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'Bringing in the sheaves' near Fiuggi

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Birmingham Cathedral (UK) has commissioned from rising star Alexander Campkin the first ever complete orchestral setting to music of the 'Great Reading' - **John 1, 1-14** from the AV. Key elements of the composition will be incorporated into the Cathedral's services for Advent and Christmas for the 400th anniversary .. *the Word became flesh*



Oh Happy Day



Tanti auguri and very best wishes for the future to Daniel and Laura Rizzo, pictured here in the garden of All Saints' following their wedding on 27th August.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PEWS

It's always **HARVEST TIME** somewhere in the world. The word **harvest** is from the Anglo-Saxon *haverfest* meaning Autumn. It then came to be known as the season of reaping and gathering grain. The celebration moved in 16C from Lammas in August to the final one in September.

The church traditionally celebrates with harvest hymns, decorations of fruit, vegetables and flowers and charity support.



A reluctant farewell to Mary Astbury

I shall soon be leaving Rome to return to England. I'd like like to say '*arriverderci*' to everyone through the Newsletter.

I was asked to say something about myself and my time in Rome so here goes. I arrived in **October 1958** and was smitten by '*Ottrate Romane*' after the

grey skies of Cheshire. My job was teaching English to the daughter of a Contessa. I really saw **Roman high society** with summer at their villa overlooking the Faraglioni in Capri and winter sports at Cortina d'Ampezzo. I intended to stay in Rome for one year, see the city, learn the language. But as we all know though, Rome has her particular enchantment. I was caught in her spell, although Rome 50 years ago was not the Rome of today. Just imagine, very few women drove so Italian men were very gallant towards ladies behind the wheel! I eventually **married an Italian** so my fate was sealed.

The best things about **living in Rome** - well, apart from the climate and food, it is the kaleidoscope of people. Italians may be noisy, impolite en masse but individually they are kind, hospitable and utterly charming. I once asked some Brits who eked out an existence here why stay. They were all artistic-too tall ballerinas, would be singers and musicians, here for the wonderful light and love of beauty all around. My **Christian faith** has been with me all my life, from my church school in Alton, Staffs. I feel it is important our children grow up in the Christian faith as this stays with us for life. I would like All Saints' to go on doing its good works and comforting the community. (Continued next month)

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EXPLANATIONS

THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO EXPLAIN IF YOU BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH



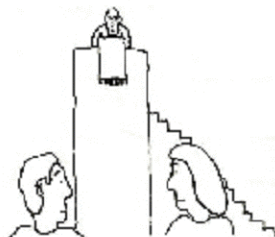
WHY THOSE PEOPLE ARE DRESSED STRANGELY



WHY THOSE PEOPLE ARE ACTING ODDBLY



WHY THOSE PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT US IN A FUNNY WAY



WHAT THAT MAN WAS TALKING ABOUT

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

Back to Church Sunday began in Manchester in England in 2004 and has grown exponentially. It is now the largest single local church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the shortest step in evangelism - that we should invite **someone we know** to **something we love**; that is, invite our friend to our church. **BTCS** wants to ensure that anyone who doesn't currently attend church, or who has not been for a while will receive a warm welcome. Pray about it then **BRING SOMEONE** if possible on this special day - we'll all make sure the welcome is **warm, welcoming and genuine!**

WHEN THE SAINTS for your diary

Sunday 4th September; 10.30 Sung Eucharist followed by Parish lunch at 1pm; 6pm Evensong

Sunday 18th September; 10.30 BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY see above right

29th -23rd September: Archdeaconry Synod

Sunday end October; 10.30 HARVEST FESTIVAL with visiting choir, **IPS Kingston** followed by Parish lunch at 1pm; 6pm Evensong

Sunday 23rd October; 10.30 Dedication Festival Sung Eucharist followed by Parish lunch at 1pm; 6pm Dedication festival choral Evensong

Sunday 30th October; 10.30 Patronal Festival Sung Eucharist for All Saints' Day (1st November)

PARISH LUNCHES

The next parish lunches are on **Sunday 4th September, Sunday 2nd October** and **Sunday 6th November** following the 10.30 service. All are warmly invited to stay and join us - bring a contribution to share. Offers of help to Val Spicer, **06 9963336**

Food, forgiveness, fun - a family



NO PLACE LIKE ROME Events in Rome for **September 2011**: There's a Chamber Concert at Chiesa di Ponte Sant'Angelo on 16th at 7pm; a Festival of Rome's music tradition, celebrating the famous dialectical compositions from the 19th century to today at Rome's Teatro Olimpico www.festivaldellacanzioneromana.com; (cont. above right)

NO PLACE LIKE ROME cont.

and a theatre, music and dance festival, inEURoff, at EUR, on the theme of war, www.ineuroff.it

... and beyond Rome: If you are in London before **5th February 2012** the National Gallery is hosting a landmark Leonardo da Vinci exhibition, including works never shown before in the UK. Leonardo da Vinci, Painter at the Court of Milan is the first to be dedicated to his aims and techniques as a painter. Visitor numbers are limited so book early. Details at www.nationalgallery.org.uk

HARVEST PRAISE

*Now thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices:
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts,
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.*

German, Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649, translated in the 19th century by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, who had links with All Saints'

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