



Saint Michael's Messenger, Newsletter, February 2015

The Eucharist will be celebrated every Sunday at 10.00 am followed by refreshments

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 17th February: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 18.30

Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday Eucharist with the Imposition of the Ashes 10.00

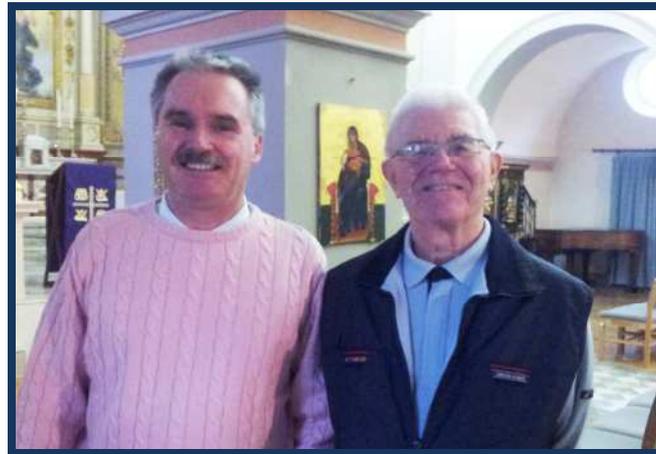
Sunday 22nd March: Annual General Meeting to follow Sunday Eucharist

Who's Who?

A fascinating array of talented and dedicated people contribute to sustaining St Michael's' vibrant community – as a relative newcomer (ed) I thought it would be interesting to focus on church members, their roles and personalities letting them introduce themselves with who they are and what they do.

The people at 'Front of House' who welcome us with a smile on a weekly basis are the churchwardens, so it seemed appropriate to begin with their journey and find out what they do behind the scenes. They are always at hand to offer help and advice - do say hello and if you, yourself would like to help with readings, refreshments etc please ask Tom or Barry and they will point you in the right direction. Thank you Barry and Tom.

Our Churchwardens, Barry (left, also our cantor) and Tom (right)



Barry is a retired businessman from Dublin in Ireland and Tom, a retired analytical chemist from West Kilbride, Scotland. They both now live in Beaulieu sur Mer.

Churchwardens are elected on a voluntary basis each year at the Annual Meeting of the Chaplaincy; they can be re-elected up to a maximum of six consecutive years. Officially they are 'officers of the Diocesan Bishop and discharge such duties as are by law and custom assigned to them'. They are admitted formally to their role annually, assume office immediately after the annual meeting and serve as *ex officio* members of the Chaplaincy Council.

Traditionally, Churchwardens are responsible, among other things, for arranging for the maintenance of the fabric of the church building, its furniture and 'ornaments'. They are required to work in harmony and close co-operation with the incumbent priest and are 'foremost in representing the laity'. As officers of the Bishop it is their duty to tell him, or the Archdeacon of anything concerning the welfare of their chaplain or chaplaincy which he should know.

In a vacancy, the Churchwardens are also responsible to the Bishop as his representatives for the life of the Chaplaincy and have the formal duty of ensuring 'that the services of the chaplaincy are maintained with reasonable frequency'.

All quite some task, yet a privileged opportunity! Barry and Tom

Obituary: His Honour Simon Goldstein



Simon Goldstein was from an East London family and was the first of that family to graduate from Cambridge. After graduation he served for a while in the Royal Air Force before taking up a very successful career as a barrister specialising in common law. He was appointed a judge in 1988. Some examples of his clear and forthright style are to be found in a book *The Juryman's Tale*, the true story of a kidnapping case over which he presided at the Old Bailey; it is written by Trevor Grove, one of the jurors.

Simon loved France from an early age and, following his retirement in 2003, visited more often and was a regular visitor to St Michael's. He had many other interests including chess, bridge and chamber music. He was also a very active and strong supporter of charities including The Duke of Kent School in Surrey which specialises in providing education for children of airmen and women who are in financial need.

Following a year-long battle with cancer, which he waged with typical stoicism, Simon died on 18th December 2014 in London. He was 79. The funeral at the Golders Green Crematorium on 2nd January 2015 was attended by his many friends from a varied and active life.

He was a good and true friend who will be much missed. May he rest in peace.

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Travelling?

Man with a Van

For any of our readers who may need assistance with a local or longer distance move, Laura recently made contact with a young man who lives locally, and who has set up a really efficient, friendly, fairly-priced removal service. Whether it is for a short distance along the coast, or to the UK, Joe will be able to help you. You can contact him by email - rivieravanman@gmail.com or call him on 0607392801

New Eurostar Route

London-Marseille tickets are now available - the service will start on May 1, 2015, and five daily trains will run between July 5 and August 31 (just over 6 hours). Currently, one weekly service is planned for November and December, while three services will run weekly for the rest of the year. Tickets for the new year-round route start at €111 return for Lyon and €123 return for Avignon and Marseille. Passengers travelling from France back to the UK can board their train without the need to arrive 30 minutes before departure, because check-in, security and immigration checks will take place at Lille Europe. For more information, log on to www.eurostar.com.

If you are staying....

You may have seen the seating being erected along the Promenade des Anglais for one of the main winter events on the Riviera. The 'Nice Carnival' referred to as 'La Bataille de Fleurs' is one of the largest carnivals in the world. It takes place from 13th February to 1st March 2015. It was along the seafront that the first Flower Parade was held in 1876. The carnival processions work their way up to a crescendo of gigantic decorations on the Place Masséna. These colourful parades take place day and night, with entertainment provided by over 1,000 musicians and dancers from across the world. For more info: <http://www.nicecarnaval.com>

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