



Saint Michael's Messenger

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MAY WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

As we come to the end of 2012 some events, in addition to our regular services at St Michael's, stand out in the memory; the Royal Jubilee celebrations, some mouth-watering meals produced by Father Peter, Nicola and their team and more recently the Christmas Market. Later in this Messenger are a few words from Father Peter about the grand success of the Carol Concert, held on the 21st December. On the home page of the website is a link to some photographs to remind us of a busy year. Now we are working on ideas for more special events where we can join together at St. Michael's in the coming year. If you would like to make some suggestions for new events or possibly even new venues we would be glad to hear from you.

One of the delights of attending services at St. Michael's is that our community includes such a varying group of people and nationalities. After the service in our hopefully welcoming Church, and having absorbed a profound homily from Father Peter, we are able to mix, relax and communicate on so many levels while maybe enjoying a beverage, or a glass of wine, and a nibble !

Whether we live here permanently, or have a second home here, or are just visiting the area I am sure we all agree how much we appreciate the privilege of being on the Côte d'Azur. We are not the only ones who enjoy Beaulieu and the surrounding area; to quote from an early Messenger, here is an entry from Queen Victoria's diary for May 1st 1899

"Drove to Beaulieu. Alas! my last charming drive in this paradise of nature, which I grieve to leave, as I get more attached to it every year."

We know how she must have felt, even over 113 years later.

Within St. Michael's, Father Peter always aims to have welcoming floral arrangements and decorations but finances are tighter than ever. If at any time you would like to make a donation towards the cost of these fresh flowers and plants, or if perhaps you wish to honour a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, please have a word with Father Peter, or a member of the Church Council. Remember also that by contacting this Newsletter, we can remember the day for you too, in a forthcoming edition.



Some useful websites



- Many people enjoy reading the Riviera Reporter, the free English magazine covering the Côte d'Azur. Now you no longer have to wait for a copy, you can go online and read it just whenever you wish. www.rivierareporter.com will get you there. Any item that is important, you are able to print.
- For those people living in the area, www.beaulieusurmer.fr will lead you to all the details of what's on etc. in the area. If you wish you can enroll on line so as to receive an update automatically each month.
- Many of you will know the well-used website www.angloinfo.com, invaluable for English-speaking expats to learn their way around in France. It has now spread its wings beyond France and new sites can be found from Argentina to USA. Another 30+ plus are to be added next year! I have found that it can be very useful to use these sites when you are traveling to a specific area. Not only can you check out local information, you can also gain access to a Notice Board where you can ask questions.

OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP



We extend our prayers and warm wishes to the new Archbishop of Canterbury. The Right Reverend Justin Welby was born in 1956, in London. He was educated at Eton, and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he studied history and law. He is married to Caroline, whom he met whilst they both studied at Cambridge, where she was studying Classics. They have two sons and three daughters.

For 11 years, five in Paris, and six in London, he worked in the oil industry. During this period he became a council member at St. Michael's Church in Paris. After the period in Paris, he became a lay pastor at Holy Trinity, Brompton, in London.

He took a Theology degree at St. John's College, Durham, in which he focused on ethics in business. He wrote a booklet 'Can Companies Sin?', drawing on his experience in the oil industry. For the last 20 years his ministry has blended devotion to his parish communities, and around the world in areas of conflict.

After being ordained Deacon in 1992, he spent 15 years serving the Coventry Diocese. In 2002, he was made a Canon of Coventry Cathedral. He has worked extensively in Africa and the Middle East, where he continues to remain involved in conflict resolution. He was installed in December as the Dean of Liverpool 2007. Over his four years there, he continued to work on reconciliation and mediation abroad.

In 2011, he returned to the place where his journey towards becoming Archbishop began. On 26th November he was enthroned at Durham Cathedral; noting both the struggles and enduring spirit which Liverpool and Durham have in common..

In November 2012 he was announced as having been chosen the 105th Archbishop of the See of Canterbury. He will be enthroned at the Cathedral on 21st March.



Battle of the sexes at Beaulieu carol service !

No please do not be alarmed, there were no fisticuffs, just a very spirited singing of Good King Wenceslas with parts taken by the men and ladies in the Congregation; it highly amused the French Clergy and added to what was a delightfully Happy and Spiritual occasion. The major surprise however came on Christmas Eve with a congregation of over 70 at the vigil Eucharist **and the majority of them young people**, it was a wonderful occasion. Christmas Day saw our usual input of visitors and the continuation of our celebration with fizz after the Service. With the new street lighting in Beaulieu and such memorable Services it has been a very wonderful Christmas. Thank you so much to all of you who worked so hard to make it so.

May I wish you, your families, loved ones and friends the Blessing of a Happy and Peaceful New Year. FP

Upcoming events

Sunday 6th January	11.00	Feast of the Epiphany Eucharist
Tuesday 12 th February	18.30	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (10 euros per person)

Events in later months will be posted on the website.

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