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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PEWS

EASTER GREETINGS from All Saints, Rome

to all the saints: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3) **Alleluia, He is Risen!**



Easter Flowers, All Saints

The MISH KID, a royal film and a Roman connection.

If you haven't seen *The King's Speech*, you're missing a treat. At first glance it is an apparently odd choice to sweep up a royal flush of awards. Starting before the accession of George VI to the British throne it relates the story of his attempts to overcome a severe stammer with the help of his wife and the maverick speech therapist, Lionel Logue.

It is a worthy prize winner - one of those films you could watch all over again the moment it finishes! Colin Firth throughout sustains a stellar performance amidst a starry cast as the vulnerable, stammering Bertie, bullied and abused by his misguided parents and who never expected to be King. He must address the Empire live on radio - no pre-recording or editing possible then. As the film draws to a close and the King must address the nation when war is declared, entire cinema audiences, despite knowing the end, can be felt as one urging him on!

The supporting cast are without exception superb. A special mention for little Ramona Marquez (terrifyingly wonderful in *Outnumbered*) who plays an 8 year old princess Margaret. Ramona must hardly have heard of her yet she captures so well that rebellious spirit of the younger royal sister.

'Mish Kid' Colin Firth, who plays George (Bertie) is the grandson of missionaries. His maternal grandparents were Congregational ministers and his paternal grandparents were Anglican missionaries in India, where his teacher parents met. Colin is married to film producer Livia Guiglioli and lives near Rome. Oh, and there has been welcome increase in interest in speech therapy as a profession!

Why Easter is so late this year;

The Nicene Council in 325 standardized the date of Easter as the **first Sunday** after the first full moon (paschal moon) on or after the spring (vernal) equinox. This *ecclesiastical* (not scientific) full moon is always on **21 March** so Easter occurs on a Sunday between **22 March** and **25**

April. Each year the date moves progressively forward in April until leap year when it moves back so it does not always coincide with the Jewish Passover. The western church uses the Gregorian calendar to date the equinox whilst the Eastern church uses the Julian so Easter day is often different. We celebrate **together** this year but in **2012** Easter in the west is 8th April, in the east 15th. Simple!

Experience Easter (www.experienceeaster.org) is a Gloucester Diocese interactive initiative - a good way of learning even more about Holy Week and Easter, with a variety of resources which are downloadable for free. **Do** take a look.



Churches Together in Rome -2011 Rice Bowl Project



El Salvador has lost 95% of its natural forests, 70% of its arable top soil and 90% of its rivers are contaminated. Half the population lives in poverty and 34% have no access to drinking water. The poorest farmers can improve their livelihoods by training in agricultural practices, increasing yields and protecting the environment. CTR Rice Bowl project, working through the Methodist Relief and Development fund, is supporting the Permaculture Institute of El Salvador, a local organization helping the poorest rural communities expand sustainable food production. Your contribution **WILL** help. Our **young people** are participating in a sponsored walk for **Rice Bowl 2011** in Villa Ada. Please encourage them by contributing generously.

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WHEN THE SAINTS ... for your diary

please sponsor **YOUTH GROUP RICE BOWL** walk today.

Monday 18th April; 10.30 - 5pm, Retreat Day in the church and garden - a day of prayer and reflection to mark the beginning of **Holy Week**.

Tuesday 19th April; 12.45, Eucharist at the **Anglican Centre** (Piazza Collegio Romano 2) also **1pm Eucharist** at St. Paul's within the Walls.

Wednesday 20th April; 1pm Eucharist and 7pm; Tenebrae, a meditative reading of the **Psalms**, both at St. Paul's within the Walls.

Thursday 21st April, Maundy Thursday; 7pm Sung Eucharist with washing of feet at St. Paul's within the Walls.

Friday 22nd April, Good Friday; 3-6pm, Three Hour Devotion at **All Saints** - 1st hour, music and meditation; 2nd Hour, The Stations of the Cross; 3rd Hour, The Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday 23rd April, Holy Saturday, 8pm First Eucharist of Easter at St. Paul's within the Walls; **8.30pm**, Mozart Requiem at All Saints with the Filarmonica D'Opera di Roma.

Sunday 24th April; EASTER DAY, 5am, Vigil and First Mass of Easter; **10.30 Festal Sung Eucharist** with Procession and Blessing of the Easter Garden.

THE LORD IS RISEN - HE IS RISEN INDEED!



PARISH LUNCHESES

The next **Parish Lunches** are on **Sunday 1st May** and **Sunday 5th June** following the 10.30 service. All are invited to stay for lunch. Suggestions, enquiries and offers of help telephone Val Spicer on

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Events in Rome in April and May 2011:

16-23 April: The **birth of the Eternal City**, founded by Romulus in 753 BC, is celebrated across the city, including parades, Roman banquets, gladiator shows and speeches. www.gsr-roma.com

24th April, Easter Sunday: In **St. Peter's Square** a reproduction of the iconic '**Acheropita**', depicting **Christ on the Throne** will be displayed, accompanied by a celebratory resurrection Mass.

25th April, Italian Liberation Day is commemorated throughout **Italy**, marking the end of Fascist control on **25th April 1945**. Rome sees the main celebrations but events take place up and down the country.

Meanwhile, **24- 1 May; Discesa del Tevere** (canoeing along the Tiber) sees participants canoe along the Tiber valley from Citta' di Castello all the way to Rome - anyone can take part! (www.discesadeltevere.org)

You'd be back in time for the huge **Primo Maggio Music Festival** in **Piazza San Giovanni** on **1st May**, a highlight of Rome's cultural calendar - expect some big names. Go to www.mocambo.tv for the line-up.

SAINTS ALIVE!



Calling creative kids! Make some Easter cards - photocopy this picture, colour and decorate!

Elsewhere in Italy, 8- 10 April, it's the **Citrus Festival** in Muravera in Sardinia (www.sagradegliagrumi.it); Cerda in Sicily is holding a **Sagra del Carciofo** (artichokes) on **25th** and the Florence Tango festival is from **28 April - 1 May** (www.firenzetangofestival.com/festival). Time to dust off those dancing shoes!

Another one not to be missed - The **Feast of the Snake Catchers** on **5th May** in **Cocullo, Abruzzo** to honour the patron saint, **San Domenico**, by draping his statue with live snakes! (www.comune.cocullo.aq.it)

7-29 May is the **Giro d'Italia** when 22 teams of cyclist professionals compete over 23 days cycling from Turin to Milan for the coveted 'Pink Shirt'. Find the full programme at www.gazzetta.it

Alessandria, Piedmont at the end of **29-31 May** celebrates **Roman Fest**, a 3 day re-enactment of a typical Ancient Roman festival, with parades, feasts, staged gladiatorial combat and chariot races!

All in an Easter Garden

*All in an Easter garden,
before the break of day,
an angel came from heaven and rolled the stone away.
when Jesus' friends came seeking,
with myrrh and spices rare,
they found the angels at the door
but Jesus was not there.*

*All in an Easter garden,
where water lilies bloom,
The angels gave their message beside an empty tomb:
'The Lord is here no longer,
Come, see where once he lay;
The Lord of life is risen indeed, for this is Easter day'.
(Traditional children's hymn)*