

The Flags Have Returned....Life Continues at All Saints...and A New Chapter is Coming
The flags replacing the historic ones which were stolen have arrived and should be hanging soon. Certainly in time for All Saints Day, 4 November, and Remembrance Day, 11 November. While they are not the treasured historic ones we had for so long, they will remind us of our heritage, of our interconnectedness, and of our valued place in the world. Meanwhile at All Saints we are back to a full schedule with October and November being very busy. Thankfully your Interim Chaplain has been warmly welcomed into the community,



as I have tried to represent you well— from the local barista for daily cappuccino, to the diplomatic community where I attended a conference titled L'Europa, il Regno Unito e la Brexit , at the British Embassy with Ambassador Jill Morris and Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament. It is indeed a pleasure to be



here among you, to lead you in worship, pastoral care, and to be a public face for All Saints. Thank you for the opportunity.

And a new chapter is coming! On Monday, 22 October, interviews for your new chaplain take place in London. From a good list of qualified and interested applicants, Bishop David and Archdeacon Vicky have narrowed the list to four very good candidates. Please pray for them and for Jane and Beth and the process of selection, that the Holy Spirit may indeed guide and lead into a great new chapter for All Saints. In the meantime, enjoy *ottobrata* , in the Holy City. See you in Church!
Blessings,
Fr. John

- On Saturday there was a thrilling event at All Saints', when St George's School and the New Chamber Singers combined to perform Purcell's masterpiece "Dido and Aeneas". It was one of those rare occasions in our church when all the normal seats were taken, and the extra folding chairs had to be used. The conductor of the performance was Darren Everhart, our assistant organist, who was masterly in governing his large and disparate forces. Very few members of the All Saints' community attended the event, in spite of extensive publicity, but those who weren't there missed a treat!

- Another date for your diary. Although Advent seems a long way away, why not plan to attend the morning retreat at the Lay Centre on December 1st from 9.30 to 12? The event bears the title “Rejoice, Advent hope!” and is led by a good friend of All Saints’, the Rev Dr Tim Macquiban, and supported by the director of the centre Dr Donna Orsuto. For further information contact info@laycentre.org.
- We are grateful to our soloist Lindsey McKee for singing today. She was born in England and was trained at the Guildhall School of Music, but then moved to the United States, when she has been much in demand as a teacher and singer.
- On November 3rd there will be another Open Day at the Ecumenical Garden at San Gregorio al Celio, from 10-13. Do come: there will always be something for you to do, which will not necessarily be hard work! Rose Wentz writes: “Right

To build up the body of Christ

‘For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.’ (1 Corinthians 12:12)

We are all one in the body of Christ, each with a part to play in God’s ministry and mission. Being a Christian should affect our family life and all our relationships. It should affect our priorities and how we use our available resources of time, talents and money. It will change and shape our attitude to work and leisure, and also to the big issues of justice and peace that affect our world. We are called to live for the values and aspirations of God’s kingdom, to teach, baptise and nurture new believers, to support each other and seek to reconcile our divisions.

To share in the evangelisation of Europe

‘He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”’ (Mark 16:15)

All Christians are called to proclaim and share the Gospel with the world, and look to follow Christ in their daily lives. Ours is the privilege of pointing others to the glory of God in Christ. Most of us only know Jesus because someone took the trouble to bear witness to God’s love revealed in Him. There is no greater honour than bearing this Good News to another, no greater privilege than seeing others respond to the Good News, and no greater challenge than to be captivated by the urgency of this vocation.

To strive for a just and sustainable world

‘But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.’ (Amos 5:24)

Justice has long been important in Christian faith – it is a recurring theme in the Old Testament and Christ was scathing towards those who abused their power. We seek to respond to need in our communities by loving service, and to transform unjust structures of society. In this Diocese, we have a particular care for refugees and migrants coming to Europe. We also strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth. Environmental issues are a particular focus and we have a comprehensive environmental policy we are committed to realising as a Diocese, as chaplaincies & communities, and as individuals.

now we are working on planting winter crops in the vegetable garden and doing Fall clean-up. We also need to clean the sidewalks as they are getting slippery. If anyone has a power washer that we can borrow let me know.”

- The special event for November 11th, a sequence of words and music for Remembrance Day, will now be in church, rather than in the crypt. More in a future newsletter, but starting time is 18.00.
- A reminder to the Parish Council that there is a meeting on Thursday November 8th.

The Diocese of Europe has a written strategy called "Walking together in faith". Each congregation is encouraged to think about its work, mission and shared life in their local community, and to reflect on this 5-point strategy. Here are some excerpts:



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