

# Community of the Resurrection



St. Albans Diocese Network



## Newsletter 9 – Autumn 2009

### Autumn Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary since the group reformed)



St Mary the Virgin, Maulden



The Ailesbury Mausoleum

Our autumn meeting was held on 17 October at Maulden in Bedfordshire, where we had use of the church and hall. 14 of us foregathered over coffee and were then treated to an excellent presentation by Ursula Hashem on the annual Ethiopian "Timkat" festival, celebrating the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. Using video, slides and real artefacts, this joyful and colourful festival was brought vividly alive.

Following midday Communion in St Mary the Virgin church, we returned to the hall for a substantial lunch after which we looked at the bold architectural designs for the church and new monastery at Mirfield. Maulden History Society then kindly allowed us a private viewing of the Ailesbury Mausoleum, situated in the churchyard. The day concluded with a short business meeting, conducted over tea (plus a congratulatory cake to celebrate the second anniversary of the reforming of the St Albans group).



Grateful thanks go to all who bought, brought and prepared the food and drinks and the washers/tidiers up!

### Next meeting of the St Albans group

The next meeting of the St Albans Diocese Network of the Community of the Resurrection will take the form of a quiet day, to be held at the Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage on Saturday 20 February 2010. To secure your place, please send a cheque for £10 per person (made payable to "Graham Morton") to: 2 Townside, Haddenham, Buckinghamshire HP17 8BG. On the day, everybody should provide their own packed lunches; the convent will supply soup, tea and coffee. Rooms are available for overnight stays on the Friday and Saturday, if required, but will need booking in advance (first come first served - details at [www.csmvonline.org.uk](http://www.csmvonline.org.uk)). Please note that we are expected to arrive by 9.30am, in time for the Community Eucharist at 10.00am.



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

**Important date: May 2010.** The St Albans local group was first formed in May 1970 and we were particularly thrilled to have at our Autumn gathering a former Secretary of the group, John Hartup. We hope to hold an event in May next year befitting our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and would like to hear from older members relating their early association with CR and how this came about. Please write to Ros Johnson at 7 Prae Close, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL3 4SF or e-mail: [stalbans@mirfieldcompanions.org.uk](mailto:stalbans@mirfieldcompanions.org.uk)

### Photograph Corner



Continuing our theme of artwork depicting the resurrection, this time we feature a painting from St Peter, Walworth in South London.

This is from the Stations of the Cross by Adam Boulter and is the final station "Resurrection", hung in the Lady Chapel. The majority of the Stations are strikingly painted from the point of view of Jesus and were dedicated by Bishop Tom Butler, Bishop of Southwark, in December 2005.

The light area (upper centre) is actually a reflection from the camera flash but it seems to add an ethereal element to this already powerful image.

### The Companions' Website

Keep up to date with the latest news from the Community at Mirfield: [www.mirfieldcompanions.org.uk](http://www.mirfieldcompanions.org.uk)

If you 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.



### Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield

#### COMPANIONS & FRIENDS DAY at Canterbury Cathedral

on Saturday 18 September, 2010



At the invitation of the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Ven Sheila Watson, a CR Companions & Friends day will be held in Canterbury on Saturday 18 September 2010 to include a Mass in the Eastern Crypt of Canterbury Cathedral.

#### Planned Agenda

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| 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 <b>extra</b> , 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.**

It is anticipated that a number of Brethren from the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield will join us. It is also hoped that we will be joined by the Archdeacon and by Christopher Irvine, former Director of the College of the Resurrection at Mirfield and now Residentiary Canon at the Cathedral.

**IMPORTANT: 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 "Rosalind Johnson" and write "Canterbury Pilgrimage" on the reverse. Then return this form and your deposit to Mrs Rosalind Johnson, 7 Prae Close, St. Albans, Hertfordshire AL3 4SF*

Please advise any special dietary or mobility needs .....