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Vicar's Travels. A Report.

London

During May-June Libby and I had the good fortune of spending some time in the U.K. and also in the South of France – Languedoc, the area of the Cathars and later the Huguenots. While in London we attended the service at the LCC parish in East Putney. It was conducted by our Presiding Bishop, Graham Wale, assisted by his wife Kylan as Crozier Bearer and Fr Charles Bossman as Server and Deacon. During communion the daughter of Fr Charles, Anne-Marie, sang a beautiful unaccompanied solo. Truly inspiring. The Bossman family come from Ghana and Fr Charles has been a priest of this parish for many years. (He attended the GES in Sydney in the 1990s.)

North Wales

Libby and I then ventured to North Wales, which I had the pleasure of visiting last year. Our host and guide was Bishop Gerard Crane and his wife Rev. Pamela Crane, who belong to another branch of the LCC family. A highlight of the trip was to be taken to St Winefride's Well, about an hour out of Llandudno (pronounced 'Clandidno'). The Well is commonly known as "the Lourdes of Wales". A truly ancient and magical place. The small chapel is built around the well and there is a shallow pool outside into which pilgrims may immerse themselves in the healing waters. On one evening we were taken to a restaurant on the esplanade (Café Dudno, after the local saint, St Dudno), where we were regaled with fine food and superb music – a Welsh harpist no less. In talking to him I found that he knew well my colleague Huw Jones (he's Welsh, too!), who was the harpist in the MSO. Small world indeed. Thank you Gerard and Pamela for your wonderful hospitality!

French Huguenot Connection

I am connected to not one, but two, French Huguenot families (on my mother's side), both of whom escaped the religious persecutions in France during the 17th and 18th centuries. The Poulain family escaped (it was illegal for them to leave France) shortly after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes (which had given some religious freedom) and settled in Canterbury where there was a flood of migrants from France. The Anglican Church, ever-welcoming to migrants (especially Protestants), allowed them to use the large crypt in the Cathedral at Canterbury (and elsewhere such as London) for their services, which they held on a Sunday afternoon and in French. They are still doing this today, more than 300 years later! A Poulain married into the Cazaly family who escaped France late 18th century and settled in Spitalfields, London (near Soho), which became a strong Huguenot area.

The Cazaly family (yes, Roy Cazaly is a cousin of mine!) had to abandon their chateau in Sommieres, but one of them returned after the Revolution and repurchased it. The property remained in family hands until the late 19th century. Libby and I stayed in Sommieres for three nights and visited the chateau. In fact, we were taken on a tour of the property and the surrounding area by the local historian (who could only speak French). He has a chapter on the history of the chateau and its owners in his book on the area. He presented us with a copy of it when he returned us to the township.

William Shakespeare

Well, I must now do some further name-dropping! The records of the Burman family (on my father's side) go back to the 1500s and the place is non-other than Stratford-upon-Avon. They owned a lot of land in the area, as did William Shakespeare and his wife's family, the Hathaways. They all knew each other very well and documents show them witnessing each other's will and acting as Executor. There are also records of them fighting in court over who is entitled to certain tithes in the area!

There are a number of burials and wall memorials to various Burmans in the local Anglican Church. Their name is also inscribed in the Church Bible, which is very old, and which is displayed in a show case

in the sanctuary of the church. Also at the steps to the sanctuary are the graves of William Shakespeare and his wife Anne. I was privileged to visit this church during our break on a day tour, while Libby went with the group to visits Shakespeare's birthplace. (The home is still there.)

Annual General Meetings Report

The Annual General Meeting of the parish took place immediately following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday 9th May. The usual annual reports were presented and the Vestry elected. The new Vestry is as follows:

Libby Shade – Secretary
Marion Gilchrist – Treasurer
Russell Cole – People's Warden, Property Manager
Alan Davis
Blanche White
Noel Wyndom
The Vicar is ex-officio Chairman.

Thank you to all those who have accepted office.

The Annual General Meeting of the LCC (Vic.) Holding, commonly known as the Trust, followed that of the parish AGM. The reports from the President, Treasurer and Secretary were presented. There is no change in the Directors, and they are:

Blanche White – President
Russell Cole – Secretary & Public Officer
Libby Shade – Treasurer
Alan Davis
Marion Gilchrist

A special "thank you" to our Directors for continuing their work for the Church.

"Blessed art thou, O God, and blessed is thy name for ever;
and blessed are all thy holy angels."

Tobit (Chs 11 & 12)

(cf. Epistle Reading for Trinity III.)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Loving, eternal Father of us all,
~ Blessed and praised with so many holy names! ~
Open our hearts and eyes to the light of your Kingdom,
Inspire our minds and hands till the world of souls
Can work your Will in harmony with the Heavens.

Fling wide for us the door of your compassion,
And help us to trust the wisdom of your giving;
And as we learn to long for what is good,
To face our folly, and make our recompense,
Grace us with Truth:
We all are the One Life;
Forgiving each other in love is the end of fear.

Through the enlightened mind,
Through the compassionate heart,
Through the subjected will,
Draw us into your Glory and our joy!

Amen, amen, amen.

Rev. Pamela Crane

PARISH VESTRY

The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8th July. (Meetings are held on 2nd Thursday odd months at 7.30 pm.)

Friends of the Parish

The Vicar made a proposal to the Vestry that we acknowledge in some way the work that two friends of the parish have performed over recent years. Kathy Mlaskawa has been reorganising and rejuvenating the gardens at the back of the church, and this included the clearing of jungle and debris! Ian Wise has been auditing the books of both the Parish and the Trust for several years, all in his own time.

A Certificate of Appreciation has been drawn up, and it declares that Kathy and Ian are designated "Friends of the Parish". These certificates were presented recently to our special friends.

Thank you Kathy and Ian for your dedication.

Officers of the Parish

Priest	V. Rev. Fred Shade	9459 2670
Deacon	Rev. Alan Davis	9509 1791
Assistant Ministers	Mr Russell Cole	(M) 0407 348 229
	Mrs Blanche White	9803 0703
Deaconess	Mrs Marion Gilchrist	9511 4845
Property Manager	Mr Russell Cole	(M) 0407 348 229
Parish Secretary	Mrs Libby Shade	(H) 9459 2670

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Church Services

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 10.30 am.
All are welcome. The Church is directly opposite the Gardiner
Railway station in Glen Iris.

Church Calendar

July

Sunday, 4 th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity Intent: God as Peace
Sunday, 11 th	Sixth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Steadfast Service
Sunday, 18 th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity Intent: Purity, a day of devotion to the Holy Spirit
Sunday, 25 th	Eighth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Wisdom

August

Sunday, 1 st	Ninth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Confidence
Sunday, 8 th	Tenth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Devotion
Sunday, 15 th	The Assumption of Our Lady
Sunday, 22 nd	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Self-dedication
Sunday, 29 th	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Good Works

September

Sunday, 5 th	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Renewal of Heart
Sunday, 12 th	Nativity of Our Lady (Octave)
Sunday, 19 th	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Justice
Sunday, 26 th	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Spiritual Progress

October

Sunday, 3 rd	St Michael and All Angels (Octave)
Sunday, 10 th	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Tact and Tolerance Day of Recognition of other Religions.
Sunday, 17 th	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Intent: Serenity
Sunday, 24 th	Saint Raphael, Archangel
Sunday, 31 st	Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity Intent: Right Energy

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VICAR'S REPORT 2010

I am certain that we are travelling in our own Tardis, as the 12 months have gone by in the twinkling of an eye.

The peregrinations of your Vicar continued apace, and during the past year included: (i) a trip to the U.K., attending the L.C.C. in East Putney, London, and meeting up with the Presiding Bishop, Graham Wale; (ii) presenting a series of four lectures at University of the Third Age (U3A) in Heidelberg on the theme “The Search for Meaning Through Religion, Rite and Ritual”; (iii) conducting a weekend seminar at the Perth church with the theme “The Philosophy of Jesus”; (iv) attending the Parliament of the World’s Religions; (v) visiting Brisbane twice in December – for the P.E.S. as Synod Secretary, and also later in the month for Bishop Allan Bradley’s 50th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

In my teaching role in the parish, Advent Talks were presented last year on the theme “The Power of Ritual”, Lenten Talks this year with the theme “The Sermon on the Mount”. These will be published shortly. In my sacramental role I conducted Baptisms and Weddings, also Funerals (including three for my family), and the Christmas and Easter Services. The sacrament of Healing was available to all in need.

The Vestry and Church Trust Directors have performed their several duties with quiet and dignified commitment. My sanctuary team – Alan Davis, Russell Cole and Blanche White, including our indefatigable organist Marion Gilchrist, ably assisted by Ron Arnot, have all performed magnificently.

Between us we have been able to maintain services on every Sunday, mostly the Holy Eucharist. My assistant Ministers have conducted Prime when required. Thank you all for your work and for the sense of solidarity we continue to have. We all work for the parish, for each other, for the Church as a whole, and to those who call on us for help.

Finally, I cannot finish without expressing my gratitude for the parish Secretary, Libby, who fills many roles in this parish and at home! God Bless Libby!

Thank you all for your attendance today, and may we go forward with that peace, love and harmony that has characterised this parish in recent times.

Fred Shade
Vicar

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