



Saint Michael's Messenger, Newsletter, July 2015

The Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday at 10.00 am followed by refreshments

Special dates in July:

Wednesday 1 July 15.00 - The body of Fr Geoffrey Grant will be received into the church

Thursday 2 July 10.30 - The Requiem Eucharist for Fr Geoffrey.

All are welcome to attend either or both of these services

The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Grant R.I.P.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death on 20 June of former Priest-in-Charge of St. Michael's, The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Grant, aged 88. Fr. Geoffrey served here from 1997-2000.

Prior to his retirement from full-time ministry, he served in the Diocese of Bristol in the UK from 1958-1992. The majority of this time was spent in parish ministry; he became an Hon. Canon of Bristol Cathedral in 1982.

Those of us who knew him will remember in particular the dignified way in which he conducted the Liturgy, his commitment to pastoral care, his wicked sense of humour, his enjoyment of life and especially, his sparkling blue eyes!

After leaving Beaulieu, Fr Geoffrey and his wife, Janet went to live in St Paul de Vence and they worshipped in St Hugh's Church in Vence. Fr. Geoffrey continued to celebrate the Eucharist there and at Holy Trinity Church in Nice on occasions until his failing health prevented him from doing so. Fr. Geoffrey is survived by his wife Janet and their three daughters, Sarah, Philippa and Charlotte.

He will be remembered fondly and greatly missed by those with whom he had contact during his 57 years of Ordained ministry.

May he rest in peace.



Barry Coffey

Fr Anthony Ingham welcomes you to St Michael's Church

After the moving event of the licensing earlier this month Fr. Anthony is keen to meet all St Michael's parishioners. Since most of us are often transient he has specifically requested that anyone who knows their upcoming dates of visits to the area please let him know in advance. This will help the 'getting to know you process' and create an ongoing link with the St Michael's community. You can contact him by email at chaplain@stmichaelsbeaulieusurmer.org to introduce yourself and if you wish to do so please ask to read the lessons, help with refreshments or take part in any way.

We are delighted to introduce a regular spot from Fr Anthony's wife, Fiona, which will be known as her:

'View from the Presbytère...'

... is in stark contrast to that which we've just left behind on a tiny island called Thorney. For Tony and I, driving off for the last time was a very strange feeling because not only were we moving house, (which trust me, as an army couple we were well versed in that particular trial!), but it marked the end of an era for us. We have been truly blessed during our time with the Army, as every one of our postings has been to a beautiful place and our final one, to Thorney Island, did not disappoint – the people, the job, the locality and, for me, the complete peace and beauty that surrounded us in the place where we lived all provided a very fitting end to our life as an army couple.



There can be no doubting that making the decision to come to Beaulieu was a bit of a leap of faith for us, and my tried and tested formula for settling in a new place was clearly not going to be of any use for the start of this new chapter in our lives. But I needn't have worried! The welcome we have received has been quite overwhelming; from the complete transformation of the chaplaincy apartment that greeted us when we opened the door, to the warmth, kindness and hospitality we have been wrapped in since setting foot in the church. And for that I wish to thank all the good folk of St Michael's – those we've met already and the many supporters of this church scattered far and wide whom we've yet to meet.

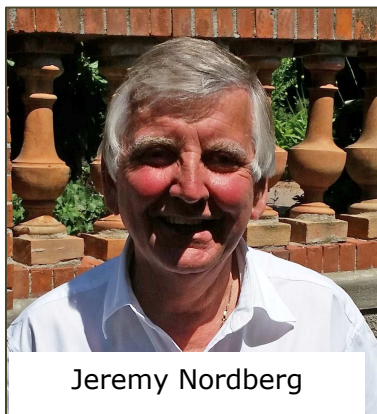
A chance meeting brought us here and I truly believe that it had to be God's hand guiding us. And so our leap of faith was in fact in complete harmony with every other aspect of our Christian faith, as we continue to be blessed.

I trust you all will have a good month.

Fiona

Who's who?

Jeremy Nordberg is an active member of St Michael's Church Council having been attending since the late 80s with his wife, Sue. They have been married for forty-one years and have one daughter, Pippa. When not in Beaulieu they live on the banks of the River Thames in Maidenhead, Berkshire. Jeremy has kindly shared some of his background, showing where he gets his finely tuned organizational and fund raising skills. Thank you Jeremy for all your support and energy.



Jeremy Nordberg

'After University I went to Business School for a Masters degree followed by a long career in business in many sectors from consumer goods, hospitality, retail, engineering to media. Most of these were international businesses and my roles were at Executive Committee / Board level with responsibility for Human Resources. I travelled extensively in Europe, the Americas, the Far East and Australasia finally retiring from full time work in 2007. Some of the organisations I worked for included Guinness, Dunlop Slazenger and Harrods. My final role in full time employment was as HR Director for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Since retiring I have taken on trustee roles for Pension Schemes and a Non-Executive Director position. I am a trustee for a small

Christian Charity - the Peru Children's Trust - which supports desperately poor families in the High Andes of Peru. I am a Steward at my local Maidenhead church and became a member of St Michael's CCC in April 2014. Sue and I spend three or so months a year in Beaulieu and try to get involved as much as we can supporting St Michael's.

As a member of the CCC I hope that my experience brings in particular benefits, to our management responsibility for the building, accounts and fundraising. I focused in 2014 on fundraising, designing and leading the 'Auction of Promises'. Thanks to the generosity of donors and bidders this raised a substantial sum. I look forward to contributing to the fellowship and life of St Michael's in the years to come.'

New links to be found on our website: www.stmichaelsbeaulieusurmer.org

Licensing Ceremony Press Release

Nice Matin ran a report on the Licensing Ceremony along with a piece on the history of St Michaels in their 8th June Edition.

Centenary Messenger Edition 2003

Courtesy of Sophie, our then editor, we have scanned a copy of the rare 'collector's edition' of St Michael's Messenger from Christmas 2003. This celebrates the Centenary Festival held in September that year. It is a fine production and great read. For those who weren't with us in 2003 it gives an insight into St Michael's from times past. It's hard to believe it's 12 years ago.

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