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ST MATTHIAS ABBEY, TRIER, GERMANY



At the end of August, John and Jacob and I spent five happy days with our brethren of the Abbey of St Matthias in Germany. It was Jacob's first visit which is always a significant occasion in any CR brother's life. We were warmly received as ever and it was lovely to see the Trier brothers once more (some of whom I had not seen for ten years) and to enjoy their lovely church and monastery buildings and grounds.

The theme of the visit was commemorating the First World War a century on. The scene was set by a visit to the battlefield of Verdun in France on our first full day. The massive memorial to the French dead sits on the highest point, from which you can look down on the war graves and extensive woodland below. All this is very peaceful now and it is hard to imagine the sheer misery and devastation of nearly a hundred years ago. The most poignant moment was when we had emerged from within the gloom of the monument into the warm sunshine, to hear the midday Angelus ringing out from the tower over the thousands of white crosses which mark the graves below. Reminding us that God's love has the last word over all our human follies and failures.

We had some interesting group reflection on what we had seen and experienced and John shared some insights on British perspectives at the time and on some early CR brethren's involvement in WW1 as chaplains and non-combatants. The worship in church was a great blessing, as was the graciousness of eating in a Benedictine refectory which is a fine and moving liturgy in itself. Don't miss this treat when next visiting an established OSB Monastery! Br Philip CR

CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER



Our very good friend and choir teacher, Bridget Budge has used her experience and expertise to bring together a new and most impressive chamber choir. In support of the Community, Bridget has offered to put on an interesting and varied programme of English and European sacred music entitled 'Through the Ages'.

The concert will take place in the Church on **Saturday 1st November at 7.30pm** and all those attending are welcome to join us for the Vigil of the Resurrection, observed by the Community each Saturday at 9.15pm. Tickets for the concert are priced at £7.50 and include refreshments.

Please contact Jenny Ashmore for further information or to reserve your ticket(s).
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SOCIETY OF LITURGICAL STUDIES – CONFERENCE AT CR



In the year when National and Church bodies are preparing for public commemoration of the outbreak of the First World War, the Society for Liturgical Study felt it timely to use its biennial conference to bring the relationship of liturgy and history under scrutiny.

The conference theme was defined in a deliberately broad way. At a time of increasing challenge to the way the faith is expressed and with a renewed interest in ancient patterns of prayer within Fresh Expression and Alternative Worship communities, the way we approach our history and how we draw on our past are of vital importance to the mission of the church in the current age.

The Conference provided an excellent opportunity to meet others whose work is in the field or touching the study of worship and liturgy and to hear and discuss papers both from established scholars and those at an earlier stage of their liturgical research and teaching.

The Biennial Conference of the Society for Liturgical Study was once again held at the College over three days in late August, with the theme 'Liturgy and History'. The Conference drew about fifty participants from across the UK and Ireland, and further afield. As is usual papers were given both by established scholars, among them Professor Bryan Spinks of Yale University and the Society's President, Dr Donald Gray, and by those who have either recently completed or are presently working on graduate qualifications in liturgical studies, whose work the Society is keen to encourage and support.

As always the quality was high and the content rich and stimulating. The Conference attended Evensong with the Community and celebrated a Conference Eucharist in the Lower Church at which Fr Peter Allan CR, the Principal of the College, presided. There was much lively discussion, the renewal of old friendships and the forging of new, and participants enjoyed a superb and convivial Conference Dinner in the College Refectory. The Revd Dr Ben Gordon-Taylor, Dean of Chapel and Lecturer in Liturgy at the College and Director of the Mirfield Liturgical Institute, was elected Chair of the Society for the next four years. The Society will return to the College for the next Conference in August 2016, and is always delighted to hear from prospective members, including those who are currently students: see the website www.studyofliturgy.org for further details. Ben Gordon-Taylor

NEWS FROM TARIRO – FR NICOLAS' VISIT

September for me was spent visiting our many projects in Zimbabwe and those who help run them. Thursday 28th August I arrived in Harare in the dark to be met by Edwin (Tariro's administrator) and drove through the largely dark Harare (most streetlights have given up) to Borrowdale where I found Glynis and Rob along with Ben Bradshaw.



Friday was mainly spent on the long drive down the Eastern side of the country to Tongogara refugee camp. It was the first time Ben had seen the church for which he raised so much money. There were over 60 people in church, many of them young. That in itself is good as their previous church could barely take 20!

After a rather good lunch, we drove up to Chipinge, a town rather beautifully placed in hilly country on the edge of the Chimanimani mountain range. The town, like all small Zimbabwean towns is badly run down, dirty and overcrowded. Here we met our little group of Tariro kids – Munyaradzi, Brenda, Rejoice, Shepherd and a new one, Liberty. All seem to be doing well.

The next day we were back on the road north quite early as we had business to do in Mutare. Much of this concerned the children's home at St Augustine's. It has been badly run for years and not properly maintained. It is now becoming a scandal so we have decided Tariro will step in.

Later during my visit I headed off for Gweru – a drive of about 3 hours from Harare. There we met Bishop Ishmael and Stephanie, one of our young people. Stephanie is now a student at Midlands University. All but one of our children are still in primary school. Most of the girls are doing well academically. The four boys "could do much better" but are typical boys! We're still learning how to handle this group, supplementing their food and encouraging the Sisters to understand their problems.



Sunday 13th September was when we enjoyed a great event; the Celebration Mass at Tariro Youth Project, the house of about 15 young people whom we support in Harare. Each year when we celebrate this, newcomers read out a letter to departed parents, a very moving and healing little ceremony. Despite the hardships of life in Zimbabwe these youngsters are doing well. Several are in tertiary education; three have jobs. One who didn't do well academically has found a great skill in sewing which is bringing her an income. The place really does feel like a family, not an institution.

I left feeling we had done a lot, and there is a great deal more for Edwin and others to do once I can find and send the money. Fr Nicolas CR

Welcome to all those who have received this monthly newsletter via post, we hope you continue to enjoy catching up on the activity here at the Community. Should you wish to make a contribution (if you have not already done so) to the postage of this monthly communication, then please make all cheques payable to The Community of the Resurrection or contact Adele Hannah on 01924 483300 in the Bursary to arrange alternative methods of payment.

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