



Saint Michael's Messenger

AUGUST 2013

We welcome Father Harry Mathews who will be with us at St. Michael's as locum priest for the Eucharist Services of the Trinity Sunday's of 11th, 18th & 25th August and Sunday 1st September. Below are a few words that Father Harry has sent to us.

After two curacies in my home city of Liverpool I was a vicar in Hackney with Trevor Huddleston as my bishop. He helped me with permissions and episcopal backing to convert the nave of my church into a centre for handicapped children, a really exciting church and community project. I then worked in schools first as chaplain, then as a headmaster for twenty five years. On retirement, I became chaplain at Roedean and now I am chaplain at Kent College Pembury. My part-time chaplaincy work as well as being very fulfilling (and keeping me young at heart!) provides long summer holidays which enables locum opportunities. I have really enjoyed summers serving as a locum priest at Lanazarote and Nirja and I am very much looking forward to being with you in August.
Fr Harry Matthews.

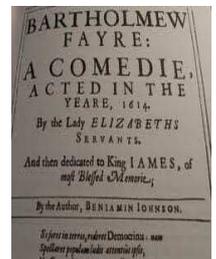
Please note in your diaries

St. Michael's Patronal Feast will be celebrated with a lunch, held after the Sunday Service on 29th September. More details in the September Messenger.

Saint Bartholomew

While I wish to continue this Newsletter on a relaxed, communicative note, it is thought that it would be interesting and informative to spread some deeper knowledge from time to time. Hence the Editor has decided that readers may find it interesting to read about a Saint or Holy man involved with the month that we are mailing. So here for August we offer:-

Saint Bartholomew, one of the Twelve Apostles, is honoured within the Anglican communion and his festival or Saints Day is held on the 24th August. He is regarded as the patron Saint of tanners. Bartholomew Fair was a festival held in Smithfield Market, London, from 1133-1835. It was a traditional occasion lasting 4 days, which served to inspire Ben Jonson's 5 act comedy named 'Bartholomew Fayre' (1614).



Along with his fellow apostle, Jude, Bartholomew is reputed to have brought Christianity to Armenia in the 1st century. No fewer than 165 ancient churches were dedicated to him in England. St Bartholomew's Hospital, known simply as 'St Bart's', is a hospital in Smithfield in the City of London. St Bart's is the oldest hospital in London having been founded in 1123. It is also the oldest in the United Kingdom to still occupy its original site which had previously been St. Bartholomew Priory. The 'Henry VIII' entrance to the hospital is still the main public entrance; The King's statue above the gate is the only public statue of him in London.

EasyJet

The budget airline has brought new rules into force on hand luggage and will only guarantee cabin space for bags that are up to 50x40x20cm - roughly 37% smaller than the previous limit. Passengers will still be allowed to take on board the older size cabin baggage - 56cmx45cmx25cm - but the cabin crew may say that if space is running out on-board they will have to put it into the hold for no extra charge. Passengers will then have to wait until hold luggage is unloaded in order to collect their bag.

EasyJet says the move is not to get more money out of customers but it is because their aircraft do not have enough room for every passenger to carry on-board luggage at the old measurements. Switching to the new sizes - about 5cm smaller all round - will mean there should be enough space for passengers to carry luggage onboard with them. Check the web site for further details.

<http://connexionfrance.com>

Renewing British passports

British nationals living in France and wanting to renew their passport are advised that they will need to send applications directly to H.M. Passport Office in the UK instead of applying to Paris. All the information needed for the new passport application, including a new overseas passport application form, can be found on the website <https://www.gov.uk>



New speed cameras in Eze

It is reported that the first of six, long-range speed cameras is due to be installed in Eze this summer as part of a regional crackdown on road traffic accidents. The average speed will be limited to 70km per hour. This 'average speed detection system' is expected to be up and running on the Moyenne Corniche between Eze and Monaco by the end of August. Two cameras will be installed, covering a section of 1.5 kilometres. They will calculate the average speed of a vehicle as it travels along the section and if the average speed is higher than 70 km per hour the driver will be fined for speeding. The Eze - Monaco road was chosen after 24 people were killed on this single stretch of road alone, last year. The long range speed radars are able to detect a vehicle's actual speed at each camera location as well as calculating the average speed between the two points.

Restaurant quality label plan

It is proposed that restaurants which prepare fresh foods are to get their own sign in order to separate them from the restaurants who use Boil-in-the-Bag meals. The Minister of Tourism, Sylvia Pinel, says she will introduce a logo for restaurants which can be used on menus and can be displayed outside. She also plans to extend the present title of 'Maître Restaurateur' for those who promote 'proper' cooking. She has opted for a compromise after opposing sections of the hotel and restaurant business suggested different ways of maintaining the reputation of the Unesco-recognised dining-out experience

Unwelcome visitors.



As the climate becomes more intense during the summer months there are warnings, for the whole of the Côte d'Azur, of an invasion of the Asian tiger mosquito. There is a new web site www.vigilance-moustiques.com which will advise each department of any heavy infestations. The unusually wet spring has created more places for the mosquito to breed. It is worth keeping a repellent in the home. The mosquito can carry 'dengue fever', though no cases have been reported in France so far. Individuals who are bitten should contact the site directly. If there are any health problems it is wise to check with your local pharmacy.

Mobile telephone price changes.

Tourists within Europe will be able to use their mobile phones without fear of an outrageous bill waiting on their return home. The European Union has cut maximum mobile data roaming rates by 36% from July. New rules mean that:- downloads will now cost 45 centimes per megabyte, outgoing phone calls will cost 24 centimes a minute, incoming calls will cost seven centimes a minute and sending a text message will cost eight centimes. The changes were demanded by the European Commission and mean that using a mobile within the EU in 2013 is up to 91% cheaper than it was in 2007!

Bus fares

From the 3rd May 2013 the bus fares on the **lignes d'azur** went from 1€ to 1.50 €. If you wish to benefit from the original tariff, you need to buy a 'ticket multi'. You pay 10€ and will get 10 tickets which of course you can share with those who may be travelling with you.



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