

## From the Vicarage

### Lady Day in Lent: Celebrating Mary, and the Lord with us

Dear Friends,

When plans for 2010 were starting to take shape, it was suggested that the main period of the Priory's 925<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration should embrace two dates that have come to be especially associated with the Priory's Patrons, Mary and Michael. So this year, rather than holding a joint Patronal Festival at the beginning of October, we are marking Lady Day on 25<sup>th</sup> March, and Michaelmas Day on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Later this month, we remember Mary the mother of Jesus. On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, as well as our regular Thursday Communion at 11.30 am, there will be a special evening Choral Communion at 7.30 pm to celebrate the Annunciation. At both services, we shall hear and reflect upon St. Luke's account of how the angel Gabriel came to Mary with a message that would turn her life upside-down and inside-out. And his opening greeting to Mary summed up the heart of the message: "The Lord is with you" (Luke 1: 28).

"The Lord is with you." On Lady Day in Lent, we celebrate a feast day in the midst of a season of fasting. It is the day that we remember the announcement of the coming of God made flesh in the person of His Son Jesus Christ. And it is the Incarnation of Christ – His conception in Mary's womb – that has made Mary blessed. Mary's worthiness and honour come from the Lord's presence with her, and within her.

"The Lord is with you." Like Mary, you and I are only blessed when we are open to recognize and respond to the Lord's life-giving presence with us, and within us. Perhaps, then, Lent is an especially good time for us to celebrate Mary, the Mother of our Lord. For in this season of Lent, we are encouraged to make space for God, and to be open to seek and welcome His presence at work in our lives. Whenever you and I are able to say with Mary, "here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1: 38), then we too shall surely discover that "nothing will be impossible with God" (Luke 1: 37).

Wishing you every blessing in Christ,

*John Barr, Vicar*

## Priory People

### Colin Brewitt-Taylor 1949 – 2010

Ann and I first met Colin in Cambridge in 1973 where we were all members of 'Focus' – a Round Church youth group for graduate students and townspeople. My research was in a different area to Colin's, but we would often meet at the Graduate Centre over a meal, or at Ann's house when we were invited for Sunday lunch. Colin provided the musical entertainment and he always managed to get the best out of the ancient piano! On one occasion Colin arrived with windswept bushy hair, bobble hat in hand, nonchalantly announcing that he had just cycled from Malvern!

After gaining his PhD, Colin moved to Canada, and then to Nottingham where he met Elisabeth. He came back to Malvern to work at the Radar Establishment, and we were delighted to renew our friendship with him at the Priory. He married Elisabeth in 1981.

In 1988 Colin joined my work team. What a joy it was to have Colin – so incredibly intelligent and practical, so adaptable to new tasks and so willing to act as mentor to new staff and consultant to the older ones.

When work took us on outside duty, Colin's wisdom and knowledge was of inestimable value. He often travelled to the USA clutching his antique suitcase and a copy of some Old English literature that he would read on the plane, while the rest of us could only cope with something much lighter! The Americans especially appreciated that his lack of instant response reflected a deeply thoughtful and analytical outlook. He never spoke before he had thought. In reporting his work he had a remarkable talent for explaining complicated concepts in a clear and understandable way – almost fooling people into thinking that they were on the same intellectual plane as his! He was also able to use this same gift in his Priory house-group to help clarify issues that other members found difficult. He was passionate about searching Scripture, and taught himself Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic and Syriac in order to do so. His mischievous sense of humour was a great asset in making him approachable for advice and for the sharing of ideas. Colin was a very special work mate, and I regard him as the most widely talented scientist that I have ever met.

Colin was a committed Christian and a loyal member of the Priory. He used his talents in the praise group, the mission committee, the Wolmirstedt link and as Church Warden. In this role he worked tirelessly alongside his demanding day job. His deep and sincere faith was an inspiration to everyone. Following the completion of his term of office, he moved to All Saints Worcester, and quickly became involved, being a member of a small group and singing in the choir. Colin was always ready to respond to a need. He was practical and caring, and this was clearly shown when he cycled into Worcester, complete with toolkit, to do

decorating for a needy church member.

Colin will be sorely missed by us all, and especially by his loving family, Elisabeth, Samuel and Joy.

*Laurence and Ann Oldfield*

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### **Newcomers**

We warmly welcome Sheila Simmons of Arosa Drive, Harriet Waits of Manby Road and Pat Williams of St. Andrews Road who have recently started attending the Priory.

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### **New Curate**

Peter Edwards will be ordained at Worcester Cathedral on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and will then commence his curacy at the Priory.

Peter says “I was born in Bury, Lancashire, and educated at Bury Grammar School and the University of Durham where I read Music. After a short period working at BBC Religion & Ethics in Manchester I began to test a vocation to ordained ministry in the Church of England. Before and during my theological training at Ridley Hall and Peterhouse, Cambridge, I attended Bury Parish Church in the Diocese of Manchester. My hobbies include reading detective fiction, listening to Radio 3, blending tea, getting lost on purpose when driving and walking aimlessly around towns and cities. I love light orchestral music, the Book of Common Prayer, the Carry On films and good wine. I am delighted to be coming to serve my title at Great Malvern Priory where I hope to share in the above and more besides.



My journey of faith has taken me through a wide range of church traditions. I cannot remember a time when I did not know the Lord Jesus, and God has continuously blessed me with some great Christian friends throughout my life. I am looking forward to being your new curate, and trust that the Lord will give me strength to serve the Priory as we all strive to follow the example of Christ.”

## Powerpoint

On the fourth Wednesday of every month, from 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Priory north aisle, about 15 people turn out, whatever the weather, to pray for the Priory, for our community and the world. The hour is broken up with worship, and passes all too quickly. It is a very special time. In January we began by looking back at what we had prayed for in December, and we reflected and gave thanks to God for wonderful answers to prayer, many of them quite specific. We had prayed for enough money to come in for all the Priory chairs within a fortnight. We had prayed for provision of accommodation in Brisbane for Paul and Nicky and family at the time of the birth of their new baby. God answered prayer, and we were full of gratitude as we saw His hand in big matters as well as small details. “Great is Your faithfulness O Lord!” Prayer does work. It is a vital part of our church life. Do join us at this monthly informal gathering. The next date is March 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Rosemary Webster*

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### **New Chairs for the Priory – What Next?**

It was a wonderful response, some £47,000 raised in just two weeks. We finally achieved full agreement from all parties for new chairs for the Priory nave in November and, with Christmas on the horizon, made an appeal with a request for responses within two weeks. And, with a generous offer of £11,000 from the Friends, all the money came in, within the two weeks. But a couple of weeks later, enough had been given without the Friends’ donation, and still more came in so that some has now been allocated to other projects – it was a tremendously encouraging response. Thanks to all who contributed so generously: “A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over” (Luke 6v38).

The 280 new chairs have now been ordered, they are oak framed, with upholstered seats and backs and a pleasant oiled finish – there is a sample in the Priory. The new chairs look good, are comfortable, have holders for books and stack seven high when not in use. Delivery is due in March and the Archdeacon will dedicate them on Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. An additional 40 Howe stacking chairs have also been purchased for use in well-attended services.

Many of you will know that it has taken many years – even decades – to get agreement from all concerned, including the PCC, congregation, Diocesan Advisory Committee, English Heritage, and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. We have had our own divisions over this issue, and these have been resolved through discussion and listening to one another. So, we can now breathe a sigh of relief and look forward to more comfort for ourselves and the many other Priory users.

We now have the opportunity to move on with other projects. The three top items identified by the congregation and PCC were chairs, lighting and sound system. These three were well above those that followed. Work has been progressing over several years on a design for a new sound system, which will include speakers in

all areas with separate controls and a loop system covering the whole building. Recording facilities will be improved.

Work is also progressing on designs for new lighting, to give a much-needed boost in light levels all over the building and lighting designed to show some of its magnificent features. The existing wiring is old and deteriorating and will all need to be replaced.

The PCC at its last meeting voted to apply for a faculty and proceed with the sound system work at a cost of £55,000. It seems a lot, but there are a lot of components and considerable wiring and installation work. Where will the money come from? Donations received and promised, the Friends and grants will provide about £20,000 and we will draw £35,000 from our restricted reserves ('restricted' means money that cannot be spent on day-to-day costs). There will be no formal appeal, but of course any donations are very welcome and will reduce the need to draw on our reserves.

The budget for lighting is £125,000 to £150,000 but it will be some time before a design is agreed and a precise figure known. The same diverse groups as mentioned above all need to approve any design, so our work is cut out to achieve this! There will certainly need to be an appeal, perhaps next year, for this work. Please do ask any of the wardens or PCC for further details about these plans. Thanks again to all who have so generously donated money for the chairs and towards the sound system. And over 200 of the old chairs have already been sold (£2000), and 40 given to Pendock church, so do not leave it too long if you want a piece of history!

*Robin La Fontaine, Churchwarden*

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### **Question of the Month**

“Why” asked someone who had studied very assiduously the Lent Calendar in the February magazine, “Why does it say ‘Remember, Sundays are not part of Lent?’” “Does it? Aren’t they?” I replied. “I didn’t know that!” Did you know that? Lent lasts for 40 days, the number of days that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. But if you count all the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Saturday there are 46, not 40 days. Take out the 6 Sundays, and you have the 40 days of Lent. Sundays are not counted as days of Lent, because Sundays are always a day of celebration, when we remember the resurrection of Jesus. And to think that I didn’t know that! All these years when I could have had that chocolate or glass of wine on the Sundays in Lent! Of course Jesus in the wilderness did not have Sundays off. His 40 days of fasting and temptation were continuous and relentless. Which reminds me that giving up something trivial, but allowing myself to indulge on Sundays, is not really what Lent is about. Isn’t it about facing the reality of Satan, and learning from Jesus how to counter his subtle challenges? Isn’t it about deepening and strengthening our faith? That might mean doing something extra, rather than giving something up. It might mean giving time.

*David Webster*

## Discover SGM Lifeworlds

I wonder if, as you walk round the Priory, you've noted the collection of booklets on offer in the plastic container rack at the west end of the church. This represents the "silent" ministry of the Priory put there for your help, encouragement, guidance or comfort, and it is free. Whatever situation you find yourself in, good or ill, there will almost always be a booklet addressing that situation in appropriate words chosen from Scripture.

Originally known as the "Scripture Text Mission established for the free distribution of Scripture Texts and Gospel books" but soon shortened to "Scripture Gift Mission" it came into being in February 1888, the declared intention being presentation of The Word of God, Scripture, in an attractive form.

The Priory SGM rack was installed in February 1992 since when over 23,000 booklets have been dispensed through it, the most popular publication being "Daily Strength", a 31 day pocket devotional help. Others include "Living with Loss" which offers comfort to the bereaved. For those facing the fact of a serious or terminal illness there is "Why me?" which deals with the situation in a sensitive and honest way.

However over the past decade a significant change has taken place in the way in which SGM Lifeworlds pursues its ministry, signalled by the change in title. Several years ago Lifeworlds became synonymous with active outreach not only in printing and publishing the Word but also taking it out into the world. Thus the Lifeworlds U.K. range is not the whole story. Lifeworlds now works in 27 countries, their programmes taking them into partnership with other Christian ministries sharing Gods transforming Word with whole communities.

The **Pavement Project** is one such, joint with **Viva Network** reaching out to street children by helping them to talk about their past experiences and gain a more positive self image. **Pavement Project** provides trained Christian street workers with the **Big Green Bag**, a Bible-based counselling tool for children. Now available in 10 languages for 15 countries, the **Big Green Bag** is making a significant difference both to children from the streets and those who work with them.

**Choose Life** is an initiative originally piloted in Kenya in partnership with Wycliffe International and the Churches Educational Association of Kenya. It is part of an education programme for Kenyan schools, helping young people discover true values to live by. With lesson resources packed full of drama, discussion and Bible words, **Choose Life** empowers young people with wisdom for everyday choices, tackling real-life situations from cheating to sex, and witchcraft to HIV/AIDS.

Already it has been exported to Uganda and Brazil and now Lifeworlds are heavily engaged in taking it into the Democratic Republic of Congo where there are 50,000 schools to be reached.

*Laurie Tandy, SGM Lifeworlds Church Representative for the Priory*

## **Fairtrade Fortnight 2010**

This year's Fairtrade Fortnight, from 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March, has as its theme 'The Big Swap'. Shoppers are asked to swap their usual products for Fairtrade products; for example their usual lemons, T-shirts or roses for Fairtrade lemons, T-shirts or roses! The Fairtrade foundation wants lots of people swapping, one million and one in fact. Can YOU swap your usual cuppa for a Fairtrade cuppa? Can you persuade someone to do likewise, especially if you are already a Fairtrade convert? Visit [www.thebigswap.org.uk](http://www.thebigswap.org.uk) to find out more, get inspired and register your swap.

The Fairtrade Foundation is the independent non-profit organization that licenses use of the FAIRTRADE Mark on products in the UK in accordance with internationally agreed Fairtrade standards. You will find the FAIRTRADE Mark on thousands of products from coffee to fresh fruit, as a guarantee of a better deal for people and planet. Many farmers and workers in developing countries struggle to provide for their families. Poor market access and unfair trade rules often mean that the price they get for their crop does not cover the cost of production. They face the global challenges of food price rises and climate change too. Under Fairtrade, farmers receive agreed stable and sustainable prices and an extra payment (a 'premium') to invest in their community. As part of the Fairtrade agreement, farmer groups must be democratically organized and meet environmental standards. These include careful use of chemicals, looking after soil and water sources and respecting nature.

So, try it! With thousands of products now available from single origin coffees to cotton T-shirts, fresh fruit and delicious chocolate, you can go Fairtrade all day, every day.

*Malvern Fairtrade Group*

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## **Sunday Tea Club**

During the last few months, Community Action has become increasingly aware that for many older people on their own, Sunday is the loneliest day of the week. We are therefore setting up a monthly Sunday Tea Club, targeted particularly at people who find themselves alone and lonely on Sundays.

There has been a great deal of interest in this project from older people who feel isolated on Sundays. One lady who was invited said "I cry more on Sundays than any other day of the week".

The first Tea Club took place at Lansdowne Methodist Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February, and the next one will be at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March. We are looking for other churches who are willing to offer hospitality on the second Sunday afternoon of the month. We will be using one of Community

Action's minibuses, but would also welcome offers of transport from car drivers (available between 2.30 and 5.00 p.m.)

This is a great opportunity to witness to God's love and care in a practical way.

Please contact the Parish Office if you know someone who would like an invitation or if you could help in any way.

*Jen Boyer  
Priory Care Scheme Co-ordinator Chair,  
Community Action*

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## **Church Pastoral Aid Society**

CPAS, the Church Pastoral Aid Society, has a very simple mission: to enable churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ. This it does through providing resources, courses and the ever-popular Ventures and Falcon Camps for young people.

CPAS' events, courses, resources and advice include:

- The suite of Growing Leaders courses and books.
- Church Leadership resources.
- The Arrow Leadership Programme.
- You and Ministry weekends.
- Leading Edge forums.
- Patronage church vacancies.
- Regional leadership development advisers.
- Advice and support for women in leadership.
- Ventures and Falcon Camps.

CPAS is currently developing a new programme to train, equip and develop hundreds of volunteer Ventures leaders so that more children and young people meet Jesus, get to know him better and lead others to him.

To find out more about CPAS and what it might mean to you in terms of learning or training resources, visit [www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk) or look at the Priory Mission Board during March.

To find out more about CPAS Ventures and participation as a young person or leader, visit [www.ventures.org.uk](http://www.ventures.org.uk) or see the Mission Board in March.

Do please continue to pray for the work of CPAS in 2010.

*David Guy*

## Cunnamulla Calling

Paul and Nicky Webster's tribe of boys was added to on December 15<sup>th</sup>, when Silas was born in Brisbane – a brother to Aiden, Gideon and Jarius. This time the birth was straightforward, and they were all back in Cunnamulla, 500 miles inland, for Christmas. While we coped with ice and snow they had to cope with temperatures of 45 degrees C. Since then life has not been straightforward. Their car developed problems, the computer crashed (again), and everything seemed to break or go wrong. Their house in Shrewsbury (which they came to England last autumn to put on the market) had a major pipe burst in the very cold weather, and had to be taken off the market. It is now being sold at a reduced price to a builder.

That, and the greatly reduced value of sterling against the Australian dollar, has meant that progress on "Boulders", their Coffee Shop and Community Centre project, has had to slow down. They have had times of feeling very discouraged, and have spent time fasting and praying. And things are looking up again. The house sale does seem to be going ahead, albeit at a lower price. Paul has done some useful work on "Boulders". His hours as lay chaplain to the local Secondary School have been increased by Scripture Union. Aiden and Gideon are happy in school and play group. There has been exceptionally heavy rain, much needed by the ranchers, and the dry bushland has turned green. The river in Cunnamulla is in full flood. They continue to establish friendships with people in the town. And they deeply appreciate the prayers of, and financial support from, the Priory – and the personal gift of money that went to our mission partners at Christmas.

*David and Rosemary Webster*

### **Lunch Box In The Priory – March dates**

Thursday Lunchtimes from 12.30 – 1.30 pm

Bring your own lunch. Talk/Concert starts at 1 pm

Tea/Coffee available.

Everyone very welcome to come along with friends.

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Concert by Malvern St. James**

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**"Go West" Talk by Sandy Marchant  
The Story of the Teme Valley Pilgrimage Project**

## Who's who in the Priory

### Meet David Iliff



#### **When and why did you come to Malvern?**

My parents worked in West Africa and I was sent to Wells House boarding school at the age of seven where I learned to love the Malvern Hills. Later on I lived in Coventry, and still later Northwood where both churches had weekend house parties for young people held at the Wells school.

These constant returns renewed my love for the hills. My parents retired to Malvern, continuing the contact. Having spent 23 years in Belgium as director of music at the British School of Brussels, I lost most of my associations in Britain, but there were some in Malvern so I retired here three years ago.

#### **Why did you come to the Priory?**

It was the church my parents attended. In fact my father was responsible for re-seating most of the old Priory chairs; when I came to visit their flat was always littered with half re-seated Priory chairs!

#### **How would you describe your relationship with God?**

My family were churchgoers. I went to Crusaders in Coventry and at age 14 I suddenly decided to choose whether I was going to be a Christian or not. In a very basic way my Christian life started then. I have gone on learning more and more. Give me another 200 years and I may have sorted it out! From 18 I helped with Crusaders for a number of years. I went to very Bible-based churches and also had teaching from Crusader leaders. I had one or two Christian "heroes" who had the kind of life I wanted and qualities I admired. Their influence has been huge.

#### **Tell us a little of your background.**

I started piano at six and the organ at seven; in fact at eight I played the organ at the Wells House for a school service. I can still remember the hymn and psalm.

The music teacher, Mr Quibell-Smith, was brilliant, though for many years I didn't think music was very important to me. As a teenager I never practised and so learned to sight-read very well for my weekly lessons! I trained in London as an English and Geography teacher, but was asked to swap to the music course. That changed things! One of my "heroes", the curate at Northwood, who helped me find a teaching job there, encouraged me to try out the church organ; the vicar was lurking in the vestry! After this unofficial audition I stayed there as organist for 18 years. In 1983 the advert for the post of Music Director for the British School of Brussels was pointed out to me; I had never thought of working abroad! I moved there and stayed in Brussels for 23 very happy years.

**Do you have a favourite hymn or chorus?**

*All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.*

because it is one of the few hymns where the words and music are both brilliant. Herbert Howells wrote the music, Michael, in memory of his son who died at the age of 9.

**Do you have a favourite scripture?**

Romans 8:28. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose, because I found it to be true. The guidance of God is often easy to see in retrospect though it's harder to trust for the future.

**What is most important to you?**

Relationships!

**What are you passionate about?**

I am passionate about the way worship is presented in church, appreciating that different patterns suit different people.

**Do you have any interests?**

I do computer music typesetting for a publisher. I am also a director of the Jubilate Group, an association of composers and authors that have produced a lot of books in the last 40 years, e.g. they started with Youth Praise. I run their web site of 3000 songs and hymns written by people whose aim is to have good music and good words. I am a driver for Malvern Community Action, generally taking elderly people to the hospital.

**What are your roles in the Priory?**

I am the Director of Music, which involves training the choir and making sure the music fits our different services. Preparing music for 'special occasions' is part of the job. I've also been involved with events like Lifepath and Music X.

*Sylviane Outram*

## Book Reviews

### A Not Always Comfortable Read

#### Josephine Butler: A Guide to her Life, Faith and Social Action

Rod Garner

Darton Longman Todd ISBN 978-0-232-52747-6

Born in 1828 to comfortably-off, loving parents of strong faith, Josephine enjoyed a happy childhood and grew into an attractive accomplished young woman. She was, however, keenly aware of the amount of suffering endured by innocent people in the world; when only 19 she was appalled by what she saw on a visit to Ireland at the height of the potato famine. Christianity as set out in the Gospels claimed her allegiance, rather than any one form of worship. Marriage to George Butler, a man of integrity who wanted them to be equal partners in the marriage, brought more happiness and the opportunity for fulfilment. Josephine began to take up the cause of the poor and destitute, especially women, despite her indifferent health. Four children followed, bringing about the first event of real sadness in Josephine's life; her only daughter aged 5 was found unconscious at the foot of the stairs and died soon afterwards. This event cast a long shadow over both Josephine and George but both found consolation in their faith, and for Josephine it helped cement her identity with the "poor groaning world" in which so many young and innocent lives were cut short.

Josephine's work and eventual triumphs are set forth in this book. Rod Garner justifies his claim to include her among the Eminent Victorians, and as he discusses the various strands of her life and faith, he asks many questions that we should be prepared to face in looking at our relationship with God and our part in fighting injustice in our world. We are challenged to define our form of discipleship and to examine our prayer life as we learn of Josephine's. The author is not unaware of what might be seen as the shortcomings in Josephine's form of faith and commitment to her causes, and so leaves us with much to ponder. I recommend this very readable book to any who wonder about their role in this world and their relationship with God.

*Elizabeth Dunnett*

### **"Faith in the Face of Danger" Jonathan Lamb**

**Published by Keswick Ministries. Price £5-99**

This excellent book is a study in Nehemiah – so relevant to today's church. It is challenging, readable, practical and stimulating. There are 5 expositions, forming the 5 sections of the book. Jonathan looks at Nehemiah's personal faith against the odds, and the faith of the people of God who were under constant attack. There was the temptation to displace the priority of God's word, and to lose sight of God's holiness, and adopt instead the value system of the pagan neighbours – in other words, to compromise truth. The book of Nehemiah has powerful relevance for the Christian church today, as we too face opposition and dangers as we seek to build a community that shows the love of God. This book is well worth buying for personal use or group study, and fits well into 5 group study sessions. It is available from the Lyttelton Well.

*Rosemary Webster*

## Going Home

The poet\* said,

*“Do not go quietly into that dark night”  
and  
“...rage against the dying of the light!”  
On entering that black abyss  
No way to struggle or to rage:  
No voice of comfort, no sense of place.  
Just black:  
Falling?  
No way to know.  
Too black to move;  
Too black to breathe:  
Paralysing fear:  
Is this the end?  
And then a voice within the black abyss,  
commanding yet with gentle grace,  
“Put off your fear; stretch out your hand  
and I will lead you to the light of life.  
I am the Lord  
and I will take you home.”*

\* = Dylan Thomas

*By a Priory member*

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## Lunch Box

### Wassail at Malvern Priory

The English tradition of Morris Dancing is based on the ancient need to encourage the deity to confer good crops and good luck on country communities. The tradition of wassailing, which is still carried on in the area, is the blessing of the cider orchards, and the Silurian Group of Morris Dancers meets every January in Much Marcle to carry out the ceremony of wassailing.

Keith Francis has been a member of the group for more than twenty- five years, during which time Morris Dancing has staged a recovery in popularity; generally a male preserve, there are now a number of women’s groups.

Keith explained the history and practice of Morris Dancing to a large audience at Priory Lunchbox on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

He showed the audience some of the traditional rag costumes worn by dancers

and explained the need for anonymity – hence the practice of blacking faces – a feature which is particular to this area.

The Silurian Dancers are supported by a range of instruments, including accordions, violins and percussion.

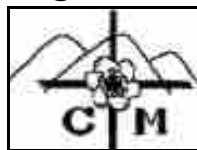
Keith concluded with a performance of the Broom Dance.

To start the Lunchbox year with a wassail was particularly appropriate to coincide with the Priory 925 Anniversary year; Keith is pictured with Custos Peter Young, who will be well occupied for the next twelve months.

*Roger Sutton*



## Churches Together In Malvern



### Lent Mission Evenings

**Come and hear how our Malvern Churches are supporting work on the Mission Field**

#### **Mission Links Featuring:**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm – Guesten Room Lyttelton Well

#### **The African Continent Countries**

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Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm – United Reformed Church Malvern Link

#### **South America**

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Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm – Lansdowne Methodist Church

#### **Thailand**

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**There will be artefacts, music and light refreshments appertaining to the Countries featured**

## From CHASTE to CCARHT

Dr Carrie Pemberton established the work of the Churches Alert to Sex Trafficking across Europe in 2004 ([www.chaste.org.uk](http://www.chaste.org.uk)) to address the need of victims of trafficking to a secure and restorative place of safety once surfaced by the authorities. Not for Sale - Raising Awareness and Ending Exploitation tells the story of the early days of resistance and the development of victim support from the voluntary sector. Now the Founder of CHASTE and author of Not for Sale and the Real Scandal of Sex Trafficking - has turned her attention to developing a Centre of excellence on all issues of Trafficking set out in the UN Palermo Protocol – in Cambridge UK.

The Cambridge Centre of Research into Human Trafficking is developing a network of experts across the UK and internationally to understand all aspects of Human Trafficking - its reach, its pluriform dimensions, the mechanisms which drive its development, the market forces it leverages, the socio-economic conditions at countries of source it exploits, as well as examining the various responses of law enforcement agencies and international fora of response from third sectors, intergovernmental agencies as well as the United Nations and the European Union to limit the proliferation of Human Rights abuse.

The Centre has already accepted bespoke research contracts on aspects of West African trafficking into Europe and is developing some work on the new challenges presented by the expansion of the A10 plus 2 countries as the European Union labour market expands into newly acceded countries in the East. The opportunities presented by major sporting events such as the World Cup, the Summer and Winter Olympics are a site for further explication, and collaborative work in these areas is currently being explored.

Dr Pemberton and the research team which is gathering around her welcome conversation to undertake

- Workshops and Seminars
- Break through symposia
- Discrete pieces of research

To be added to our contact database and receive the CCARHT newsletter please send an email to [contact@ccarht.org](mailto:contact@ccarht.org).

For conversation about what CCARHT could do for you in your fight to dismantle the horrors of all forms of trafficking please get in touch with [Carrie@ccarht.org](mailto:Carrie@ccarht.org).



## **Saltmine Outreach Team**

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**“LIFE – What’s it all about?”**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7- 9pm**

An opportunity for clergy, readers, youth leaders and members of the congregation to meet the team and learn more about Saltmine.

Light refreshments All welcome!

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7- 9pm**

Roadshow including dramatic sketches, video-clips, music and interactive role play for a thought-provoking evening of fun.

An ideal Easter event for young people, this fast moving multi-media roadshow explains that true life can only be found in Jesus.

***at St James’ Church, Welland***

Telephone **01684 833256** for further details.

*Or just come along, and invite your young people.*

***Both events are free.***

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## **Getting through today**

So far today, God, I’ve done all right.  
I haven’t gossiped,  
haven’t lost my temper,  
haven’t been greedy, grumpy,  
nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent.  
I’m really glad about that.  
But in a few minutes, God,  
I’m going to get out of bed...  
and from then on I’m going to need your help!



St. Richard's  
Hospice  
CARING FOR LIFE



# St Richard's Hospice Annual MALVERN HILLS WALK

## Saturday 15th May 2010

2, 5 and 11 mile routes

Refreshments available from Malvern Sea Cadets

St John Ambulance in attendance

St Richard's Hospice works closely with Malvern Conservators to ensure the continued preservation of the hills. Enjoy!

Registration forms & more information available from  
St Richard's Hospice, Wildwood Drive, Worcester, WR5 2QT,  
any St Richard's Hospice Shop or  
[www.strichards.org.uk/malvernwalk](http://www.strichards.org.uk/malvernwalk)

Tel: 01905 763963 Fax: 01905 760938

Email: [JStreet@strichards.org.uk](mailto:JStreet@strichards.org.uk)

 mountainshack

New kit for the Malverns or Everest?  
Visit 21 New St, Worcester and  
1 Bath Road, Cheltenham

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## Head For The Hills For Hospice

Hundreds of walkers of all ages are expected to dig out their walking boots and join the annual Malvern Hills Walk for St. Richard's Hospice on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

Last year over 500 people took part in this family fun day raising over £30,000 towards the hospice work for patients and their families with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Organisers hope this year's event will prove to be just as popular.

St. Richard's Hospice Community Fundraiser Joanna Street, said: "This walk is a hugely popular event and appeals to all ages. It is great fun for those taking part, but also the money raised makes such a big difference to helping us continue with our work locally."

She added, "The views from the Malvern Hills are spectacular and give such panoramic views over the surrounding countryside. It's impossible to tire of such fantastic views and is well worth the effort. We also want to say a big thank you to Mountainshack for their sponsorship again this year."

Keen walkers can stride out on the 5 or 11 mile routes and there is also a 2 mile stroll so that all ages and fitness levels are catered for. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome.

The Malvern Sea Cadets will be on hand catering for those who have built up an appetite, and first aiders will be in attendance to support the walkers. There is no entry fee but participants are asked to donate their sponsorship money to St. Richard's.

To walk for St. Richard's or for more information please contact the fundraising team on 01905 763963 or download the registration form at:  
[www.strichards.org.uk/malvernwalk](http://www.strichards.org.uk/malvernwalk)

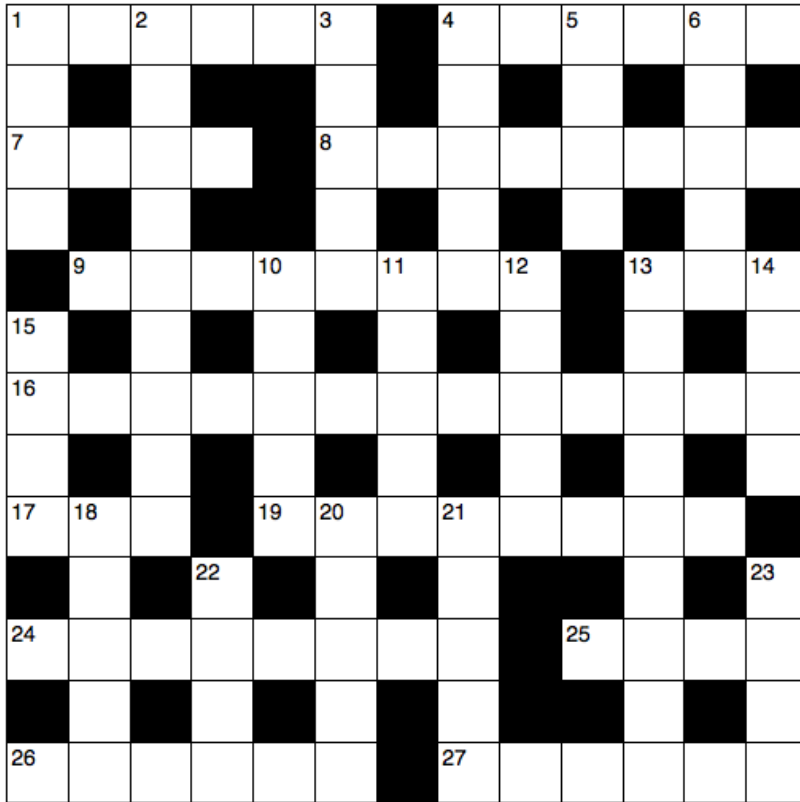
St. Richard's Hospice provides free specialist palliative care for patients living with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and supports their families. Each year the hospice team supports over 2,100 patients and family members in Worcestershire.

Patients are cared for in Day Hospice, the 16-bed In-patient Unit or in their own homes by a specialist professional team as well as many trained volunteers.

In the In-patient Unit specialist staff are on hand 24 hours a day to manage patients' symptoms and where, if they so choose, patients may spend the last few days of life in comfort and dignity. St. Richard's is grateful for all donations towards the £4.8m they need to raise this year to continue their work.

For more information please visit [www.strichards.org.uk](http://www.strichards.org.uk).

# Crossword March 2010



## February Solution



### Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth(Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus'(Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this(Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
- 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

### Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel'(Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34)(4)
- 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
- 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
- 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
- 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
- 22 Does (anag.) (4)
- 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this(Genesis 41:19) (4)

