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CONTEMPORARY REFORM MOVEMENTS

I have been writing about the Reformation because this is the 500th anniversary of Luther's challenge to the Catholic Church. But the Church is constantly in need of reform and renewal, and there are several movements in our own day which are seeking to do this.

First, in the Church of England: there are movements to renew the structures of the Church, and Archbishop Justin sees prayer at the heart of all this and so has established an ecumenical community living at Lambeth Palace. Also at the Palace a new library is to be built. More of that when the buildings are up and running - not till 2020!

"Fresh Expressions" is another movement for renewal - finding ways of being church that are open and welcoming for people with little understanding of the faith. However, these have been criticised for lacking teaching and any elements of what Christians recognize as worship. They do make links with people on the edges and that must be good.

Then, ecumenically: that whole movement for seeking Christian Unity finds us working together with our Catholic and Baptist friends. We look forward to welcoming the new Baptist pastor, the Reverend Ian McDonald, and our long established relationship with the Catholics has grown considerably in recent years.



Linked to that, has been a wider renewal led by recent Popes. S John Paul II was an heroic figure and by his travels and charisma helped many to find new faith. Benedict XVI, a very different man, a theologian, whose writings will continue to resonate for generations to come, asked profound questions: about the nature of God, of how we can renew

faith in the heartlands of Christian Europe. Currently there is Francis, with his emphasis on the poor and the mercy of God, as he also seeks to reform the Curia in Rome.

For all Christian people there is a need for personal reform and renewal. We know that by God's grace we could be stronger in faith, have a greater hope and a more passionate love.

The abuse of children has been the greatest scandal of our societies in the last century or so, and the Church has been as guilty as any other institution. We have been slow to deal with this, both in terms of helping the abused, and in not trying to handle these matters within the church. They were and are crimes, and must be dealt with by the police and courts like any other crime.

Finally, here in this place. Each priest over the centuries has come with new ideas and wanting to make a difference. It is not for me to say how that has been done, or not(!), by me, but we have concentrated on liturgy, on work with families with small children, on prayer, and on our links with other Christians, and I hope, by pastoral care for all who seek it. And as always, we seek to tell others of the love of God for them in Jesus Christ. That is the good news of the Gospel.

Fr. Roger

Celebration of Light

Since the last newsletter, the floodlighting has been sponsored to remember:

July	23 rd	Jacqueline Ward
August	9 th	James Barber

Addresses in Summer

On four Sundays at the 11am Mass, I shall be speaking about four spiritual classics. These are well known books and I hope you might want to actually read them!

- The first is 'Dante's New Life' translated by J. G. Nichols published by Hesperus Press 2003 (ISBN 9781843910466)
- 'Revelations of the Divine Love' by Julian of Norwich, translated by Elizabeth Spearing (1998) published in Penguin Classics (ISBN 9780140446739)
- 'The Imitation of Christ' by Thomas a Kempis translated by Robert Jeffery (2013) published in Penguin Classics (ISBN 9780141191768)
- 'The Cloud of Unknowing' is also published in the Penguin Classics series translated by A. C. Spearing in 2001 (ISBN 9780140447620), and there is also an edition published by SPCK in the series Classics of Western Spirituality.

The addresses are on 13th, 20th, 27th August and 3rd September.

Fr Roger

Appearing in the Parish Church



With a supporting cast of Cakes, Coffee and Books!

Saturday August 19th

10.30am until 12.30.

A warm welcome awaits you, so
come along and join in.

Quiet Day

On Saturday 12th August there is the opportunity to take part in a Quiet Day – a day of reflection and ‘time out’. The day will be held at St. Etheldreda’s Church and church hall at Horley.

The subject for the day is the Psalms, and our relationship with Jesus Christ.

The structure of the day is as follows:

10.15 am: Arrival and coffee

10.30 am: First talk, followed by silence

12 noon: Mass in church, followed by picnic lunch.

Please bring your own lunch. Drinks will be available for you to help yourself throughout the day.

1.30 pm: Second talk, followed by silence

3.00 pm: Final talk with prayer, followed by a cup of tea

4.00 pm: Departure



During the silences you are free to sit in and around the church and hall, and to use the space and quiet for your own reflections. If it is fine, you can walk around the village.

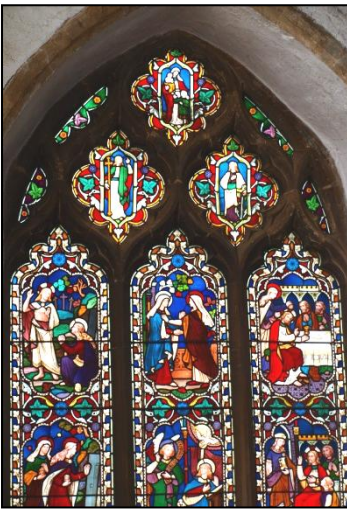
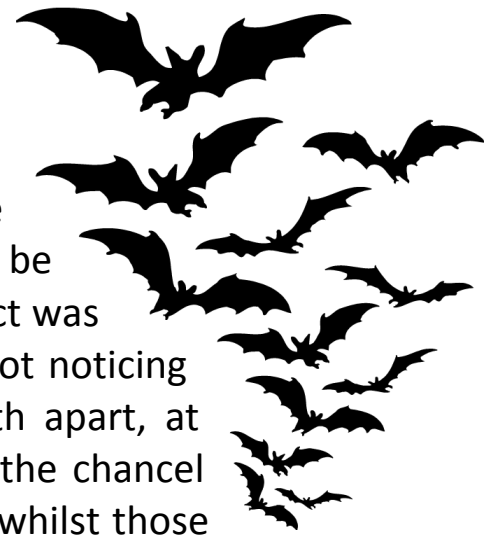
This is a day open to all! You do not need to come to church regularly to take part. Although there is structure, it is also a fairly relaxed day.

There is likely to be a small charge for the use of the church and the church hall, payable on the day.

Just let Fr. Roger know if you would like to come.

FABRIC WORKS UPDATE

By the time you receive this newsletter work on the chancel roof will have started, and the plan is for it to be completed by 31st October 2017. The start of this project was made possible due to the conservation professionals not noticing any bat activity on two separate evenings, one month apart, at dusk. Had there been evidence of bats breeding in the chancel roof then there would have been a considerable delay whilst those bats were re-located. So we say thank you to those bats for finding a better habitat elsewhere!



A professional survey has taken place on the stained glass windows and the metalwork around them. Once the report has been received then we will be able to determine how many we can manage to repair during the rest of this year.

The upgrade of the PA system has taken place and although we are still finding out how things work and what these new control knobs do there is no doubt that in due course there will be a significant improvement noticed to the all round sound in the church. This will be of great benefit for those coming into the church for weddings, baptisms, funerals as well as for acts of worship, and will also improve appreciation of music events held in the church.



Plans are in place to have a working party painting the woodwork with a special liquid to kill the woodworm. It is perhaps important to do this in the summer months when it is easier to 'air' the church.

We have also a new hand rail at the entrance of the churchyard at the south-west corner from Church Avenue. This should enable greater access to the path round the Church, especially during the winter months.



CHURCH FETE 8th July 2017

The sun shone and it was hot, there was hardly a cloud in the sky....but shortly before the start time there were plenty of stalls laden with cakes, produce, preserves and bottles; all it needed was members of the community to come and relieve stall holders of some of their goodies.



At first there were some rather dubious characters as our pictures show. First in line was a rather overweight teddy who obviously thought it was going to be a teddy bear's picnic!

Shortly behind the teddy was a family of ducks who had no doubt been told of a rather special watering hole on the Square.



And later on in the afternoon a group of male dancers arrived, all



dressed up and playing around with sticks. It seemed a case of 'best foot forward'....if only they could all agree which one that was. But the 'locals' came out in large numbers to buy things, play games, find some books for summer reading, buy summer plants for immediate use and enjoy a relaxing time having a

delicious afternoon tea at Bell House. Visitors from further afield were shown around the church, and the afternoon was complete when a visiting band of tower bell ringers came and rang the bells, which signalled the end of a really splendid afternoon enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this summer event.



To think about.....

"It is only as the world sees Christians growing visibly in unity that it will accept through us the divine message of peace and reconciliation."

(Archbishop Justin Welby on the occasion of meeting Pope Francis)

Children and families

PARENT AND TODDLER WORSHIP is at 9.30am every Friday **during term time**. We are in church for a short simple service and then play and chat in the Church Room.

FAMILY SERVICE: this is normally held in the chancel of the church in the choir stalls. This month the service will be held on August 27th at 10.00 am.



Services at Newbottle in June at 9.30am:

August	6 th	The Transfiguration	Sung Eucharist
August	13 th	Trinity 9	Morning Prayer
August	20 th	Trinity 10	Sung Eucharist
August	27 th	Trinity 11	Morning Prayer

The Catholic Congregation meets for Mass at 9am each Sunday
in the Parish Church.

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Calendar of Services for August 2017

Tues	1	Mass 9.30am
Weds	2	Mass 7pm
Thurs	3	
Fri	4	<i>S Jean Vianney: Mass 12 noon</i>
Sat	5	<i>S Oswald: Mass 10am</i>
Sun	6	The Transfiguration: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	7	<i>J. M. Neale, hymnwriter</i>
Tues	8	<i>S Dominic: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	9	<i>Mary Sumner: Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	10	<i>S Laurence</i>
Fri	11	<i>S Clare: Mass 12 noon</i>
Sat	12	Quiet Day at Horley
Sun	13	Trinity 9: Mass 8am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	14	<i>S Maximilian Kolbe</i>
Tues	15	<i>The Assumption of the BVM: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	16	Mass 7pm
Thurs	17	
Fri	18	Mass 12 noon
Sat	19	Mass 10am
Sun	20	Trinity 10: Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	21	
Tues	22	Mass 9.30am
Weds	23	Mass 7pm
Thurs	24	<i>S Bartholomew</i>
Fri	25	Mass 12 noon
Sat	26	Mass 10am SOLW
Sun	27	Trinity 11: Mass 8am; Family Worship 10am; Sung Mass 11am; Evensong 6pm
Mon	28	<i>S Augustine of Hippo</i>
Tues	29	<i>The beheading of John the Baptist: Mass 9.30am</i>
Weds	30	<i>John Bunyan: Mass 7pm</i>
Thurs	31	<i>S Aidan</i>