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8:00am	LOW MASS
10:00am	HIGH MASS

DAILY MASS

Tuesdays	7:00am & 12 noon
Wednesdays	9:30am
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FATHER TONY WRITES...

Dear friends,

Our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham was a wonderful experience for all of us who went. It ranged from the great metropolis of London to English villages, from Westminster Abbey to Mediaeval churches, from afternoon tea at Harrods to the awesome shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham - the destination of our pilgrimage. A full report of each day, with wonderful photos is contained in Fr Power's blog, which is accessible from our parish website. A more condensed report appears on pages 8/17 of this magazine.

It was quite an accomplishment for your Rector to have organised, and successfully led the pilgrimage. We had wonderful accommodation, fascinating experiences together, and impromptu delights - not including 3 cars traveling through London traffic! More significantly, we took the parish with us in our thoughts and prayers to Walsingham. We were blessed - and so is the parish.

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

In the June magazine I reported that the Vestry had been concerned about reduced hours in the parish

office this year, and that we had decided to make the secretary's position full-time. When the Vestry further considered the office situation, I conveyed to them that Charles Randall would be unable to continue supervising the weekly counting of collections as from June 30th. Subsequently George Garrison indicated that he wished to step down as Office Manager – a position he has done voluntarily since before I became Rector.

I have been very grateful to George and Charles for all they have done over many years working for the parish – and express my deep appreciation to them for their long service to the parish.

I subsequently offered this position to Mr Terry McArthur, and he began with us on Tuesday September 4th. Terry visited All Saints' just after Easter, whilst on vacation. He is 23 years of age and is from London, England. A deeply committed Christian, he is a cradle Anglican and shares our love of the Anglocatholic tradition. He previously worked in his home parish, assisting his Rector in a similar position. This is an exciting new venture in the life of All Saints' - please keep Terry in your prayers.

SUMMER PROJECTS

During Summer several projects were carried out on parish property. In June Cheryl Evans, on behalf of the fund-raising committee, organised the renovation of the Fireside Room, painting it herself. The final result was wonderful. Ceiling fans were subsequently installed, and everyone who uses the room is delighted. Thank

you Cheryl. In August excellent new lighting was installed in the sanctuary and chancel. This was a project announced last year, and was made possible by a generous memorial donation. The clergy and choir are rejoicing that they "once was blind, but now can see"!!!

Also in August a new marble floor was installed in the Lady Chapel entrance. This contains a traditional emblem of the Virgin Mary, AM (Ave Maria), and continues the necessary improvements to the Lady Chapel. The final work that needs to be done in the chapel is the replacement of the sanctuary wall-paper with mosaic tiling. I understand Fr Satrang first proposed this project over 25 years ago!

PERSONAL

Once again Summer has seen an influx of visitors on Sundays, with many new people joining our parish. Welcome to you all! A very successful "Newcomers Dinner" was held on July 28th. If you missed this, the Outreach Committee will be organising another one soon.

The Tsui family are faithful attenders at the Sunday 8 am Mass, and we enjoy seeing 3 generations in one family all worshipping together. In September Mr Tsui celebrates his 80th birthday - a wonderful achievement. He is really the patriarch of the San Diego Chinese community. His granddaughter, Ashley, is an aspiring athlete, and made it to the National Junior Olympics.

Sally and Dennis continue to amaze me with their world travels, as well as their wonderful Chinese School. Sally has recently published a book, as well as receiving many community awards. We are proud to have the whole family at All Saints'.

CONFIRMATION STUDY GROUP

Please note the Confirmation Study Group I conduct on Thursdays in 7.00 pm. This is for anyone interested in the sacrament of Confirmation, joining the Episcopal Church, or just learning about our faith and the Anglo-Catholic tradition that is central to our life at All Saints'. There are no obligations - except a little homework each week!

LENT STUDY GROUP

In my 4 years as Rector we have had a weekly Lenten study group on Wednesday nights. I am suggesting that in 2008 it be on Tuesday nights, and would like feed-back from those who have attended in the past, as well as those who might next year.

So now it is the Fall, and programs start up again. It is an exciting time to be at All Saints', and I look forward to our ongoing life as a parish family.

Your priest and friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Tony". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

CONFIRMATION STUDY GROUP

A weekly discussion group is held by the Rector in his office on THURSDAY NIGHTS at 7 pm. This is for anyone who is interested in the sacrament of Confirmation, joining the Episcopal Church, or learning about the Anglo-Catholic tradition. Please speak to Fr Tony for further information.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

The Parish Administrator (PA) is the first contact the public has with All Saints' Church during the week. The PA will need a working knowledge of the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, the Anglo-catholic tradition and the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The PA will be familiar with the ministry of the Rector and will share in pastoral ministry as required by the Rector, including assisting with Services, pastoral visiting, youth ministry, study groups and Christian education. The position includes acting as office co-coordinator, Rector's assistant, assisting the Business Administrator and lay pastoral ministry. It requires familiarity with parishioners, parish groups and the Diocese - and a love of Our Lord and his Holy Church.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

On Sunday August 5th, following the blessing of pilgrims at the 2 morning Masses, 10 excited parishioners joined with the Rector in travelling to London.

We arrived in London on the Monday afternoon, catching the express train & then cabs to our hotel in South Kensington. We were delighted to find it a comfortable hotel and after settling in had dinner together, joined by Joan Hooton, our London friend who would be joining us for much of the pilgrimage.

On Tuesday jet lag had not affected the pilgrims, and following a hearty breakfast we all went on the Big Bus tour around London. This was an open air double-decker bus and we enjoyed the wonderful 3 hour tour around all the sights of London, seeing many things that are familiar to tourists.

We got off at the Tower of London and then caught a ferry back along the Thames to the Houses of Parliament, then catching the tour bus back to the hotel. The commentary on the buses and the ferry was both interesting and amusing.

We returned to the hotel and then most of us went to St. Mary's Church, Bourne Street for the 6:30 pm evening Mass. At Mass we met Henry Hutchinson, a friend of Fr. Tony's who was to be our tour guide at Westminster Abbey on Thursday, where he works as a volunteer tour guide.



Wednesday was our visit to St. Paul's Cathedral. Still unaffected by jet lag, we rose for a hearty breakfast in the hotel and then caught the tube, arriving at St. Paul's Cathedral at 10:30 am. Fr. Tony had arranged for our group to be admitted free and he led us on a tour of the cathedral. Of particular note was the American chapel behind the high altar - given by the people of Britain after World War II in memory of all those U.S. service men and women based in England during World War II who gave their lives. Fr Tony led us in prayer for our country and church, and all US service men and women.

We attended the 12:30 pm Mass and the priest who celebrated welcomed us as a group and invited Fr. Tony to read the first reading.

After our tour of St. Paul's, 3 of our group went on to Cambridge for the afternoon. The rest of us returned to the hotel.

Thursday was our tour of Westminster Abbey. We arrived about 10:30 am and were met by Henry, who gave us a most interesting tour of the Abbey. This included the shrine of Edward the Confessor, where tourists are not allowed to go. Here Fr. Tony led us in prayer, giving thanks for the Church of England, our connection with it, and the faith we have received. We attended the 12:30 pm Mass and All Saints' was mentioned in the intercessions, we concluded with refreshments in the cloisters & college garden, which has wonderful views of the Houses of Parliament and the Abbey - a great experience for our group.

Friday was our adventure by car to Norwich via Chelmsford, Fr. Tony and Fr. Stephen went to collect the hire cars - only to discover that although they held 7 people, they didn't have any room for luggage. So Fr. Tony decided to rent a third car, returning to the hotel to ask if Eric would drive the third car. This meant that not only were we delayed in leaving London but it was quite an adventure with 3 cars in convoy through heavy London traffic and then finding our way to Chelmsford. We arrived at Chelmsford Cathedral about 1:30 pm - two hours later than expected - but were met by a smiling Archdeacon David Lowman. He was pleased to see us, & celebrated Mass in the cathedral for us, then gave a brief tour of the cathedral. We then went by car to the Archdeacon's lodge where he provided a most wonderful lunch in his home, with its beautiful garden. It was a very enjoyable occasion for us all and it was good to renew our acquaintance with Fr. David. We eventually left about 4 pm to drive to Norwich, arriving about 6:30 pm.

The hotel was next to the cathedral and is about 400 years old - but renovated with modern facilities in recent years. After we had unpacked and settled Fr. Tony led us on a twilight walk past the cathedral and to the Lady Julian shrine. It was very romantic and gave us a feel for this historic city.



On Saturday morning after a wonderful English breakfast in the hotel we walked to the Lady Julian shrine, where we were met by Fr. Martin Smith, the Rector of the parish and the administrator of the shrine. He gave an inspiring talk about the Lady Julian and answered questions.

Then Fr. Tony celebrated Mass for us in the Julian shrine. This was an inspiring event for us as we observed St. Clare's day and prayed for our pilgrimage.

We returned to the hotel, and after lunch Fr. Tony led us on a tour of the cathedral. We discovered that at 2:00 pm there was to be a Nuptial Mass for a member of the choir. This meant we were not supposed to enter the sanctuary and choir part of the cathedral - however in our wanderings we heard magnificent music as the cathedral organist was playing and a wonderful choir sang beautiful English church music. We felt we were truly spoiled and the Spirit had blessed us.

After touring the cathedral some members of the group went to look at St. John's church, the parish church, and then onto the castle. That evening we had a wonderful dinner at the hotel.

Sunday morning was High Mass at St. John's. Fr. Stephen preached and Fr. Tony assisted at the altar. It was a wonderful Mass with traditional ceremony and enthusiastic hymns to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

After Mass the parishioners turned on a superb lunch for the parish in the grounds of the church and the pilgrims met many people of great interest including Fr. David Lowman, who was in Norwich and had no idea we would be attending St. John's!



After lunch we returned to the hotel and at 3:30 pm attended a marvelous Evensong in the cathedral. At 6 pm the clergy went to Fr. Martin Smith's rectory for a very enjoyable supper, while the rest of the pilgrims went to the church of St. Peter Parmentergate to hear Joan do bell ringing with a group of bell ringing enthusiasts.

On Monday August 13th we set off for Walsingham. We decided we would have lunch by the sea. However the nearest town unfortunately was full for a carnival. So we drove to Wells-next-sea, a delightful town with a harbor. We found a fish and chip shop, lead admirably by Sheila, where we enjoyed real English fish and chips.

After lunch we then drove through the wonderful countryside, reaching Walsingham about 3:00 pm. This was very a exciting arrival for us - the goal of our pilgrimage. Fr Tony went to the accommodation office having left the pilgrims in a tiny street. A shrine volunteer saw them, and took them into St. Anne's house, the house where our pilgrim group was to be staying. St Anne's is in the shrine grounds and was renovated a few years ago. It has lovely modern rooms - enough rooms for our group to be by itself, and also 3 sitting rooms.

After we had settled Fr. Tony took us to the shrine church for the traditional "first visit" to the holy house. This was the first opportunity the pilgrims had to see the shrine, and they were both excited and in awe. Fr. Tony then led the group on a brief tour of the shrine, then to the shrine shop, where we could use our American plastic cards to buy devotional items and souvenirs.

We returned to the shrine for Evening Prayer followed by the traditional shrine prayers at 6:00 pm. This happens every day, and is a wonderful time of prayer based on the rosary. Intercessions come from all over the world, and we left our own to be added. After that we had supper in the modern refectory. We soon learned that the shrine feeds pilgrims very well! After that we retired to St Anne's cottage to chat & enjoy Aussie wine provided by Joan.

Tuesday was our pilgrimage day. We began with Mass in the holy house celebrated by Fr. Tony. After breakfast we had coffee with the sisters of St. Margaret in their convent, which adjoins the shrine grounds. After that the shrine sacristan gave us a tour of the sacristy, showing us some wonderful vestments and chalices. Then Fr Tony led us on a rosary meditation at the 15 chapels in the shrine dedicated to the mysteries of the rosary. Following lunch we made the Stations of the Cross through the grounds of the shrine. There is a wonderful set of out-door stations in the beautiful shrine grounds.

At 3 pm we went to the parish church, St. Mary's, to hear the annual Assumption lecture given by Fr. Geoffrey Kirk, from St. Stephen's, Lewisham, in London. We returned to the shrine and attended Mass celebrated by Fr Stephen in the chapel of the Carrying of the Cross. This was the first time he had said Mass in the shrine, and was very significant for him.

Following Sung Vespers and Benediction and supper we assembled in the parish church for an ecumenical candle-light procession through the village.

This always happens on the eve of the Assumption and the church was packed with over a thousand people. We processed through the village carrying candles and singing hymns in honor of Mary. The procession finished at the shrine with a magnificent fireworks display. It was a thrilling evening, and a wonderful beginning to the Feast of the Assumption.

Next morning the main event was the 11 am Solemn Mass for the feast of the Assumption.

Thirty priests concelebrated the Mass, including our 3 priests: Fr. Tony, Fr. Stephen and Fr. John. Fr. Tony was honored by being one of the seven concelebrants at the altar and Sheila read the Epistle reading. So All Saints' was well represented at this marvelous celebration

Following the Mass we had lunch and then in the afternoon we went to the Sprinkling. This is a daily service for healing, using the water from the holy well. It was very touching and moving for everyone. Then we went to the Abbey - a private estate containing the ruins of the pre-reformation Augustinian Priory. At 5 pm we visited the sisters for Vespers, and after supper went to the parish church for an organ recital given by an American - the organist of the Church of the Resurrection in Manhattan.

Thursday morning Fr. Tony said Mass for us at the Annunciation altar, during which he blessed all the statues, rosaries and other things that the pilgrims had bought at the shrine shop.

At the conclusion of the Mass the shrine priest, Fr Phillip Barnes, admitted the pilgrims into the society of Our Lady of Walsingham. This was our "day outing", and after breakfast we drove to the Slipper Chapel, one mile away from the shrine. This is the focus for Roman Catholic pilgrims. Then we drove to St. Mary's church, South Creeke - a magnificent church, over a thousand years old which has been restored like it was in the Middle Ages, and is still the main church of that local community.

After South Creeke our next stop was the Norfolk Lavender Farm. We continued on to Sandringham House - the destination of our outing. After a picnic lunch we visited the parish church, where the royal family worship, and then into the magnificent grounds of Sandringham House. This is one of the residences of the royal family and Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth's personal possession. We were able to look at the beautiful grounds and the house itself. Unlike most palaces and royal houses in Europe opened to tourists, this one is still lived in by the family and we could experience how they live as we toured the house.

We returned to the shrine, and after supper Fr. Tony led the pilgrims to the Black Lion, one of the village pubs, so we could experience a real English village pub.

Next morning we left Walsingham. We had Mass at 10 am and then the "Final Visit" - another Walsingham tradition. There were a few moist eyes as we sang the final hymn to say farewell to Our Lady's Shrine. Then it was into our rental cars and off.

We stopped first at Castleacre, a village near Walsingham where there are remains of a medieval castle going back to the time of William the Conqueror, and a mediaeval priory. We had lunch in one of the cafes in the village, then continued on to Ely. Here Fr. Tony led us on tour of the cathedral, pointing out some of the unique features of this amazing building.

Then it was time to return to London. Once we got into the built-up area of this great metropolis we became separated in the peak hour traffic. Fr. Tony was leading and hoped that the other 2 cars were to join him, which they did just 25 minutes later. Congratulations to all 3 drivers for successfully maneuvering London peak hour traffic on a Friday evening!

Saturday was a relaxing day. At 10 am we went to St. Stephens' church, Gloucester Rd, a few minutes from our hotel, for Mass. We then enjoyed looking at this wonderful old church, where the famous T S Elliott had been a Warden for many years. After Mass we went to Harrods, where the ladies engaged in some American tourist shopping, once again handing over their plastic cards to purchase goodies!

At 2:45 pm, through the generosity of Sheila, we enjoyed a wonderful English afternoon tea on the terrace of Harrods. This was a great event for all of us and we felt thoroughly spoiled. Then back to the hotel to change into our evening best for Saturday night in London. At 5:30 pm we set out to the Royal Albert Hall for the concert we were to attend that night as part of the annual Proms.



This was a performance of Elgar's *The Apostles* - a magnificent piece of work rarely heard. It seemed a fitting conclusion to our pilgrimage.

Sunday August 19th was our last day. We attended 11 am High Mass at St. Mary's, Bourne Street, where the liturgy is very similar to our High Mass at All Saints'. The music was superb being presented by a 5 voice choir.

Fr. Tony preached and the congregation seemed to enjoy his joke (though the Vicar commented that he had heard it before!). After the Mass there was a reception in the library, where we enjoyed meeting people from the parish and another typical anglo- catholic wine party. Then back to the hotel to start packing. In the evening we had a special dinner for all of us, including Joan Hooton and Terry McArthur, our new parish administrator. Fr Tony arranged this in a hotel across the road from where we were staying, which overlooked St. Stephen's Church. So as we ate and enjoyed each other's company, we reflected on our wonderful 2 weeks in England and our pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Monday morning off to the airport! At 8:30 am we caught cabs to the station, and then the express train. We got there with plenty of time to spare. Fr. Tony managed to get all of us into the United Airlines lounge, where we waited in comfort with drinks and nibbles, before boarding our flight to Chicago, which connected to San Diego. We arrived home a little late, very tired and jet lagged - but very grateful for God's many blessings, and inspired by our wonderful and exciting 2 weeks on pilgrimage in England.

SPECIAL PROJECT IN THE LADY CHAPEL

NEW COMMUNION KNEELERS

Now that the Lady Chapel floor has been renovated we need new Communion Kneelers. Someone has offered to be part of a group to do this. If you would like to be in this, and help beautify the chapel, please speak to Fr Tony or phone the parish office

SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU LAUGH

The two beggars in Rome

Two beggars were sitting side by side on a street in Rome. One had a cross in front of him; the other one, the Star of David. Many people went by and looked at both beggars, but only put money into the hat of the beggar sitting behind the cross.

A priest came by and watched throngs of people giving money to the beggar behind the cross, but none giving to the beggar behind the Star of David.

Finally, the priest went over to the beggar behind the Star of David and said, "My poor fellow, don't you understand? This is a Catholic country; this city is the seat of Catholicism. People aren't going to give you money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you, especially when you're sitting beside a beggar who has a cross. In fact, they would probably give to him just out of spite."

The beggar behind the Star of David listened to the priest, turned to the other beggar with the cross and said: "Moishe, look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers about marketing."

Praying for our Military

Please keep in your prayers
the following members of our Parish
and their families

On active duty

Fr David Thames
Robert White
Ian Kelley

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Mark Llewellyn
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Ben Apple

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