

NO PLACE LIKE ROME ... Yanna and Craig celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last month in Rome. They were welcomed to the 10.30 service when Rev Mary prayed with them and asked God's blessing.



Still time to book your place at **The English Tea at All Saints'** on **Saturday 26th September at 16.30** - cucumber sandwiches, cakes and much more!

From All Who Dwell Below the Skies

*From all who dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land by every tongue.
Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise
And fills the world with loudest praise.*

Isaac Watts (1674-1748). His father was imprisoned for his non-conformist views. Isaac too became a 'Dissenter', refusing a university place which were only for members of the established church, ie the Anglican church. He became pastor of Mark Lane Chapel, London. A tiny figure, '...yet the gravity and propriety of his utterances made his discourses very efficacious' wrote Dr. Johnson. His hymns, initially read out to the congregation line by line were immensely popular and he still ranks as one of the greatest and most popular of the English hymn-writers.



We welcomed baby **Mateus Georgi** who was baptized by Rev Dana recently, and his parents, relatives and friends from all over the world.

Up-to-date details about parish lunches, Choral evensong, Alternative Worship and other services and events can be found on our open **Facebook page**, All Saints', Rome or on the web site www.allsaintsrome.org

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The bible has many references to olives, olive oil and olive trees. The dove brought back in its beak a fresh olive leaf, symbol of the receding of the flood waters and God's lifting of his curse on the earth (Gen 8:11 & 21). In Isaiah 41:19 we read; 'I will make cedars grow in the desert, and acacias and myrtles and olive trees. Forests will grow in barren lands ...' The importance of the olive tree in Mediterranean lands is incalculable - good Italian olive oil is superb!

October olive picking in Genazzano (Roma) (thanks to David Ash, worshipper when in town)



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WELCOME to ALL SAINTS', ROME on Back to Church Sunday and to the launch of our new look, bigger - and we hope, better! - Newsletter.

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MEET PARISHIONER JAMES HADLEY



James was born and educated in the USA where his parents, Tom and Janet, brother Scott and family still live. After doctorate studies in Ireland he attended the Greg in Rome. He was received into the Church of England at All Saints' recently. He told the newsletter: *I started thinking about ordination when I was 11. I am now in the discernment process for ordinands in the Diocese of Europe. I believe that God has an incredible dream for every human on earth, which is about healing, wholeness and incredible joy. Christian discipleship and mission is about helping others discover and live out this reality. My faith is centred around helping others live a profound life of meaning, dedication and service through Jesus Christ, amidst the extreme physical and spiritual disconnect in the world. Faith in Jesus offers a sense of being tightly held by a God and a people who love tremendously. This has been my experience and I try to share it with others day to day.*

I'd like to see All Saints' build as a place of welcome so that our community is known as a place of Christian acceptance, belonging and nurturing. Personally I pray to know and have the strength to do the will of God. Should I be ordained I pray to contribute to the life of the Church through pastoral and liturgical ministry so the beauty of God might bring many to know the Lord.

In Italy I love the revelation of centuries of Christian belief in its art, architecture, manuscripts and music, evidencing both the genius of humanity and the glory of God. But bureaucratic dysfunction is the downside! My favourite holiday destination is the pacific island of Moloka'i where you can see an eternity of stars away from the lights of civilization. Ideally I would be eating a Ribeye steak and drinking Saint-Emilion Grand Cru!

TRANSPORT OF DELIGHT! The Rev Dana (above left), one of our curates, had a dream and the result was a successful programme in July for women from around the Anglican communion! She was instrumental in the organization and leadership of a course held recently at the Anglican Centre here in Rome. Entitled 'Female Leadership in the Church: Past, Present and Future.' In collaboration with Rev Dr. Lucy Morris from Perth, Australia the course, attended by 30 lay and ordained, reflected the role of women in the church. Many of the early martyrs in Rome were women who left a lasting spiritual heritage on the Christian community, still celebrated today - Agnes, Prisca, Sabina. As well as talks and study visits were made to sites associated with four females leaders of the church's long, rich history in Rome - below participants take the weight off their feet between sites!



NEWS FROM THE ALL SAINTS' DIASPORA!

Rev Alaric Lewis is now settled happily in to the chaplaincy of St. Andrew's, Los Boliches and its 2 sister churches in **Alicante, Spain.**

Since **Rev. David and Cynthia Greenwood** said farewell to us recently they have been back to Canada to catch up with family. Now they are in Marseilles, France where David is now chaplain for 4 years. David (presiding at **All Saints', Marseilles** below) tells us; *'As with the arrival at all new churches I look out and see faces with no connections, no depth to me. Like St. Paul I don't see slave or free, tourist or regular, husband or single ... all strangers to me. But I know depth will happen as we all become community, congregation and friends ...'* Our love and prayers go with them - we miss you very much!



STOP PRESS: Refugee Crisis

At the **Harvest Festival** on **4th October All Saints** is appealing to the congregation to bring in all items, not just food, for the **Amici del Baobab community** - their link on Facebook - who welcome refugees as they arrive in Rome at Tiburtina stazione with hot meals and essential items. They need all basic items: toiletries - soap, shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors, flannels, towels, women's sanitary items, nappies, clothes for children and grown ups, toys, crayons and books **IN GOOD CONDITION** please.

The **Parish Lunches** still triumph! Held on the first Sunday of the month after the 10.30 all are welcome to stay - bring a contribution if possible-any help is always welcome!



The last appearance of the glorious **Christian New English Orchestra** at the Pantheon this summer. The NEO is to finish this year following the retirement of its founder and director.



GARDENING ROMA

Welcome to the column that tells you what plants **succeed** here and how to look after them. **Plant of the month for October - Oleander** - They grow wonderfully well on the sides of the motorway but in containers they can be more tricky so here's what to do:

- 1 Use a good sized pot 30 - 60cm diameter.
- 2 Buy your plants or beg some cuttings 20 cm long. Place in a glass or jam jar. Change the water every three days. They will send out roots (top rt) in 2-3 weeks. Pot up.
- 3 Multipurpose compost is needed. Do not allow it to dry out but neither have it soggy - stand the pot on a plastic saucer with has three holes poked in base.
- 4 Water every two days in summer. Add two capfuls of cheap liquid fertiliser to 5 litres of water every fortnight

No hoper of the month - Sweet Peas - they hate Rome! What a shame! **Tip:** Watch what your neighbour does and do likewise. Usually works! Bye for now, **Adamo il Giardiniere**