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**EASTER GREETINGS** from **All Saints, Rome** to all the saints: *God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. (Easter collect)*

**Alleluia, he is risen!**

## Services for Easter Sunday:

- 06.00** Vigil and First Mass of Easter.  
**10.30** Festal Sung Eucharist with Procession and Blessing of the Easter Garden.  
**16.00** Organ Vespers with Gabriele Catalucci  
**17.00** Evensong

## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PEWS

Fresh acid green grass, fat, pink blossom on the fruit trees, carpets of bright wild flowers and stout buds are appearing - signs of spring and new life are all around us. The resurrection of Jesus is the event upon which all other events in the Gospel stories are built, the indispensable foundation stone of the Christian faith and the first sign of the new creation that awaits us beyond this life. The joy of the resurrection arose from the despair of the graveside wait. May we experience that joy afresh this Easter.

## MEET THE SAINTS

**Jo Trippa** tells us something about herself: **After a year in Moscow I moved to Rome in 1969 on a three year contract with the British Embassy.** The 3 years became 30 as I married an Italian and thus became social secretary to the British Ambassador's residence! Before that Sussex then London was home where I still have a dear, kind brother, Charles, to whom I will always be 'little sis'! I have daughters Giuliana and Gabriella and dear granddaughter Flavia, below on Jo's 70th birthday. **Best things about living in Italy** include the people, the food and the general way of life - despite a chronic allergy to taxi drivers and the frustrations of living in any large, sprawling city. A tiny irritation is having to wait until 4pm for my three favourite men to to open their shops - the **picture framer, the shoe mender and the ironmonger**, including their invaluable advice!



**My Christian faith and why is it important to me?**  
Easy - it's a way of living 24 hours of each day. Never alone, always a bigger hand than mine guiding my

path. My faith takes me forward and is essential. In every action, thought and word every day. I **would like to see All Saints** with an all age mixed choir, an 'old fashioned' Sunday school with modern technology and an active, charity minded youth group. An **idealist**, my hopes and vision for the future include an end to wars, famine, disasters and that the new generation will have faith, be unselfish, kind and generous. **On a desert island** my two books would be the **bible** and any **biography** as I adore reading about the lives of others. I studied voice and piano so **Mozart's piano concerto n.17** and an extract from Puccini's *Tosca* would be great! For **holidays** I love the **Dolomites**. Decent air, back to nature, the owls and putting on a pair of '*pedule*' (walking boots) and walking till I can walk no more! My **favourite food** used to be Prosecco and prawn risotto but today it's cous-cous and apple juice! In an **emergency** I'd grab my bible and my pearl earrings - without which I feel almost indecent!

**A WARM WELCOME TO PAULINE JONES**, an ordinand from Manchester who is with us until Easter on a placement as part of her training, which includes walking the length and breadth of Rome, apparently!

## ENTERTAINING ANGELS



On a **warm sunny Saturday** in March our padre David Greenwood conducted a Lenten Retreat Away Day for our sister congregation at **St. John the Baptist church in Citta' della Pieve, Umbria**. David did five half hour presentations on questions previously submitted; 1) Liturgical Vestments and Colours; 2) Are Anglicans Protestant or Catholic?; 3) Current stresses in the Anglican communion; 4) Where did all the denominations come from?; 5) Bible translations and how do I decide? **There was time after each presentation for questions from the 13 attenders and an excellent pot-luck lunch!** The lay minister, **Peter Hurd**, led the closing worship service of Compline. Later the group merrily dined out at a nearby restaurant. Padre David celebrated **Holy Communion** at **St. John's** the following morning before returning to Rome.

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## FOR ALL THE SAINTS.... for your diary

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**Muslim View of Judaism and Christianity** by Professor Mona Siddiqui at the Angelicum.

### ALL SAINTS' SOCIAL FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME FOR CHURCH FABRIC

**Thursday 22nd April, 5.30pm:** St. George's eve - Spring Collection style tips followed by cheese and sherry sampling. **15 euro** per person.

**Friday 21st May, 4pm:** Take tea in an English Garden at the **Villa Wolkonsky**, the British Ambassador's Residence, with exclusive garden tour. **25 euro** per person.

**Saturday 26th June, 4pm:** Alex Richardson launches her new book, followed by aperitifs and music in the church garden. **15 euro** per person.

### RICE BOWL APPEAL LENT 2010



**Churches Together in Rome (CtiR)** supports the **St. Joseph Orphanage for Girls** in the **Philippines**. Funds raised in Lent will provide nursery and feeding programmes. There is a goods **stall in church** including Jane Castrucci's delicious jams and cakes for sale and details of how to donate to the Rice Bowl Appeal.

### WITH THE SAINTS - PARISH LUNCHEES

At **All Saints** we enjoy a monthly **fellowship lunch** after the 10.30 service. On **Palm Sunday** we met in Fr. Jonathan's home to share a bread, cheese and fruit Lenten lunch, which, as usual, thanks to the generous contributions, could have fed the 5,000! Then we gathered for **Bible study**, **WORDS OF CHALLENGE, WORDS OF LIFE**, when **Mary, Pauline** and **Jonathan** shared a 'postcard' of thoughts on 3 readings. We then shared our thoughts on **Luke 15, the parable of the prodigal son**, which movingly led our thoughts into **Holy Week**.

**Next lunch: Sunday 11th April. EVERYONE WELCOME** - please bring a food contribution to share.

### KIDS ROCK@KIDS ROCK!

*Calling all kids who love acting and singing and are also keen to help others and explore some challenging questions about faith and values in our busy lives....*

On **Mothering Sunday** here at **All Saints Kids Rockers** contributed to a dramatic interpretation of the story of **Moses in the bull rushes** from Exodus. They also made and distributed beautiful **posies** which were much appreciated. **After Easter** a **confirmation class for teenagers** will start. Kids Rock are hoping that the **7** candidates will join with current **Kids Rockers** to revitalise the worship and fun. For **Kids Rock** information drop into Via del Babuino, 153 or call **06-3600 1881** / email [office@allsaintsrome.org](mailto:office@allsaintsrome.org)

## WITH ALL THE SAINTS....



**The weekend of 27th and 28th February** we enjoyed the visit of the **Right Reverend Geoffrey Rowell, Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe**, culminating in a parish lunch. At the 10.30 Sunday service **Wijnand van de Pol** celebrated **50** years of **playing the organ** at **All Saints**. He came to Rome to study in 1957 and has worked creatively (!) with 7 chaplains and continues to play sublimely week on week. **Fr. Jonathan** announced it during the service and **Bishop Geoffrey** presented him with a gift on our behalf as a token of our grateful thanks.

**BABY SAINTS:** A warm welcome to the recent new arrival, **Ava Ruth** and congratulations to her parents **Margaret Becker** and **Kim Strommen** and big sister **Isabella**.

### CHICHESTER QUALMS

**Andrew Cochlin** continues his account of his recent travels, from Malta to Chichester (UK). **'I had a different and spiritual experience to that in Malta when I attended a service at Chichester Cathedral.** It was packed so I had to sit in the body of the church. The liturgy, the sermon and the readings came across loud and clear. There is an excellent public address system that gave **clarity and focus to the day's messages**. The readings were delivered from the pulpit - as we currently do at All Saints. The service was in **modern language** so we may no longer presume that **traditional language** is the norm of these bastions of ecclesiastical history and practice.

**Musically the level of choral and organ accomplishment** was astounding. As a regular visitor I do not remember **hearing the choir sing so well**. Just 17 of them but the men sang with splendid thrust and the vocal tone and unerring pitch of the boys was exceptional, under the guidance of **Sarah Baldock**. But .. I could only really gauge the excellence as I passed through the choir to take communion. The **music was distant**, a beautiful background, the choir arches adding another barrier to full appreciation. Even at the end the organ prelude was a faded replica to accompany the rustling of service sheets, the noisy gathering of coats and bags and the goodbyes of those off for their Sunday lunch. Be warned! If you aim to attend services at **Chichester Cathedral** get there early and ensure you sit in the choir area!'



*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
For her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting.*