

Community of the Resurrection



St. Albans Diocese Network

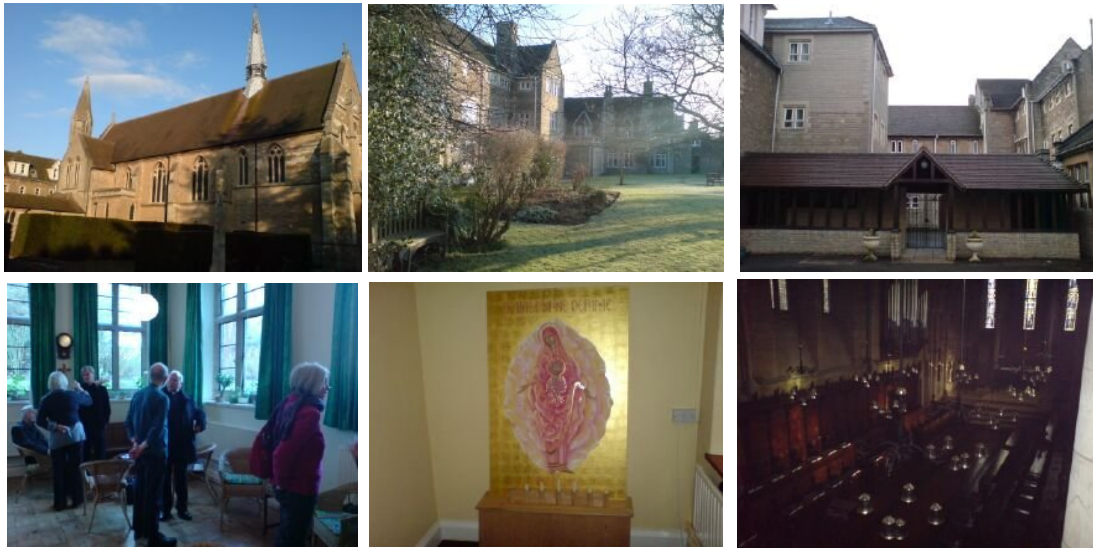


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Quiet Day

On Saturday 20 February, 14 of us gathered at the Convent of St Mary the Virgin in Wantage, Oxfordshire for a Quiet Day, led by Sr Barbara Claire of the Community there. The day started with the Office of Terce in the Community Chapel, followed by a Eucharist. After coffee in the Welcome Area, we gathered for our theme of “Christ in the Desert”, inspired by a recent pilgrimage to St Anthony’s cave by Sr Barbara Claire.

The first session, “Walking into the desert with Christ” saw us through to the Office of Sext and a silent lunch (hot soup and Convent baked bread was provided!), which was followed by our second session “Towards a desert of the heart”. Our day ended with tea, Convent made iced chocolate cake and, for those who wished to stay on, the Office of Vespers. Everybody said how much they enjoyed the day and would like to return in the future!



There are more photographs from the day at www.mirfieldcompanions.org.uk/stalbans/csmvwantage.htm

Future meetings of the St Albans group (including our 40th Anniversary!)

The next meeting of the St Albans Companions will take place on **Saturday 22 May, 2010** at St Mary’s Church, Aylesbury. This will celebrate the 40th anniversary since the St Alban’s local group was first formed (although it has come and gone in various guises since then). St Mary’s has strong links with Zimbabwe, thus being in tune with the country of origin of the Companion’s Chaplain (Fr Nicolas Stebbing CR) and the focus by the Community on helping people in that country, not least orphaned children (please see www.mirfieldcompanions.org.uk/tarirojan10.htm for Fr Nicolas’s latest report). There will be a midday Eucharist and a bring and share lunch. The cost of the day will be £7.50 per person. Please send cheques (made payable to “Graham Morton”) to: 2 Townside, Haddenham, Buckinghamshire HP17 8BG. Do come and join us – it should be a memorable day.



Would all Companions and former Fraternity members, Associates and Friends please try to write to Ros with memories of the group and experiences of CR. These will be collated and available for the meeting. Contact Mrs R. Johnson, 7 Prae Close, St. Albans AL3 4SF or email rosalind.johnson@btinternet.com. Thank you.

There will be a concert by the singer Clare McCaldin in aid of the Church Appeal in Southwark Cathedral on **Friday 30 April, 2010** (organised by the London Group) - details from vanessa.m.dixon@btinternet.com. We will be holding another Summer Party in the lovely garden of John and Mary Payne-Cook at Pirton, Hertfordshire on **Saturday 24 July, 2010**.

Importantly, there is the Annual Companions/Friends day and Renewal of Commitments on **Saturday 18 September, 2010** being held Canterbury Cathedral, courtesy of the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Ven Sheila Watson. This event has been organised specifically for all Companions and Friends in the South of England (those in the North are meeting in York in May, thus the usual single day will be split this year). This will be a one-off and very special occasion so do please try to make every effort to be part of it. The booking form is overleaf.

Future meetings may include a visit to Harrow School, where Charles Gore, Founder of CR, studied and possibly a talk from one of the CR Oblates, perhaps Fr Andrew Stevens. Further details of these events will follow.

If you are not a CR Companion but would like to join in any of our events, you would be most welcome.

Congratulations to Br Barnabas



The group extends warmest congratulations to Br Barnabas CR, who took his latest vows towards full profession on 7 March at a Mass held at Mirfield.

Keep up to date with the news from the Community at Mirfield: www.mirfieldcompanions.org.uk.
If you are reading this in hard copy because do not have a computer at home or at work, simply visit your local Public Library and ask the staff there to show you the website.

A plea from our Co-ordinator

Dear Fellow Travellers,

The St. Albans CCR Network meets four times a year to forge the concept of Community for Companions and Friends of CR; to share living the Charism through the Eucharist and to provide a platform for ideas and support in "Reaching Out" in our daily lives. We try to vary the geographical venues to facilitate further-flung members. Accordingly, we have met in St. Albans and Pirton (Hertfordshire), Leighton Buzzard and Maulden (Bedfordshire), Edgware, Southwark, Wantage and, soon, Aylesbury (Buckinghamshire) and Canterbury (Kent). There are some 150 people on our database whom we believe are interested in keeping in touch with our "doings" and wider CR news. We work hard to please and in doing so have fun. However, the number of people actually meeting is quite small and it does seem to me that the group cannot go on indefinitely unless more of you come along to what are and have been some very worthwhile events. CR either has a place in your hearts or it doesn't. We know the value of time, which is why this has to work for us as well as, we hope, some of our readers BUT if you don't use us you may lose us. When Kevin first approached you, many of you were delighted to be in touch with CR again (in some cases after a lapse) even if third-hand. So, PLEASE make an effort to come along occasionally and if there is anything you wish to see implemented we will be delighted to try and facilitate it.

With best wishes, Ros Johnson, Co-ordinator

Photograph Corner



It is entirely appropriate that our photograph of artwork depicting the resurrection should this time come from the Community of St Mary the Virgin at Wantage. This is the 15th Station of the Cross "Resurrection" from the Community's St Mary Magdalene Chapel.

The Stations were begun in 1930 and carved from mahogany by Mother Maribel, who took 27 years to complete the 14 stations, during which time she had been Reverend Mother General for 13 years (1940 to 1953). This 15th Station was completed two years before her death in 1970 when she was 83 years old

"How can anyone carve the Resurrection Body?" she asked herself and answered by portraying the same, still, straight figure, standing as before Pilate in the first Station; the Christ who, after man had wrought his worst upon him, is yet the same, yesterday, today and for ever. This was the last carving she ever made.



Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield

COMPANIONS & FRIENDS DAY at Canterbury Cathedral

on Saturday 18 September, 2010



10.00am	Meeting in the Reception Area of St Augustine's Abbey
10.15am	Pilgrimage Walk to Canterbury Cathedral (about 15 mins)
10.45am	Coffee/Tea break in the Cathedral Lodge
11.30am	Mass in Eastern Crypt of Canterbury Cathedral
12.30pm	Lunch in the Cathedral Lodge
	(13.30pm to 14.45pm Optional Guided Tour of Cathedral: £5 extra, to be pre-booked)
3.30pm	Cup of Tea/coffee and farewells in the Cathedral Lodge

The total price for the day including morning drinks, lunch with tea/coffee, afternoon tea/coffee will be £19.50. Numbers are limited. To secure each place, please complete the form below and return with a £5.00 per person non-refundable deposit. An early reply is advisable.

PRINT Name

PRINT Address

Telephone e-mail

No in party No requiring optional Guided Tour Accommodation information required?

Please make cheques payable to "Kevin Sims" and write "Canterbury Pilgrimage" on the reverse. Then return this form and your deposit to Kevin Sims, 12 Church Road, Maulden, Bedfordshire MK45 2AU

Please advise any special dietary or mobility needs