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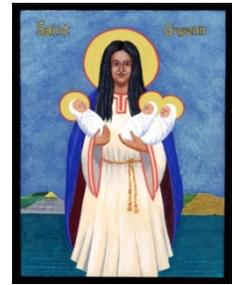
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Services at St Gwenn's

JUNE UP-DATE

Sun 25 June – **PENTECOST 3**

There WILL be

Divine Liturgy 10.30am

As usual

Sun 2 July – **PENTECOST 4**

Sorry NO Liturgy Today



Wed 5 July – S Gwenn Tierbron

Divine Liturgy 9.30am



Sun 9 July – **PENTECOST 5**

Divine Liturgy 10.30am



Sun 16 July – **PENTECOST 6**

Divine Liturgy 10.30am



Sun 23 June – **PENTECOST 7**

Divine Liturgy 10.30am



Sun 30 July – **PENTECOST 8** and **S Joseph of Arimathea**
(transferred from 31 July)



Divine Liturgy 10.30am

From your Parish Priest

Greetings! The Lord be with you. Welcome to our 'summer weight' St Gwenn's News.

As we move into high summer I guess many of us will be taking holidays. As the Queen reflected in her Official Birthday speech, however, the national mood is sombre. We cannot forget the sufferings and misery of so many around us and across the world, but we do deserve the chance to get away and re-charge our spiritual 'batteries' the better to cope with the stresses that beset us. I personally find there is no better antidote than to spend time alone with our Lord. Whatever else we decide to leave behind when we go on holiday let it not be Christ.

And on the subject of holidays, we shall be going to Cumbria for a few days, hence there being no Liturgy on 2nd July.

May the Lord bless you all.

Fr Leonard+

Walsingham – England's Nazareth

In the year 1061 Our Blessed Lady appeared to the Lady Richeldis de Faverches and gave her instructions to build a replica of the Holy House at Nazareth where she had lived with Joseph and her Son, Jesus. The house was duly constructed, a spring of fresh pure water arose, and Walsingham became a renowned Shrine and place of pilgrimage, famous for its miracles of healing. Lady Richeldis's son determined that a priory be built in Walsingham.

The decrees of King Henry VIII, who had himself previously been a pious pilgrim to Walsingham, dissolving monasteries, brought an end to the Shrine and the Priory in 1538. In the late nineteenth century, however, pilgrimages to Walsingham began again. After the High-Church Anglican priest, Fr Alfred Hope Patten, was appointed vicar of Walsingham (actually it's Little Walsingham) he set about restoring the shrine, and the rest, as is said, is history.

It was to this Shrine that Trish and I went towards the end of June – our first visit there for many years although we had, in past years been regular pilgrims.

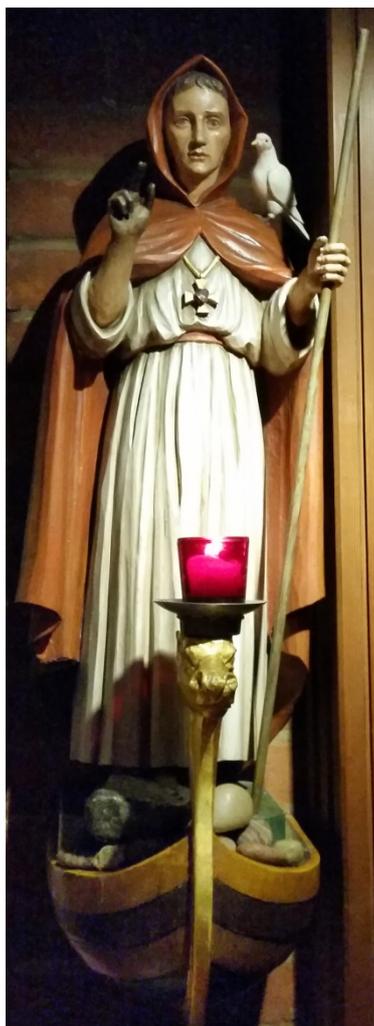


Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

We arrived in time for the Corpus Christi morning Mass and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. We then had two days of peace and quiet. There is a tiny Orthodox chapel at the Shrine Church which was, with its many icons, the perfect setting for private daily offices. There is also a chapel, situated behind the main altar, which is dedicated to Celtic Saints, so I felt quite at home! No icons there, but there are statues of St Columba and St David (see next page).

When we left Walsingham we drove down into Essex to join a dear priest friend who was celebrating his 60th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Walsingham and that celebration mass took us back to the Anglo-Catholicism which Trish misses so much in our part of Dorset. I enjoyed the experience, but have absolutely no regrets at my decision to

become Orthodox, and in particular, Celtic Orthodox. Which leads me back to those Celtic Saints at Walsingham.



St Columba



St David

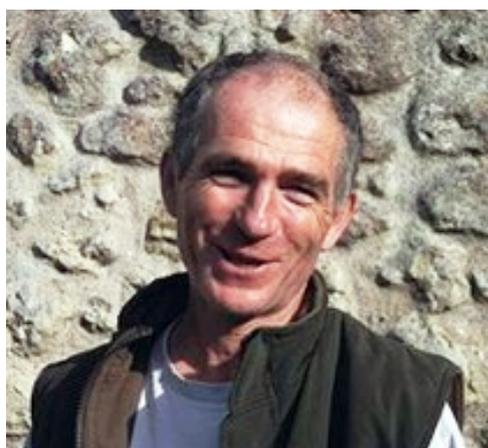
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QUIET DAY

Four of us from St Gwenn's attended a Quiet Day, organised by the West of England Benedictine Oblates Group, at St Hugh's, Charterhouse on Mendip on 20th June. The day began with a Liturgy celebrated by Fr Leonard after which Fr Jonathan Herbert guided our thoughts around the subject of scapegoatism. We looked at the scapegoat in the biblical context, both Old Testament and New, and in society, and in ourselves, ever ready to lay blame anywhere but on ourselves. It gave us much food for thought...and prayer. Our thanks to Fr Jonathan for his insights.



St Hugh's



Fr Jonathan



St Hugh's Interior

For our Prayers

For our Primate Metropolitan Marc and all our monastics, clergy and people, and for the future of the Celtic Orthodox Church, and the Western Orthodox Communion.

For Bishop Paul and the Monastery at Toms Brook. For the growth of the parish there.

For the Unity of Christ's Church – the unity He came to give us, and which we continue to shatter.

For Fr Charles Danes (Fr Leonard's first vicar) who has just celebrated his 60th anniversary of being ordained priest, for his wife Marion, and their extensive family of three downward generations; for Fr Charles' continuing ministry.

For speedy and lasting relief for those starving in the severe FAMINE across the world. For faithfulness to Christ's injunction to love and serve one another; for generous hearts to impel us to give what we can.

For stability in our country, for our newly elected Government, for the defeat of terrorism and satisfactory negotiations with the EU.

For PEACE and stability throughout our troubled world. For peaceful solutions to the growing tensions in the Far East. For an end to the horrors of terrorism, religious extremism and radicalisation. For all persecuted Christians and other religious and ethnic groups. For the refugees forced to flee their troubled homelands and those endeavouring to deal with the refugee crisis.

For the victims of terrorism and violence in our own land; for those suffering in the aftermath of the appalling tower block inferno in London; and for all in sickness, sorrow or distress, especially those on our prayer lists and on the hearts of all who read this. For Fr Deacon Cwyfan awaiting heart surgery next month.

For the departed – Roy, Ron, Maureen, John, Bryce, Debbie, Jenny, Beryl, His Beatitude Mael, Fr Tony, and Betty, whose anniversaries of reposing fall this month. Memory Eternal.

