

allthesaints@allsaints wishes you all the joy of Christ-mass season and for 2010



The Archbishop, the archdeacon and the churchwarden with Cardinal Kasper at the ecumenical service at the Oratorio del Caravita in November

## A SEASONAL MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

In a moving message Bishop Geoffrey Rowell writes: 'Christmas is the Christian festival which still speaks powerfully to all of us and draws in many from outside. Christmas speaks of a God who is love totally and completely, who comes down to us in the lowest part of our need. He speaks to us as one of us, the Word made Flesh in Jesus. This is our story and song, the love we are called to live, eternal life here and now. It is in this faith and love I wish you the true joy and blessing of Christmas. +Geoffrey Gibraltar (Full transcript available in church.)

## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PEWS

At All Saints we enjoyed a full, varied autumn programme, including visits from a number of choirs who enhanced our worship, the solemn celebration of Remembrance Day with St. George's school choir, and our patronal festival, All Saints Day 1st November, when we were joined by the folk of Citta' della Piave. It was a day of joy tinged with sadness as we said farewell to our curate, Reverend Sara McVane. Valerie Spicer writes: Over 30 people gathered in the crypt for a pot luck lunch. A big thank you to all for such a delicious variety of food. We enjoyed a multinational mix including cous cous, pizza, cheeses, cottage pie, meat loaf, bean salad, roasted vegetables then chocolate cake, Halloween dolce, lemon flan, fresh pineapple and cheesecake!

Fr. Jonathan thanked Sara for all she had done during her time at All Saints. He presented her with a gift of money from the associate congregations at Macerata, Citta' del Piave as well as All Saints. There was a cyclamen to take with her to be Priest in Charge of Pas de Calais, and gifts from her friends at St. Paul within the Walls. Sara thanked everyone not only for all the affection and support expressed but especially for encouragement, help and many kindnesses over the past 8½ years on staff at All Saints. 'My thanks are beyond measure, as your faith in me has taken me on a path I would not have even imagined ten years ago. God bless you

and keep you all. You will be much in my thoughts and prayers during the coming days.' Sara told us a bit about herself: I moved to Italy in 1968 from the USA when studying a PhD and the American Academy had a good library! What I like most about living in Italy - the climate, the food, the people - but I do not like the corruption in public offices and lack of civic pride such as litter and graffiti. I was educated at Wellesley College (with Hillary Clinton, though I didn't know her!) and Bryn Mawr College. I have a daughter in Paris and a new grandson, Giuliano. My most favourite book and piece of music is the Bible - the Good Book - and Bach's Psalms. My call to ordination was a very slow one, after various folk suggested it to me over the years. My faith was always a given, despite a non-church going upbringing. My personal hope for the future is that all will be well and that all things will be well.

I'd like to see All Saints develop an outreach project, good both for the church and the community, saying a lot about what church means. I don't think I've ever had a holiday as an adult though somewhere easy and simple with friends sounds good. I enjoy going to see films about the Second World War, this summer at the Scuderi. Pasta cooked properly and a nice wine are favourites and my two cats very precious!



Our next Pot Luck lunch is the Away Day, 13th December. Our first next year will be on 3rd January and on the first Sunday each month - though do watch the notices! Everyone is invited to JOIN US. Bring a food contribution and enjoy time together with old and new friends.

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**HEXHAM  
ABBEY help  
lead worship  
in October**



**WHEN ALL THE SAINTS** .....for your diary  
**Saturday 12th December: 3pm KIDS ROCK**  
Charity Recital with **Ladybirds**. The story of **Good King Wenceslas** followed by the Christmas party.  
**Sunday 13th December: Advent Away Day** with **Parish Lunch**. Launch of **Pastoral Care Group**.  
**Sunday 20th December: 6pm The Festival of 9 lessons with Carols**  
**Thursday 24th December, Christmas Eve: Noon:**  
Eucharist; **5pm Crib Service; 11.30pm Midnight Mass**  
**Friday 25th December, Christmas Day: 8.30am**  
Said Eucharist; **10.30 Sung Eucharist**

### **JANUARY 2010**

**Sunday 3rd January: Noon - Parish Lunch; 5pm-**  
Organ Vespers; **6pm Chanted Evensong.**  
**Monday 18th - Sunday 24th January; Week of**  
Prayer for **Christian Unity**  
**Sunday 24th January: 7pm Churches Together in**  
Rome at **San Silvestro.**

### **FEBRUARY 2010**

**Sunday 7th February: Noon - Parish Lunch; 5pm**  
Organ Vespers; **6pm Evensong.**

**FOOTSTEPS** enjoy an autumn weekend retreat  
high in the hills at **Sacro Speco, SUBIACO.**



So Benedict jumped into the roses - THEN what happened?

### **MEET THE SAINTS**

**Bridget Armuzzi and her husband Mario** celebrated their **40th wedding anniversary** in October followed by a family celebration on 1st November.  
**Facciamo gli auguri, Bridget e Mario!**

### **iRock @ KIDS ROCK!**

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



*The rumour of a teenager in church turned out to be true.*

All Saints Church has launched a new youth programme called **Kids Rock**, held at midday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. There's something for everyone so drop in and see us at Via del Babuino, 153 or call 06-36001881/email [office@allsaintsrome.org](mailto:office@allsaintsrome.org)

**iRocker Lori Cirillo** tells us how it's going so far; 'OK, ok I'm going to admit it, I didn't expect much from the new **KIDS ROCK ROME** but was I wrong! First, we got given a **ROCK** - h'mmm - like, what have rocks to do with anything? Turns out the rocks had all this meaning about being a **steady rock like Peter**. Then we played a *get-to-know-me* game. We tossed a little notepad around **very fast** to someone (that pad did NOT have a happy death) saying their name. **Gr8!** Fr. Jonathan passed round some sketches about ..well, **Peter and rocks** which we acted out - and yes, I was Jesus! Giuseppe did some songs like "Io ti amo, Dio" not normally my cup of tea but I **do like singing!** We planned to do a play for Christmas on the theme of *Good King Wenceslas*. I can't remember everything but I do know I was much happier after **KIDS ROCK**, it lit me up.

Before **KIDS ROCK ROME** ☹️

After **KIDS ROCK ROME** 😊

*O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us we pray  
Cast out our sin, and enter in;  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.*