of individuals approached

us, asked to hire our hall and this, coupled with your generosity, has brought about the remarkable turnaround in our finances; there's still lots of work to do but we are making headway. My point is that this is not a manmade success but the work of the Holy Spirit.

I now invite you to pray for our mission to the Parish of Harehills. Prayer is essential since a sense of mission doesn't arise from within ourselves but is something that wells up under the influence of the Holy Spirit; just as anyone entering St. Wilfrid's must first have been prompted by Him. Mission is God's work not ours. This doesn't involve us in changing, but, rather, becoming more Christ-like. For, in Christ, we become ourselves: God doesn't want to change us into someone else - that's what the world wants, hence advertising! The future might bring surprises and we must go forward in hope because that's the message of Easter. Christian hope is not powerless, wishful thinking but a hope founded in what has already been achieved through the powerful resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We can have hope and look forward in confidence because we are obedient to our Lord's teaching.

I was recently reminded of a saying of the Cure D'Ars (Jean-Baptist Marie Vianney, 1786-1859), the French Roman Catholic Priest ordained in 1815 and noted for his holiness and wisdom. When he encountered the devil he said, "Oh, it's you, I thought it was someone important, not someone who has already lost". The summer is an important time for recreation, not only for the body but the soul too.

May the joy of the risen Christ be with you always,

Fr. Terry

"Could we go on pilgrimage?"

It seems like the most likely answer when you have a 9-month-old baby would be 'no' but in fact, with a little planning, it can be 'yes'.

We were visiting Durham cathedral with our friend Vicky, a lecturer and researcher in medieval literature, when we made the decision to walk from Southwark to Canterbury. Vicky is well versed in the stories of Chaucer and the writings of Margery Kemp and so conversation easily shifted to the pilgrims of ancient times walking the well trodden routes to shrines and Cathedrals across the world. Why couldn't we give it a go too?

We spent the months leading up to our departure acclimatizing baby Wilfred to life on top of his Daddy's shoulders in a new back-pack, with walks of increasing length. Fortunately, nature is infinitely generous in its complexity and beauty so Wilfred found nothing but delight when bobbling along 6ft in the air watching the world go by.

We were going to be carrying all of our luggage with us on our backs and so we had to pack light: nappy quantities were carefully calculated, washing liquid was packed to allow for late night cleaning, the grown-ups relied on a very limited wardrobe. We booked Bed and Breakfasts along a carefully planned route (travel cots a must!) and scouted out potential lunchtime stops. We also ordered "Pilgrim Passports" from Canterbury Cathedral: churches along the ancient "Pilgrims' Way" provide stamps to mark in your passport as a memento of the journey.

A picnic blanket was packed to allow for al-fresco stop offs along the way so that Wilfred could stretch his legs and have a little snack. Finally, we decided that although we would start at Southwark Cathedral, we would catch the train out of London into Kent to avoid a day of walking through the London suburbs.

Southwark Cathedral was once a parish church But re-classified in the early 20th Century when the Diocese of Southwark came into being. It is small and its location next to London Bridge means it is utterly engulfed and over-shadowed by the modern buildings surrounding it. A fitting metaphor for the distractions of modern life, that was only amplified when we found out that it was closed. The television show 'Game of Thrones' was having a gala dinner for its 6th Series that evening and the whole Cathedral was being converted into a fantasy dining room. The production team had made the Cathedral 'an offer they couldn't refuse'. With no opportunity to go into the Cathedral, we set off on our pilgrimage slightly earlier than expected.

Our walks took us through stunning countryside, down chalky inclines, amongst woodlands carpeted with bluebells and over rickety stiles. We squeezed under overhanging branches (particularly difficult when your son's head is dangerously above the parapet of your head!), between hedgerows and through bizarrely narrow gates. We stayed in a range of establishments from stunningly perfect barn conversions to potentially haunted hostels furnished by the Salvation Army. We visited numerous churches along the way; some open, some closed, some welcoming, others less so, and took time to reflect.

I realised that many things are priceless – time with good friends, a welcoming word, well cooked vegetables, blister plasters and a good night's sleep to name but a few. The weather was perfect.

We walked slowly and reliably as the cars on the M2 and trains on HS1 careered past on either side of us. I saw how these ancient footpaths are only really kept alive by the feet that keep walking them - nature quickly takes them back if they are not used. We talked about how we would flee on foot if we ever needed to, and this brought new perspectives on the horror of displacement and how fortunate we really are.

We finally arrived in Canterbury, if not to the sound of trumpets and a thousand hurrahs, then at least to the delight of a few priests and a smartly dressed man in a kiosk. It felt like a great achievement, almost as if I had built the cathedral myself.

We travelled from a squashed Cathedral, closed for worship due to a TV show, across fifty miles of beautiful countryside to one of the most stunning Cathedrals in the world; from the distractions of modern life to peace and beauty. I saw the world, perhaps for the first time, as the tiny being I am. When you are on foot carrying all that you can, in reality only the bare minimum, fifty miles is a huge distance.

For those pilgrims centuries ago, a pilgrimage was not just a week's walking holiday, it was the zenith of life and meant leaving your old life behind. To travel along

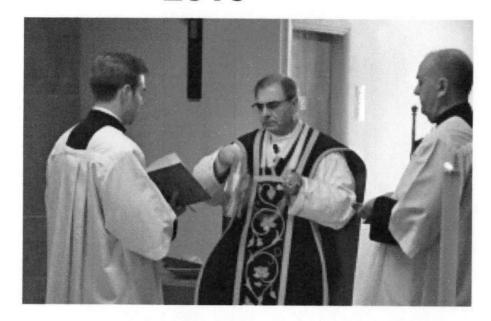
The Pilgrim's Way was to accept a path fraught with dangers and took so much time, effort, pain and faith to traverse.

We live in an age of enlightenment and sometimes the things that make our lives so comfortable make faith seem unnecessary. But faith in the modern World does not mean turning away from scientific discovery or understanding. Going back to a more simple, slow existence, and seeing the world as the pilgrims did, one can see that we are still the tiny fragile beings we ever were. In our modern age God is needed, perhaps now more than ever.



Tom Ward

PALM SUNDAY

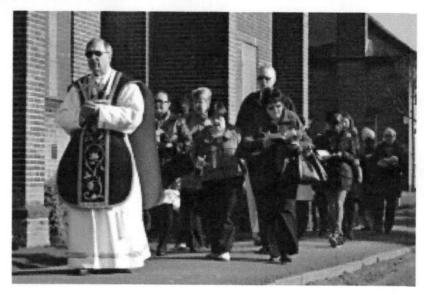












Spotlight on the Sacraments

(Part 2)

Confirmation

A chosen book for a desert island? What better than Saint Mark's Gospel with its astonishing first words, 'The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ the Son of God.' And then with urgency and energy, almost breathless with excitement, the telling of the events surrounding the life of Jesus, that changed lives, and continues to change lives for all who are blessed in encountering the Son of God.

Saint Mark begins his Gospel by recording the challenge of John the Baptist to all who came to hear him in the desert to repent and believe in the forgiveness of sins. And then within a paragraph or two bringing Jesus onto the stage of history who in obedience to his heavenly Father, allows himself to be baptized. John administers baptism in the River Jordan where the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus giving him the affirmation he needs to begin his ministry of reconciliation and to inaugurate the New Covenant of love and Freedom.

No wonder then that when a bishop stands before the candidates ready to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation after theie period of preparation and study, there is usually a tangible feeling of excitement and expectancy in the air.

Some candidates will have been baptized many years before as Infants, others more recently and some just moments before their Confirmation. All, however, will have journeyed from the font, the place of baptism, to this moment, where with laying of hands, and anointing, they will receive the gifts of the Spirit and be admitted to Holy Communion.

But first comes those powerful questions that take us right back to the beginning of the Good News and that challenge of John the Baptist as he prepared for us the Way of the Lord.

Do you turn to Christ? Do you repent of your sins? Do you renounce evil?

This is certainly decision time! A God given opportunity to journey through life in a new and different way as companions of Jesus and in fellowship with the whole Christian community. And so to encourage and strengthen us on the way and help us to remain faithful to our promises, the bishop calls down the gifts of the Spirit, the gifts of wisdom and understanding, counsel and inward strength, of knowledge and of true godliness.

And then comes the moment of Confirmation when the bishop says to each candidate 'God has called you by name and made you his own'. A moment both in time and eternity that affirms the complete love our heavenly Father has for each and every one of us, his beloved creation. A love which is ratified and sealed by the laying on of hands, the anointing with the holy oil of Chrism and the receiving of Holy Communion.

For God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us, and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The Right Reverend Norman Banks Bishop of Richborough

For the children



Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Books of the New Testament

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Acts
Colossians
Corinthians
Ephesians
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John Jude Luke Mark Matthew Peter Philemon

Philippians
Revelation
Romans
Thessalonians
Timothy
Titus

From the Archives

The early years

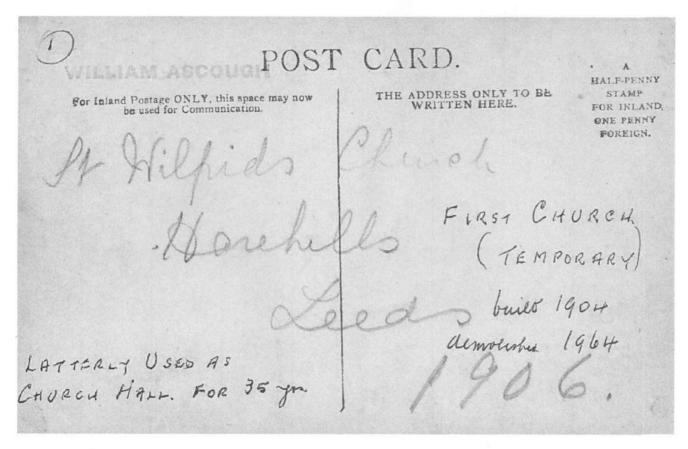
From 1904 under the Rev. Percy Perry Hobson St Wilfrid's Mission Church thrived in the new "Iron" Church building and as you will remember in last month's "From the Archives" all the Sacraments except marriage were performed. Marriages still had to be performed at St Aidan's our Sister Church.

The Rev P.P. Hobson finally left St Wilfrid's and moved to Johannesburg, South Africa in July 1909 leaving the Church in Interregnum until we were joined by the Rev Reginald M. Nicholls in September of that year. Rev. Nicholls serves until 1911.

In 1911 a second building was purchased to be used as a Sunday School and Church Hall. It was purchased second hand for £400 and was previously the Mission Room of St Michael's, Crown Point. It was a wooden building with a slate roof. The building was in use right up to the beginning of the Second World War. It was then let as a storage unit for a Removal Contractor and was finally demolished in 1954. It was sold for £250 and the land sold for £1,070.

In June of this year they celebrated the Coronation of King George V. In March of 1912 the Church was now able to inaugurate secular organisations and the transfer of the scout troop from Harehills Road Congregational Chapel, Harehills Road became St Wilfrid's Scout Group the 3rd N.E. Leeds and continued until the 1990's.





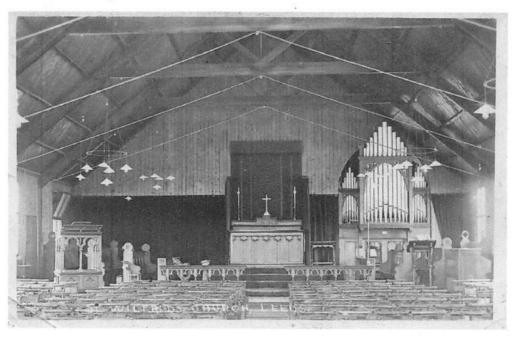
A new, hand blown, organ was purchased in January 1914 built and installed by William Andrews of Bradford and cost £400. Note that this was at a time when a working man was earning £2 per week!! The money for the organ was donated by Miss Gladys Ripley of Cowper Street, Leeds. She and her mother were great benefactors to St Aidan's and St Wilfrid's. Miss Ripley also made a promise to provide an organ for the new permanent church when it was built. Unfortunately she did not live long enough to fulfil this promise.

1914 also saw the start of the First World War (1914-1918). In the Autumn of that year Lord Brotherton pays for the formation of the "Leeds Pals" 15th West Yorkshire Regiment.

The Rev. C.P. Chappell joined the regiment as their Chaplain in 1915 and served until the end of the war in 1918.

This article is attributed to Mr William Ascough, Church Warden

David Simpson



Diocesan News

Battle of Somme Commemoration

Where have all the Flowers Gone?

A Commemoration of the Centenary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme

Friday 1 July, 2016 at 7.30pm St Aidan's Church, Roundhay Road,

The folk of St Aidan's gave their all in the Great War. Many of its men joined the forces and some gave their lives in the fight. The women worked in hospitals, in munitions factories and in so many other ways to give comfort to the troops. A good number of men served in the local regiments including the famous Leeds Pals, and fought on the western front including the first day on the Somme said be the blackest day in the history of the British Army. This event seeks to remember that day and recognise the part played by our nation, the citizens of Leeds and in particular the parishioners of St Aidan's.

Where have all the flowers gone will include tales of the time, remembering sadness and happiness, using the actual words of those who were there. And there will be music, poignant and Cheerful, in which the audience will be asked to join. Amongst those taking part are Alison Parker, Eddie Lawler, Ian Clayton, the choir of Bankside Primary School and the enhanced choir of St Aidan's Church. Musical direction is by Dr Ronald Dee and the programme is produced and directed by Barrie Pepper.

Admission is free. Wheelchair access. Refreshments. Car Park.

Contact Barrie Pepper on 0113 2658595

	First reading	Second Reading	Intercessions	Offertory
June				
5 th June	Andrew Buckingham	Christine Moran	Harry Bowden	Elizabeth Demaine Vione Moving
12 th June	Tom Ward	Elizabeth Demaine	Elizabeth Buckingham	Lydia Cunningham Gillian Simpson
19 th June	Elizabeth Buckingham	Michael Brown	Lynne Dransfield	Shola Abolade andchildren
26 th June	Lynne Dransfield	David Simpson	David Simpson	Elizabeth Buckingham Alexandra Ward
July				
3 rd July	Christine Moran	Paul Moran	Paul Moran	Christine Craigen Pam Dimery
10 th July	Harry Bowden	Tom Ward	Andrew Buckingham	Joan & Allen Croft
17 th July	Andrew Buckingham	Elizabeth Demaine	Christine Moran	David & Gillian Simpson
24 th July	Elizabeth Buckingham	Lynne Dransfield	Tom Ward	Paul & Christine Moran and Cindy
31 st July	Michael Brown	David Simpson	Elizabeth Buckingham	Chelsea & Nini Oyebode
August		a bar		
7 th August	Paul Moran	Harry Bowden	Lynne Dransfield	Nikki Oyebode Omatayo Makinde- Barth
14 th August	Christine Moran	Andrew Buckingham	Harry Bowden	Carol Page Lynne Dransfield
21 st August	Tom Ward	Elizabeth Buckingham	David Simpson	Elizabeth Demaine Vione Moving
28 th August	Lynne Dransfield	Elizabeth Demaine	Paul Moran	Lydia Cunningham Gillian Simpson

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June			
June	Joan Croft		
12 June	Lynne Dransfield		
19 June	Elizabeth Demaine	Elizabeth Demaine	Connie's birthday
6 June Joan Croft		Tom & Alex Ward	Wilfred's birthday
July			
3 July	Elizabeth Demaine		
10 July	Lynne Dransfield		Amy Belt RIP
17 July	Elizabeth Demaine		
	Joan Croft	Fr Terry & Elizabeth Buckingham	Tom & Alex wedding anniversary
24 July 31 July	Lynne Dransfield	Tom, Alex & Wilfred	Fr Terry & Elizabeth wedding anniversary
August			
7 August	Joan Croft	Carol Page	Thomas & Edna Kirbitson RIP
14 August	Elizabeth Demaine	Joan Marsden	Eric Marsden RIP
21 August	Lynne Dransfield		Fred Dimery RIP
28 August	Joan Croft		

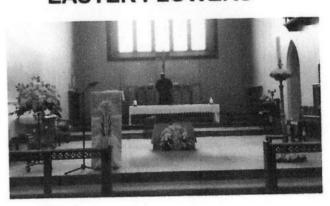
There are still several Sundays where no flowers have been donated. if you would like to donate some flowers, please enter your name on the Flower rota on the notice board.





2016

EASTER FLOWERS





Songs of Praise



On the 1st May 2016 myself, Allen and Carol went to see 'Songs of Praise' being recorded at St Aidan's Church, Roundhay Road.

We had a very enjoyable afternoon, but by the end we ached from top to toe from having to stand up and sit Down, but we had plenty of laughs in between.

Geoff Ellerby was the conductor and he kept us going by telling us little snippets of what happens behind the scenes. We sang some lovely hymns, some we knew and some we did not know.

Robert Prizeman was the music adviser and he set all the hymns to familiar tunes which helped.

Good fun had by all.

Joan Croft

Society New

Liverpool Walsingham Festival 2016

Pointing People to Jesus

Liverpool Cathedral 17th September 2016 10am – 4pm

Worship, workshops and activities for all age groups centring on the theme of evangelism.

Please pray for the preparations for this event.

For more information contact Fr Ray Bridson ffray@blueyonder.co.uk Or 01514747231

A Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

A Vicar at a church with an attached Primary School claimed that one of his very pleasant duties was to talk to the children at Morning assembly.

One such talk told of the bible character who lived and preached in the wilderness, clothed only in animal skins and feeding on locusts and honey.

When asked who this man was, one boy's hand shot up and he cried "BEAR GRYLLS SIR".

TWO GOLFERS

Two 90 year olds had played golf together all their lives. One had become blind but still played on. They were out on the first tee one day and the blind friend drove off. "Where did that go?" he asked. His friend replied "I've forgotten".



WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS

AT THE BARBER'S

A man went to the barbers and was asked "how would you like it sir?"

"Short back and sides" replied the man.

The barber noticed the man only had three hairs so he carefully combed them over his head but in doing so one of the hairs came out.

"Sorry sir" said the barber "one of your hairs just came out".

"Carry on" said the man.

Despite taking extreme care, a second hair got caught in the comb and was pulled out

"You have only one hair left, what shall I do?" said the barber.

"Oh just back comb it and make it look bushy".

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Hall Users

Monday

Karate

6pm - 8pm

Wednesday

Light of Life

5pm - 7pm

Friday

Prophetic Mission Church

7pm - 9pm

Saturday

Eritrean Orthodox Church Prophetic Mission Church

9am - 12pm

Eritrean Orthodox Church

12.30pm - 3.30pm

4pm - 6pm

Sunday

Eritrean Orthodox Church 1.30pm – 5.30pm Prophetic Mission Church 7pm-9pm

See calendar in the hall for additional bookings

Prayer to our Mother of Perpetual Help

O Mother of Perpetual Help grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying

O purest Mary, O Sweetest
Mary let thy name henceforth be
ever on my lips. Delay not O
Blessed Lady, to help me
whenever I call on thee, for, in all
my needs, in all my temptations I
shall never cease to call on thee,
ever repeating thy sacred name,
Mary, Mary

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I pronounce thy sacred name, or even think of thee.

I thank God for having given thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely pronouncing the name. Let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee. Mother of Perpetual Help.

Taken from a 2014 calendar hanging in Nikki Oyebode's shop.