

'Thanne longen folk to goon on pilgrimages'

Even in Chaucer's day they thought so. I guess it's inevitable that my first parish letter after Santiago would make at least a passing reference to pilgrimages - after all, I wouldn't want to disappoint! But pilgrimage has been more than just a Vicarage issue this summer, with the young people spending the inside of a week on the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage, and others going off to Oberammergau amongst other places, all on 'Holy Journeys'. So is it just a way of seeing the sights with a spot of 'spirituality' thrown in, or is there something deeper at work?

To talk *ad nauseam* about the Camino de Santiago is unfair to a captive audience, and Viv and I will no doubt be performing the Camino Roadshow at a venue near you before too long anyway. But at the beginning of August I was able to be in the company of some of our young people as they undertook a full pilgrimage for the first time, and to hear - and see - the spirituality of pilgrimage at work.

Because pilgrimage changes people. The E1W members (including the leaders) are capable of telling their own stories, and it's not for me to take that away from them. But over only a few days, change took place. There are obvious things, of course - it's a great boost to your self-image to realise that being a member of a Church youth group isn't the equivalent of having two heads, not when there's another 799 people more-or-less like you swarming around the place. But it's also about being exposed to new things away from your home environment, getting a bit of distance, seeing things in a new way in a new setting, not having to look over your shoulder to see what other folk think of you.

It is, in short, a bit of a liberation, because everyone who's there is there for much the same reason as you are, even though we're not clones of one another, and I'd guess that field in Walsingham contained every variety of Christian belief from 'not at all sure about any of it' through to 'a bit too certain for comfort'. And the sharing of experiences, insights and all the rest mean that we return from pilgrimage just that bit broadened, just that bit stretched.

We're about to celebrate our patronal festival, when we might care to think on what it means to be a parish church. Could we become a

place of encouragement, of enriching, of sharing of insights and of liberation? We're working on some things to encourage that calling, of bringing people together to learn from each other and to grow - the teaching evenings, for example, and the prayer and spirituality group to name but two. But the big challenge will always be there before us: to offer people a new vision, to encourage change and growth and depth. For we are called to be a pilgrim church, encouraging and building the pilgrim people of God.

Fr. David

AUTUMN EXHIBITION PROGRAMME AT THE ROPEWALK

A new season of exhibitions and featured makers opens this month at Ropewalk Contemporary Art & Craft.

An early highlight of the Autumn programme is the month long exhibition Gaolyard, St Ives – A Special Place. St. Ives, Cornwall, has always had a strong association with British ceramics and this is continued today with the Gaolyard Studios and the exhibition, which begins on September 11, features some of the potters who work from Gaolyard.

Also opening the same day is the exhibition Sights: Sites by Max and Jill Marschener, two artists using very different media, photo etching, and sewn fabric images to inspire them. This exhibition ends on October 17.

And the first featured maker for the autumn is David Hilton who from his studio in South West France makes a range of exclusive tableware including beautiful hand decorated ceramic handled cutlery, serving items and hand-thrown ceramic tableware in a range of exquisite patterns and designs. His work will be on display until September 26.

BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW

- ❖ Where – NEC Birmingham
- ❖ When – Saturday 27th November
- ❖ How much - £27
- ❖ **Absolute Booking deadline – Friday 10th September**
- ❖ Depart – from Church at 7.00 am
- ❖ Return – to Barton at 8.00 pm approx.
- ❖ Optional extras – top chef demonstrations (+£3)
- ❖ Cheques – payable to “St. Mary’s Ladies’ Group”.
- ❖ Further details – Sue Wright (632364), Kath Smith (633048)
- ❖ Payment – to Sue, Alan or Kath (or leave in a named envelope in the church safe).
- ❖ All the above subject to getting a minimum of 40 bookings.

TOUR OF ST. PETER’S CHURCH

On Sunday 12th September, Geoff Bryant, on behalf of Barton Civic Society, is leading a comprehensive tour of St. Peter’s, starting at 1.30pm, finishing at 3.00 pm. It will involve periods of standing so a folding chair may be invaluable. Cost is £2, with entry to St. Peter’s an extra £3 (concessions £2.60) – English heritage members have free entry!

THE NEXT BISHOP OF LINCOLN

The King is dead – long live the King. Well, not quite, but you know what I mean. And Bishop John is still alive and very much kicking! The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) is convened in the autumn of 2010, and will formally meet in February and March 2011. Out of these meetings a name will emerge and the CNC then passes that name on to the relevant bodies. The new Bishop will not be named until May 2011 at the earliest, and will take up his new role in the Autumn 2011, or early 2012.

Alan.

ST MARY’S LADIES GROUP – VISIT TO RENISHAW HALL

On the 21st July 49 members and friends boarded a coach for the annual summer outing. The venue this year was Renishaw Hall, nr Sheffield.

Renishaw Hall has been the home of Sitwell family for nearly 400 years and in recent decades has become famous through the writings of Edith, Osbert and Sacheverell, children of the eccentric Sir George and Lady Ida Sitwell.

Our guides gave us a brief history of the family ancestry and we started our tour in the Front Hall which occupied most of the ground floor of the original building which was built in 1625. All the furniture in the hall was made for Renishaw Hall in the 17th century.

Janet our guide had a great sense of humour and made the house feel a very family house – as it still is – and told many amusing anecdotes about various members of the family.

Our tour took us to the smoke room, library, dining room, great drawing room, ballroom and the room that provoked most comment – the kitchen. All the rooms contained original furniture.

Following our guided tour we had a very enjoyable lunch in the converted stables

We were then able to spend time in the beautiful gardens and woodland of Renishaw Hall following the many trails around the estate.

At the end of our visit all agreed Renishaw Hall was well worth a visit and had given us a most interesting and enjoyable day.

On the return journey Pauline wished all an enjoyable summer break and informed us that the first meeting in the autumn will be on 8th September and the speaker is Craig Osborne-Goodson of Live, Love and Create of Brigg.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO.....

David Lee (Rotarian and Photographer) writes:

The three Shelter boxes went to the Gwadar Region in Pakistan on June 23rd following the city being submerged by Cyclone Phet. There are stories about it on the Shelter Box home page. Go to Previous Deployments - Pakistan. You can then "read more". Your boxes were, 50730, 50731 and 50732. Again on the home page on the right hand side, find the button for "track boxes" and enter the number in a box. It says Barton-upon-Humber for the donor as they were sent with several others. I hoped they would have said the actual donors. The date is just before the 21st of March because we had already sent the money - knowing that you would be giving us a cheque; by the time we sent this money, the supply to Haiti was being completed from stocks in Australia and I think, Canada. I expect that very many more will be on their way to Pakistan after this week's very bad news. I am sure that the people now living in these tents, where-ever they are, will be very thankful for the kindness of the people of St Mary's.

UNITED PRAYER AND CHURCHES TOGETHER

The next united prayers is on TUES 7 SEPT at 7pm at St Augustine Webster Parish Room, to side of the Church which is set back from road at junction of Whitecross St and Market lane/ Barrow Road.. Close to Blue Bell and Volunteer Arms Pubs!

There are normally 3 or 4 short meetings each year, from 7.30 ish to no later than 9pm to plan joint activities for the following 4 or so months.

COMING SOON

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 3rd October
Harvest Supper Monday 4th October

MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union starts again in September on the following dates.

Sept 1st. Corporate Communion. Reader - Liz Brown

Sept 15th. Mavis Silley - MU Enterprises. Reader and vote of thanks Elinor Cartwright

Sept 22nd. Prayer Time. Leader - Val Dukes

Flower Rota

Sept 5th. Zenda Shakespeare

Sept 19th. Vivienne Rowett

At the September meeting Mavis Silley will bring a range of cards, including Christmas cards, gifts etc to sell on behalf of Mothers' Union Enterprises. Profits from sales support the work of the Mothers' Union, fighting poverty, injustice and tackling family issues. Please see our notice board for details of projects in which the Mothers' Union is involved. We welcome visitors to this meeting and hopefully you may be able to purchase Christmas cards or presents.

We would welcome new members to our branch. Most MU members are or have been active in church life and play many roles within it. Joining the MU offers all kinds of opportunities for getting involved, but membership asks nothing more than your support for our beliefs and an annual subscription.

If you wish to take the Family First magazine the annual subscription for that is £9 which should be given to Elinor at the September meeting.

MU Overseas Boxes are due in by October, please bring to September meeting or pass on to Elinor.

Brenda Skinner

EAST WINDOW GLASS

Many people will be vaguely aware of the fragmentary figure of Our Lord on the Cross in the centre of the east window, but I wonder how many know much about its history and significance. It is all that remains of the medieval glass of the church, and no antiquarian sources mention it. It was probably placed in the east window during the restoration of the church between 1662 and 1674. The rest of the glass was destroyed in 1651. What remains comes from several sources, and has been put together to give the appearance of Christ on the Cross. The head is fifteenth-century, while the figure's white arms, the drapery fragments and the yellow crossbeam with wood grain shown in reserve is of late fourteenth or early fifteenth-century date. The head may come from a fifteenth-century window of which no record survives. The other pieces may come from the east window given by the Beaumont family - we know from antiquarian sources that the east window once contained five shields celebrating the marriage alliances of the Beaumont family, and one of those shields allows us to date that window to between 1380 and 1396.

Though in itself seemingly insignificant, it is glass of this kind, as well as the well-preserved windows found elsewhere, that can often provide important clues about workshops that made such glass. I have recently been photographing some shields in a window in St Mary Lowgate, Hull, which were made by the same workshop that made two surviving shields from the east window of St Peter's church here in Barton. This glass will be expertly discussed in the forthcoming two-volume work on the fabric of St Peter's to be published later this year. (This fragment from St Mary's will also feature in that work along with other medieval glass from St Peter's).

Gordon Plumb



Flowers have been donated to the Church in celebration of Chris. And Bob Patterson's Silver Wedding Anniversary.

TEACHING EVENINGS

September 13th 7.30pm in the Hall: Viv Rowett - 'Receiving the Word.' Bible study basics - translations, commentaries and methods. Viv is Membership Secretary of the British Society for Old Testament Study.

October 11th 7.30pm in the Hall, Very Revd. David Leaning - 'Bishop Edward King'
David is former Dean of Southwell.

YOUR POINT OF VIEW

[Correspondence may be edited; views expressed are not necessarily those of the editor, or St. Mary's Church.]

From: Mr Brian Robinson

Having read your comments on wheelchair-users in last month's News, I thought you may be interested in the following extract from a magazine article in which Desmond Tutu gives his observations:

"In the wider field of disability, Tutu notices how wheelchair users are treated because his wife sometimes uses one at airports. 'They don't ask her about something that affects her, they ask me instead,' he says. 'We still frequently think that when somebody has a physical disability, somehow that means they must also have a mental disability. We talk about them, in the third person, in their presence'."

[This happened to me on 10th August in a hospital reception. Ed.]

From: Mr David Redrobe

Dear "Over to you"

Born into a Methodist home I have been involved in church "life" for over 70 years. My Christian faith has been a gradual development never experiencing a "personal conversion".

Now an Anglican lay person, having been use to leading services, I find sitting in a "pew" an uncomfortable experience. This has led to my Christian faith occasionally becoming rather fragile and uncertain. Is this because I have the freedom to move away from a "certain" faith to viewing these certainties from a distance?

Perhaps advice is needed from someone with no doubts. Looking around, many people have left the church and their Christian faith for this reason. Maybe there is someone out there experiencing the same thoughts – questions relating to their own faith. I look forward to reading about your faith experiences.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2010 – THE MYSTERIES OF THE BEADS

E1W leaders offered the chance to take the group to the Walsingham youth pilgrimage, eight children were eager to take this opportunity. Altogether thirteen excited people left Barton (well excited as you can be at seven in the morning). For some of the group it was their first camping experience but for all of us this was going to take us out of our comfort zone (in a good way.)

Some of the highlights of the trip.

Bible Study.....Learning in a relaxed and informal setting.

A huge big top converted into a shrine then changed again into a disco/play area.

Father David burning the toast (which he does really well).

The barefoot candle lit procession. A mile walked at dusk from the Slipper Chapel. 800 children plus many adults and priests attending this was an unbelievable sight to be seen. Then through the village into the Holy Shrine to have an outside candle lit service which was in total silence.

A comment from one of our children said that it was amazing that all were joining in together and helping each other even though we didn't know these people or children.

A fantastic experience for all; we certainly saw a lot and learned a lot and we **all hugely enjoyed the experience.** All the children and staff loved it and can't wait for the next Walsingham Pilgrimage.

Kerry and Abbygayle



bible studies

Queuing for



Is this the real David ???

SANTIAGO TART

One of the good things about walking 16 miles a day during our pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela was that we were able to eat as much as we liked, and so we did not pass up on trying out the local delicacies, though the octopus was never going to be a hit with me. The last part of the walk was through Galicia, and here we started to encounter 'Santiago tart' - a solid almondy *cake* rather than like an English tart, ideal energy food. Viv.

Tarta de Santiago

Ingredients:

4 eggs
9 oz/ 250g caster sugar
7 oz/ 200 g plain flour
4 1/2 oz / 125 g butter
9 oz/ 250 g ground almonds
Grated rind of one lemon
4 fl oz/ 125 ml water
Icing sugar to decorate

In one bowl, rub the butter into the flour until like breadcrumbs. Mix in the ground almonds and lemon zest and set this bowl aside.

Using an electric beater, whisk the eggs and sugar together in a large bowl until pale and frothy, then stir in the water, and then tip in all of the butter/flour/almond mix and stir gently with a spoon until combined.

Line the bottom of and grease the inner edge of a shallow round tin 11"/28 cm in diameter, or similar, (if you cut the lining leaving 4 tabs sticking up at the sides, these can be used by 2 people to lift out the tart intact) tip in the mixture and bake at 180 deg C/ Gas 4/ 350 deg F for about 30 minutes until just firm.

Remove from tin when cool. To create the cross decoration, in paper or thin card, cut out a cross shape, its longest arm about 9"/ 23 cm, in

as Spanish a version as you can muster, place this on the tart and sprinkle the whole tart with icing sugar, then remove the shape.

CONFIRMATION 2010

The Deanery Confirmation this year's being held (a bit earlier than usual) in St Mary's on Thursday October 14. It does mean time is a bit tight for preparation!

Those who've been thinking about Confirmation and what it involves, or even the mildly curious, are invited to come along to a short meeting on September 6th at 7 pm at the Vicarage. There's no compulsion, and it's not unknown for people to decide that it's not for them at some point along the course.

If you can't make the meeting, please let one of the clergy know.

FROM THE REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS:-

August 8th: Niamh Louise MONEY daughter of Margaret Valencia and Sean Bryan MONEY

Riley-Jack TOWLE son of Kelsey Jade TUPLIN and Jack James TOWLE

August 15th: Lilly Ella SMITH daughter of Abby BROWN and Gary SMITH

August 22nd: Tomas Jack BABROVSKIE son of Emma Kate and Paul Bryan BABROVSKIE

Kayden Anthony Graham BRIGGS son of Kerry Ann GORBUTT and Anthony PAUL BRIGGS

MARRIAGES:-

August 7th: Philip James RICKETTS to Tricia Joanne TOWLE

August 14th: Scott Antony LEADBITTER to Debbie LEWIS

FUNERALS:-

July 28th: Vera Elizabeth BROWN

August 4th: Olga Elizabeth GILLYON

August 16th: Dorothy Winifred Muriel WHITAKER

August 18th: Mary Ann SUTHERLAND

August 19th: Sarah Jane (Sally) JACKLIN

THANKS

Bill and Zenda would like to thank all who gave raffle prizes for the main raffle at the Garden Party, both individuals and local shops. The raffle raised £143 towards the total for the day, and helped contribute to the great atmosphere. We thank Bill and Zenda for organising it.

BISHOP'S LETTER FOR PARISH MAGAZINES: SEPTEMBER 2010

Giving for a Change

Until recently, it had never occurred to me that for some people giving is just another form of purchasing. For example, some people are only persuaded to give to charity because they see long-term benefits for themselves in return. Perhaps this is what lies behind the claim that "Charity begins at home".

Then there are folk in our congregations for whom giving to the Church is simply a way of purchasing ministry for themselves rather than seeing it as a way of providing ministry where it is needed more, and funding is less easy to find. Sadly, people do sometimes write to tell me that they will stop giving to the Church because they no longer have a full-time Priest in their Parish. Clearly for them giving to God is simply a way of purchasing something for themselves.

But surely giving generously to God is our right and proper response to God's generosity to us. It is not subject to strict cost-benefit analysis. And the same goes for our giving to good causes. We give because we can – and because we can make a difference.

So I ask you to support as generously as you can my Harvest Appeal this year. Proceeds will go to support our on-going commitment to our friends caring for people affected by leprosy in our Link Diocese of Tirunelveli in South India. We will also channel proceeds through Christian Aid to help some of the poorest people in the world affected by drought in Burkino Faso.

These are practical projects designed to provide long-term solutions and not just short-term relief. Perhaps collections at Harvest Services this year could be channelled into this Appeal – and of course, personal donations will also be very welcome.

Please make cheques payable to “LDTBF – Harvest Appeal” and send to Accounts Department, Church House, Minster Yard, Lincoln LN2 1PU.

Thank you!

With every Blessing and all good wishes,

+ John

WOT – NO BEEF-BURGERS?

One Saturday in the middle of August I took the train to Leeds University to attend a conference organised by the Christian Vegetarian Association of the UK (CVAUK). Unsure of what I would discover, I was delighted to find about 35 adults of all ages gathered to hear some very well-qualified speakers explore different aspects of vegetarianism and relating them to faith. Many (but not all) those present were veggie – that is, they did not eat “flesh, fowl or fish”. Others were vegan and so did not eat eggs or dairy produce either. Some, like me, were still wrestling with the issue of whether we should eat fish or not. We did not all agree on everything, and there was lively discussion, but the atmosphere was tolerant and mutually supportive. I came away feeling encouraged that people were prepared to take the issue of vegetarianism seriously and explore it in a mature and open-minded way.

Often in our society vegetarians are seen as unusual. They are sometimes stereotyped as “a bit hippie” or eccentric, perhaps over-

sentimental about animals and so on. Yet there have been vegetarians in all societies since ancient Greek times, and over the centuries many people have adopted a meat-free diet for ethical or religious reasons as well as for health or medical reasons. I have been a vegetarian (apart from occasional fish meals) for about 20 years. My reasons are ethical, and tied up with my Christian Faith. I believe that the huge-scale farming of animals for meat that is found in the western world, and increasingly elsewhere, is unsustainable in a world where land is precious and we have a growing world population to feed. As Stewards of God’s creation we have a responsibility to live more gently on the planet. Animals are sentient creatures in their own right and are more than just potential beef burgers and pork chops for us. The violence of wholesale animal slaughter for human consumption does little to help us build a more peaceful world and for some people is an unacceptable price to pay for the luxury of meat.

Just as Pacifists try to set an example of living peacefully in a world where there is still war, so many vegetarians try to demonstrate that it is perfectly possible to live peaceably without meat. It is an ideal to aim for, rather than a dogmatic insistence that everyone else does the same. There are whole cultures (in parts of India for example) where vegetarianism is the norm, and considering vegetarianism encourages us to think more widely about our place in the world and our responsibility towards other humans who need food, as well as the animals we rear for the table. In the Bible, in Isaiah chapter 11 verses 1 to 9, the ancient writer describes his vision of a time when all violence will end and everything will co-exist together in peace. It is difficult to know just what the author had in mind, but his description has inspired many people through the centuries to strive for a better world, in which all creatures will be more able to live to their potential, and live in harmony.

If you are interested in knowing more, do please ask!

Kathy Kurate

TO ADVERTISE A CHURCH EVENT IN THE MEDIA.....

Contact Gordon Plumb (Phone: 636445)



Wed 1 st Sept	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)
	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
Thurs 2 nd	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
	all day		Church lighting renewal
Fri 3 rd	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sunday 5th Sept		Patronal	Festival
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm		Service at The Willows
	6.00 pm		Choral Evensong
Mon 6 th	9.30 am		Deanery Chapter (Brigg)
	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	2.00 pm		Staff meeting (Birchdale)
Tues 7 th	7.00 pm		United Prayer at St. Augustine's
	7.30 pm		Churches together meeting St. Aug.
Wed 8 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	10.15 am		Children's meeting (Vestry)
	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
	7.15 pm		Ministry team (Birchdale)
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group meeting
Thurs 9 th	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
Fri 10 th	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sat 11 th	12 noon		Wedding
Sunday 12th Sept		Trinity 15	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	4.00 pm		Baptisms
	6.00 pm		Evening Prayer
Mon 13 th	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	2.00 pm		Standing Committee (Vicarage)

	7.30 pm		Teaching evening (Hall)
Tues 14th	7.00 pm		Eucharist (Holy Cross Day)
Wed 15 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union meeting
Thurs 16 th	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
	am		Home Communions
Fri 17 th	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sunday 19th Sept		Trinity 16	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Family Worship and Baptisms
	6.00 pm		Parish Eucharist
Mon 20 th	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	am		Home Communions: St. Peter's Court and Victoria House
Parish New Copy	deadline		
Tues 21st	7.00 pm		Eucharist (Matthew – Ap. and Ev.)
Wed 22 nd	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union Prayer Time
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
	7.30 pm		Deanery Synod (Barrow)
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group meeting
Thurs 23 rd	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
Fri 24 th	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sunday 26th Sept		Trinity 17	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Sung Evensong
Mon 27 th	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	7.00 pm		Eucharist and PCC
Tues 28 th	2.00 pm		Worship Committee (vicarage)
Wed 29th	9.30 am		Eucharist (Michael & All Angels)
Thurs 30 th	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
Fri 1 st Oct	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sunday 3rd Oct		HARVEST	THANKSGIVING
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm		Service at The Willows
	6.00 pm		Harvest Songs of Praise

OVER TO YOU.....

As some of you may know, I achieved fame for 5minutes recently. Quite a procedure – filming all morning for 5-minutes worth of TV. On a more serious note – making a case for a temporary “blue” disabled badge – the responses have been mostly positive. One email sent to Look North however stands out: “She should be thankful her disability is only temporary – mine is permanent.”

This brought several things to mind:-

- Doctors’ surgeries would be almost empty if only permanent illnesses were treated.
- We wouldn’t need hospitals – only hospices.
- We wouldn’t wear glasses unless our sight were permanently poor.
- Accidental, minor, temporary injuries would not be treated.
- On the world stage, we wouldn’t help the people of Pakistan (or other places of need) as the floods are only temporary.

There is a slogan which informs the bringing-up of children – “Every Child Matters”. Perhaps we should adopt the theme that “Every Adult Matters” as well. Bishop John made the comment to me that if we are in a position to use our “voice” to help further the cause of others (who may not have the same confidence themselves) then we should use it. I may not benefit from this cause, but others might in the future.

Remember, Jesus did not turn away anyone, and even rebuked his disciples “suffer the little children to come unto me.” So let us not forget that in *God’s* eyes we are all equal.