

# ***Roath News***



***PENTECOST 2017***

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## THE PARISH OF ROATH, CARDIFF

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*The Clergy are always available to minister to the sick and dying. Please inform the clergy of sickness. Holy Communion may be received at home by those who are unable to come to church.*

*The Parish Surgery is open on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) between 6.00.p.m. and 7.00.p.m. in Roath Church House to arrange Baptisms and Weddings. (Contact no. 20484808).*

*Confessions and the Sacrament of Healing by arrangement.*

**Copy date for the next magazine is June 26<sup>th</sup>**

## **A message from our Bishop-Designate**



### **The Very Reverend June Osborne**

The announcement that I am to become the 72<sup>nd</sup> Bishop of Llandaff was a very special moment for me personally, for the diocesan family and for those in Salisbury who will be saying farewell to me. I have no doubt that this is God's call to me and I am profoundly grateful that the privilege to serve in this wonderful ecclesial community will be mine. Thank you to all who have already made me feel so welcomed or who have sent me good wishes and the promise of their prayers.

You may already know that Paul and I have lots of family in the diocese and he was born not that far from Llys Esgob so there is for us a great sense of returning to roots in this

move. Our children – Meg and Tom – are also very excited that Llandaff is to be our home for the years to come.

My consecration will be in Brecon Cathedral at 14.30 on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, and the Enthronement will be at 11am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July in our own Cathedral. It is my hope that we will be able to invite as wide a representation as possible from the diocese to both of these services and more information will be circulated to parishes in due course.

I'm aware that my appointment will be the cause of nervousness for some who find themselves unable to accept the orders of women. I want to reassure such brothers and sisters of my good faith in being all that they would expect of their bishop. No-one is required to accept women's sacramental ministry in the Church in Wales although the Code of Practice in relation to the Ministry of Bishops, which was agreed by the Bishops following the Canon which enabled the ordination of women as Bishops, also recognises that we are fully and unequivocally committed to this kind of appointment. My hope is that every member of the diocesan community will feel valued and encouraged because the quality of our life together and the strength of our relatedness is hugely important to me.

A fresh start in ministry is always a new adventure. I'm very aware that I don't yet know what I don't know! I will be looking to my colleagues across all the parishes to discern with me the workings of God's Spirit and to rejoice with me in His goodness. It is my prayer that together we

will operate out of confidence and compassion, making a difference for God in our communities where we are already deeply planted.

So in these days of transition please pray for me as I will be praying for you.

For further information regarding this recent appointment, see the following press release:

*<http://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/>*

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## A prayer for the Bishop-designate prepared by the Diocesan Spirituality Group

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts  
through your Holy Spirit you have appointed many ministries within  
your Church;  
bless your servant June, called to exercise the office and ministry of  
a bishop among us:  
prepare her for this sacred calling ahead of her,  
maintain her in your truth, renew her in your holiness  
and make her your ever-faithful servant,  
so that as a true shepherd, she may care for your people  
and lead us in proclaiming the saving gospel of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **ST EDWARD'S NOTES - PENTECOST 2017**

### **NEW COMMITTEE and PCC MEMBERS**

Thanks to all who served on the committee and PCC last year, our new committee/PCC members, nominated & elected at our pre-vestry meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and ratified at the Parish Vestry on 24<sup>th</sup> April are: Sue Jewell (& PCC), John Leeds, Dorothy Rhydderch, Ann James, Alan Mayer, Jane Colley and Sue Mansell, Janice Goble and James Whitley (& PCC).

Kathe Mayer was voted **PEOPLES WARDEN** for St Edwards.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS VOLUNTEERS** - this is the second year when people who have specific talents have agreed to be co-opted onto the committee or act on behalf of the committee as appropriate: Beverley Williams - Soft Fabric Expert; Stella Lyons - Crowd Funding; Charlotte Evans Webb - Publicity. Do you have time to contribute your special talent? The first committee meeting for this year meets in the vestry on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 4.30.

**THANK YOU** to the many people who have given of their time and talent to raise money for charity and church funds. A recent review revealed that in the last year nearly £11,000 has been raised.

**FORGET ME NOT PROJECT** started on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, please keep all those involved in your thoughts and prayers.

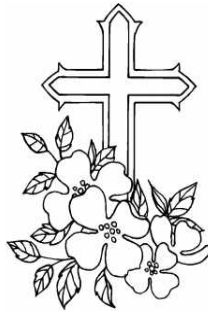
**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs Megan Martin on the birth of her second Great Grandson Rufus Samuel, born 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Marriage of  
Mrs Patricia Brimble and Canon John Woodward  
At Holy Trinity Christchurch Newport  
on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 11AM**

Several parishioners have asked if they can attend the wedding ceremony. This note is to advise all parishioners, former and present, that they are very welcome to attend the service and to proceed to the church hall following the ceremony for a Buffet Reception.

Patricia and John will be joining you after the ceremony to greet you, before going on to the main reception for immediate family and a few mutual close friends.

We both want to thank those many people who have already sent us cards or good wishes, but we request that there are to be no wedding presents. It is already difficult accommodating our joint furniture etc. from two houses into one property!!  
Patricia and John





## **NEWS FROM THE Lychgate**

As the Easter eggs and Easter bunnies fade behind us, we look back and hope that for all of us Easter was a very special time. In St Margaret's the whole Festival was begun with the Sunday school's version of the Stations of the Cross. It was lovely and moving. We would all like to thank the children and their teachers for something so memorable.

We also thank our clergy, especially Stewart and Rhys for their heartfelt celebrations of the services of Lent and Easter. It made, for all our congregations, a lovely and uplifting coming together at Eastertide. I wonder if Stewart remembers as others of us do, when the Easter morning offertory was given to the Vicar?

As usual in our report there is happiness and sorrow. Firstly we join in congratulating Jeanne and Frank Hyett on their diamond wedding anniversary. They were married on Easter Monday, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1957 at St Margaret's. We send them our love, and best wishes for their future happiness together.





We mention with sadness the passing of June Harries, a long standing member of St Margaret's with her husband Idris. More latterly they attended the 8 o'clock service. She was beloved by many of us, always active in the parish with Idris who led the Scout troop for many years.

I remember June faithfully bringing coffee and hot milk when our after service "coffee and biscuits" happened in Roath Church House. Recently we have admired her care for her husband. The funeral led by our Vicar Stewart, was marvellously well attended, with moving contributions from one of her sons, and her grandchildren. Rest in Peace, June.

Maggie Griffiths was 40 in April which is scary when many of our congregation remember her as a little girl

singing in the choir. She has recently moved into her own flat in a sheltered complex. So far she seems to like it, and we hope she will settle there. Her address is 4, Cecil Court, Broadway, Cardiff, CF24 1LL.

As usual we send our fond greetings to those of us unable to attend church at this time. We remember Barbara Brett, a faithful member of our choir who is now convalescing after a hip operation. We look forward to seeing her better, and back with us.

We must mention our beautiful churchyard. The trees have in the past two weeks put in their summer dress of green leaves. And there are bluebells. We have much around us to lift our hearts and to be thankful for.

Sally reports that we would like to extend our congratulations to the South Wales Gay Men's Choir on getting three awards at the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The awards they received were Best British Choir, Best Small Male Choir and Best Musical Arrangement. Many congratulations to all involved and well done and "keep singing".

Also the Spring Concert on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 by St Anne's Orchestra was well attended where they played the following types of music 1. Overture in the Italian Style by Schubert, 2. Clarinet Concerto by Mozart, 3. Claire Hill Soloist, 4. Symphony No.104 by

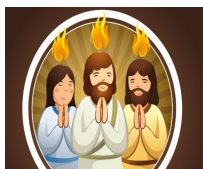
London and there was a retiring collection to St Margaret's Church. It was a truly wonderful performance by everyone involved.

If you are able to attend any of the forthcoming events and offer your support, then the dates are as follows:

- 1. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July Quiz Night at Roath Church House, £5 ticket, Bring your own drinks and Nibbles and its 7:30-8pm start.**
- 2. Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Afternoon Tea with music at Roath Church House £3 ticket, and its 2:00-4pm.**
- 3. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October Skittles Match at the Crofts Pub, £5 ticket, Bring a plate and its 7:30-8pm start.**

Also the ladies circle have got an event coming up in the foreseeable future and this on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Skittles Match at the Crofts Pub, £5 ticket, Bring a plate and it's 7:30-8pm start. Proceeds of which go towards the two charities that the ladies circle are support and these are Motor Neuron Disease Association and The Amber Project.

That is all from Sally for now.



God Bless and until next time.  
Julia & Sally



## **Notes from the North Number 26**

**Nearly May again. Did we have one last year? My memory is not improving.**

**I am nearly in to the Public speaking month. Kath has been wonderful. Her patience when listening to my scripts has to be seen!! Her rolling eyes do make me wonder if I shall ever get the hang of it. But hope springs eternal. She actually said I might be able to charge for them in the future!!! Who is she kidding?.**

**It is a bit disconcerting to read ones notes in an empty room, looking at a mirror, but my advisor tells me it is the best way to dispel nerves. I hope Kath is right. I shall report on the outcome.**

**We have not had many excursions lately. But we have found several places to stop for a cuppa, and when the weather DOES settle down, we shall venture even further afield.**

**Some of our bell ropes started to show their age recently. The Bell founders visit towers from time to time, and suggested we renew a couple of them. Our Tower captain mentioned jokingly, about my sea faring experience. We did some long splices, and halved the cost of NEW ropes. I have not had reports back as to how the mended ones have behaved. Time will tell!**

**Had a bit of a scare on Easter Monday.**

**I have had a bit of Sciatic pain, so went to see the doctor. He prescribed a tablet Amitriptyline, -**

**(originally prescribed to treat symptoms of depression.) The doctor advised it is also used to act on nerves and should sooth the Sciatica. Kath was not totally convinced and had some memory of the tablets in the past. I visited the pharmacist who had put up the prescription. When I explained my condition and the possible doubt, he assured me it was OK. However in the days following, my sugar readings became rather erratic, and on Easter Monday I had a couple of 'HYPO's', followed by a very low reading. Luckily I was with Kath who knew what to do, she contacted Adrian who took me to the Primary care and eventually I was seen by a GP, who when consulting the 'medicine bible', advised another visit to my Doctor. I have stopped taking the tablets. There was a possible 1 in a thousand chance of problems!! I think I was a bit lucky. The weather has at last sprung into Spring. I am sorry this has been rather short. I may have missed printing date. But Kath is having a new boiler and it has been necessary to shift quite a lot of objects. The men are coming on Tuesday next!!!!**

**Love from David and Kath.**

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## **Put to the Wood Cross at the Hill of Execution, to the Pencil Cross at the Polls**

Party leader linked to Jesus

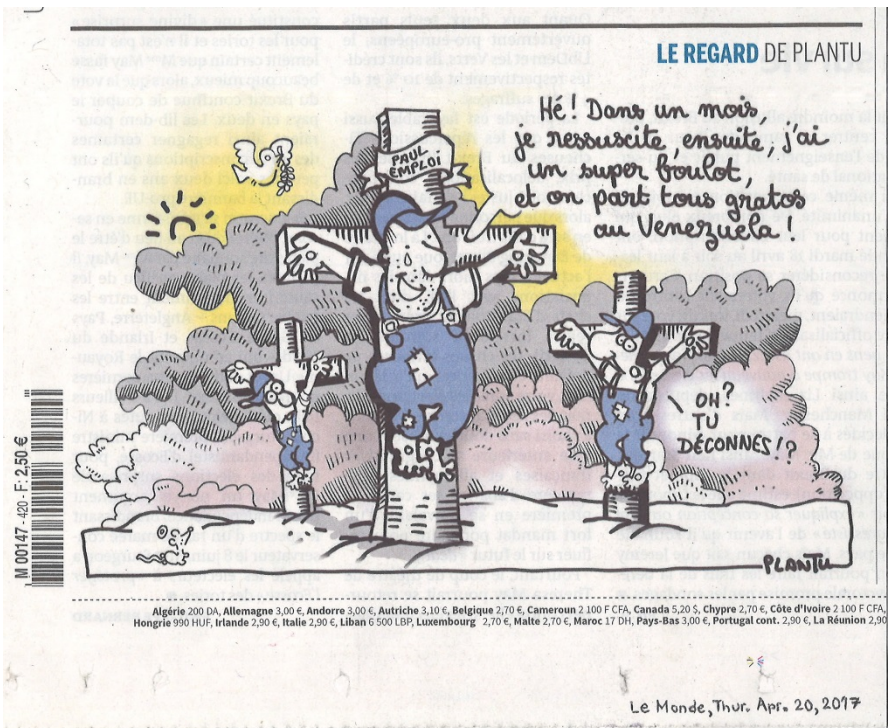
The power of reference (and of satire)

William Mathias April 2017

Supposedly today we live in a secular society that has been called post-Christian, where religion is considered as only one form of ecstasy — ‘ecstatic experience,’ “our basic human desire to get out of our heads and lose ourselves,” to get out of our “little narrow egos” — amongst others such as high culture (the arts and letters, music, theatre, etc), pop culture, Nature, even football or looking at the garden. So the philosopher **Jules Evans** speaking with host **Kirsty Wark** in the pre-May Bank Holiday edition of the regular Monday radio programme *Start the Week*.

So too today an associated decline in ability to recognize and handle literary, historical and religious references and allusions and imagery has been deprecated, and the debasement of language deplored by the philosopher, critic, and humanist **George Steiner** (author of *After Babel*, with its referential title) and similarly by a newspaper writer like political columnist **Peter Osborne** of the *Daily Mail*. “It’s frustrating to write for the *Daily Mail*,” Osborne said in a debate on the press put on by the debate-sponsoring organization Intelligence Squared in February last year which was cited with glee by *The Times*’ pot pourri feature *Diary* or *TMS*. “You can’t make erudite references to clever books you’ve read because it’s written for the [*Mail*] readers.” That day’s *TMS* writer **Patrick**

**Kidd** called this a **Gerald Ratner** moment after the jeweller jokingly rubbing his own products and business. Truth will out ?



To such recognizability issues we might of course include usages of ‘weird’ words and phrases by electioneering politicians, such as **BoJo**’s, **Boris Johnson**’s dismissive Red Indian (Massachusetts tribe), American English importation ‘old mugwump.’ One for the *OED* citations !

On the whole religious imagery isn’t popular among politicians in Britain and risks controversy and disdain from intellectuals. Such usage may be more popular in

America and certainly it was grist for the mill in the famous political speeches of **Martin Luther King Jr.**

In France religious imagery is perhaps better known than here. There the ravages of the Revolution of 1789 — confiscation of churches, execution of priests (and tax collectors like oxygen's discoverer **Lavoisier**) — is much more recent and known than the Reformation and Enlightenment which Evans says pathologized and marginalized ecstasy. Further reaction to the message of Christianity was mediated through the French Existentialists and Idealists. But churches are much more established and figurative in consciousness than here in the sense that they feature in taxes on salary (church tax, *impôt pour l'église* / *taxe culturelle*, *Kirchensteuer*) and purloining of religious imagery to make a political statement does not particularly make a religious stir. Rather an endorsement, an awareness.

A beautiful example from the race for president of France comes from the front page of the French national paper *Le Monde* during Easter week. A crucifixion scene depicts three workers dressed in patched blue overalls and blue caps and instead of 'INRI' ('Jesus Nazareus, Rex Iudaeorum,' 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'), the notice atop the big cross reads 'Low employment', fr. *Fr. paul* = small, from the Latin and like the Roman family name **Paulus** meaning 'small' or 'humble'). Above the cross, dark clouds are gathering above but above these the sun. The caption in the conservative paper an overt reference to the blue collar-supported candidate **Jean-Luc Mélenchon** of The Left Front Party, a Marxist militant



who a biblical 3 days later was to win a respectable nearly 20 % of the first-round poll: “ Heh ! In a month, I will rise from the dead, then I have a super job, *un super boulot*, then we all go free passage to Venezuela !” To which the guy on one of the little crosses says “Oh ! You’re kidding !” Venezuela the socialist ‘paradise’ of **Hugo Chavez** and successor **Nicholas Maduro** which has just done its own Brexit, amid riots, to begin a 24-month process to quit the Washington D.C.-based Organization of American States, OAS.

The artist behind the cartoon is ‘**Plantu**,’ otherwise **Jean Plantureux**, who turned 66 in March. Chief cartoonist *Le Monde*, founder with Nobel peace laureate **Kofi Anan**, UN Secretary General, of agitprop Cartooning for Peace which promotes peace and freedom of expression for cartoonists. A dove carrying greenery actually hovers above the dark clouds in the crucifixion cartoon: another biblical reference. Plantu was the first man to secure signatures of **Yasser Arafat** and **Shimon Peres** on the same document, a Plantu cartoon (1991 - 2), before the Oslo Peace Accords (1993 - 6).

Plantu’s front page appearance (like the *Telegraph*’s ‘**Matt**,’ **Matt Pritchett**, 53 in July) is unusual for cartoonists but in keeping with French tradition of satire. He considers himself a journalist who draws rather than a press cartoonist.

Plantu has courted controversy having drawn both **Muhammad** and **Jesus**. All the same, the mere fact of the

currency of the imagery is testimony of the enduring message of Christianity and the Resurrection story, still pause for thought.

Christian or post-Christian, society still draws upon the pervading Christian story in its culture. Thus Evans (from the verbal): “ I think um you know in some ways a lot of these modern forms of the ecstatic are a kind of remixes of older forms of transcendence. If you look at um **Shakespeare**, in some ways it’s a remix of Christian transcendence with pagan transcendence. Or like **Philip Pullman**’s *Dark Materials*. In some ways it’s a riff [variation on the theme] of Christianity in subversive ways. So I think, you know, people ask whether the arts can be a substitute for religion ? I think in some ways the arts need the old cults, the old myths um to riff off [improvise or expound upon].”

Notes. The popular word in France for work, *boulot*, is not directly connected with *boulot*, round bread. Or with *boulot*, a fat person — nor with ‘fat cat,’ French *gros bonnet*, ‘big hat.’ M. Mélenchon isn’t saying he’ll resurrect to become a fat cat ! The connections may rather be indirect.

Jules Evans’ book is *The Art of Losing Control: A Philosopher’s Search for Ecstatic Experience*, London, Canongate Books Ltd., hardcover Apr. 2017.

George Steiner’s *After Babel* (London, 1975) appears in Oxford Paperbacks.

**SUNDAY AND WEEK-DAY WORSHIP  
IN THE PARISH OF ROATH**

(For Holy Day Celebrations see Weekly Newsletter)

**ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH WATERLOO ROAD**

**Sun: 8.00 am Holy Eucharist**  
**9.30 am Sung Eucharist**  
**9.30 am Sunday School R.C. House**  
**(each Sunday except 1<sup>st</sup>)**  
**6.00 pm Sung Evensong**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in month – Evensong/Holy Eucharist**

**Wed: 9.30 am Holy Eucharist**

**ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH BLENHEIM ROAD**

**Sun: 11.00 am Sung Eucharist & Sunday School**  
**7.00 pm Choral Evensong**  
**Wed: 10.15 am Holy Eucharist**

**Conventional District of Tremorfa**  
**ST PHILIP'S COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**TWEEDSMUIR ROAD**

**Sun: 9.30 am Family Communion**  
**Tues: 3.15 pm 'Messy Church' (in term-time)**

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