

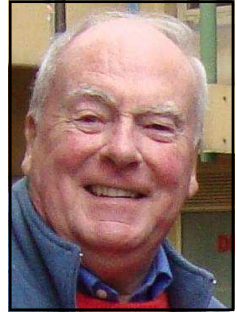
AU REVOIR TO FR ROGER



***after 10 years at St Michael's
2000 - 2010***

ON THE LAST TEN YEARS

Father Roger came to St Michael's 'on retirement' intending to be here for 2-3 years; that was almost 10 years ago! During that time he has given us all the benefit of his theological insights and wisdom gained over more than 55 years of ordained ministry. His Liturgical sensitivity has been appreciated by people of all traditions and we are truly grateful to God for the way in which Fr Roger has encouraged us to develop in our spiritual lives. We pray for God's continuing blessing on him as he leaves Beaulieu-sur-Mer for a 'second' retirement, more than well earned.



Fr Philip Robinson

FR ROGER AND THE DANISH LUTHERANS

The Danish Lutherans began their services at St Michael's in 1983. When I arrived for my second period as Pastor in 2000, St Michael's Church was changing its priest also. I regarded this with some scepticism as the 'new' priest was 70 years old. Surely his services would soon come to an end! And then, what next? Well, as everybody knows, Fr Roger stayed at his post longer than I did! During my eight years the fellowship with him has been pure pleasure; always welcoming, always competent. At this time the relationship between the two congregations has become closer than ever. Fr Roger has had a real gift here: establishing friendly connections.



Pastor Henrik S. Christensen

VIN D'HONNEUR / MEDAILLE D'HONNEUR

On Tuesday 25th May, M. Roger Roux, Mayor of Beaulieu, gave a reception at the Mairie in honour of Father Roger, to thank him for all the good work he had done in Beaulieu since 2000.



Present were members and some of the staff of the Municipal Council, Père Filippi of the Catholic Church and members of the Chaplaincy Church Council of St Michael's.

The Mayor gave a long speech complimenting Father Roger on the growth of good relations between the Church of the Sacré-Cœur and St Michael's, and of both with the town. This culminated in the presentation of the town's Medal of Honour to Father Roger, along with a number of other gifts on behalf of the Mairie.

Father Roger expressed his thanks in a speech given in French.



Late news: Fr Roger seems to be collecting medals just now. Accompanied by Fr Ken Letts and Mgr Blanchi, ecumenical officer of the Diocese of Nice, he went to say farewell to Mgr Louis Sankalé, Bishop of Nice, who presented him with the Medal of the Diocesan Synod of Nice.

Photos courtesy of Catherine Chavance Legros

MEMORABLE HIGHLIGHTS OF FR ROGER'S MINISTRY AT ST MICHAEL'S

18th November 2000

Licensing of
Father Roger
as Priest-in-Charge



23rd January 2002
Day visit to the Abbaye de Lérins

30th September 2002

Centenary celebrations with concerts and lectures begin. On Saturday there was an ecumenical procession through the streets with the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Nice, ending with a service at the Sacré Cœur. On Sunday a Special Eucharist of re-dedication for the restored chancel and Sanctuary with Dr David Hope, Archbishop of York.



The decorating
of the nave
Autumn 2004



27th August 2007

Confirmation and Eucharist
with Bishop David

17th September 2006

Visit by TRH Prince Edward,
Earl of Wessex,
and the Countess of Wessex,
to unveil a plaque honouring
an early benefactor
Prince Arthur,
Duke of Connaught



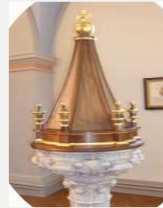


26th March 2007

Installation of a specially painted Ikon of the Virgin and child, given to St Michael's by Fr Roger as a thank-offering for 50 years of priest-

5th April 2008

Visit by HRH Princess Benedikte of Denmark to commemorate the 30th year of the Danish Church on the Riviera with a concert by the Copenhagen Girls' Choir and a service including the dedication of a font cover and the unveiling of a memorial to the Duke of Connaught



29th September 2005

A Solemn Eucharist for Father Roger's Golden Jubilee of ordination in Chichester Cathedral



20th May 2009

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist with Bishop Geoffrey

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHARTERHOUSE

Charterhouse (officially “Sutton’s Hospital in Charterhouse”) in Charterhouse Square just west of the City of London boundary and close to the Barbican, to Smithfield Market and to St Bartholomew’s Hospital, has had a chequered history since its foundation as a Priory of the Carthusian Order (whose mother house is La Grand Chartreuse near Grenoble) in 1371.



In 1535 the monks refused to accept Henry VIII’s Act of Supremacy, and the Prior, John Houghton, and fifteen other monks suffered the gruesome death reserved for traitors at Tyburn. A few years later, the monastery was suppressed and was granted by the Crown to a succession of notables, the grandest of whom was Thomas Howard, 4th Duke of Norfolk, whose fine town house (“Howard House”) it now became until he was

beheaded in 1572. Eventually it was acquired by a wealthy commoner, Thomas Sutton. Having no legitimate heirs he had decided to establish and endow a charitable foundation, which he finally decided would be at Charterhouse itself. It was set up in 1611, the year of Sutton’s death, as a dual foundation: a school to educate boys (which moved to Surrey in the 19th century) and a residential community of men over 60 years of age.

There are at present between 40 and 50 “Brothers”, as they are called, single, widowers or divorced, of whom six are Church of England clerics and others are former teachers, lawyers, musicians, members of the armed forces, etc. The Governors include the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and also the Bishop of London, the present Lord Salisbury (whose mother and two of whose brothers came to Beaulieu for our Centenary in 2003) and our own Honorary Architect, Dr Donald Buttress. My accommodation will consist of a separate sitting room (with kitchenette) and bedroom (with en suite facilities) and I will normally take my meals in the Tudor Great Hall.





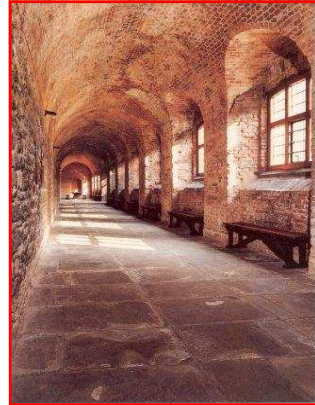
The setting is beautiful, with a Chapel, Infirmary, Library and a secluded garden, and it reminds me of an Oxbridge College. I hope I will learn the humility appropriate to a “new boy” returning to the communal life of school and university.

“... The greatest and noblest gift that ever was given for charity, by one man, public or private, in this nation.”

Daniel Defoe, 1722

The foundation is a charity but each Brother contributes to his keep and is means-tested for this purpose.

I first came to know it during the last nine years, because the Master, Dr James Thomson, used to organize the annual meeting of those who have been awarded Lambeth degrees; a meeting normally held at Lambeth Palace but held one year at Charterhouse. I was so impressed that I at once began to consider requesting admission.



For some years I have been on the waiting list, and now the call has come. I count myself extremely privileged to be allowed to join such a splendid and historic foundation.

R.T.G.

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