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***“Enabling the sacrifices of the past to support the challenges of the future”***

## Editorial Note

Iza Seabrook



Welcome to the spring issue of Oranges & Lemons. There are some exciting articles and contributions in this issue, for which I'd like to thank the writers. The church is now open after it's refurbishment so hope to see you there soon!

If you have articles or pictures you wish to submit for the next issue, please email me:  
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# THINGS TO DO

- **Tell your friends and neighbours about us**
- **Visit us whenever you are in London**
- **Pray for all who work and visit here**
- **Help out on one Sunday a year**
- **Become a guide to a group of visitors**

Please contact us: 020 7242 8282 or **[stclementdanes1@btconnect.com](mailto:stclementdanes1@btconnect.com)** or through the website if you can help out, especially on a Sunday; be a sidesman / woman, macebearer or read a lesson; we can support and encourage you in your new duties.

## Chairman's Letter

Group Captain Mark D Heffron CMgr FCMI RAF



Since the last edition of Oranges & Lemons, you will be pleased to know that your Council has been working hard in taking forward that which I promised you last time and with some success too. Firstly, I am sure those of you who attended the Annual Concert will agree with me, it was a wonderful occasion, full of joy and festive spirit. Many people worked hard in the organisation of the event and you will be pleased to

know that for the first time we actually made a profit towards our work too! Over the past few months, we have also reviewed our literature, made some improvements to this magazine and set the ground work in making more of our service personnel aware of the work that The Friends do. In turn, we can better support the vital part that our Church, the Central Church of the Royal Air Force, plays in support of all personnel, both past and present.

Our work is also now more closely aligned to that of the main Trustee body of St Clement Danes. We are working alongside them, whilst the church is currently closed for essential electrical works, by undertaking improvements to carpeting and furniture. We will be with them when the church reopens in time for Easter, working with the staff and congregation wherever we can. We still have much to do, but with a great team of Council members and some hard work, we can support St Clement Danes as it in turn supports all of us. Thank you for your support in all we are doing.

## From the Resident Chaplain

The Rev'd David Osborn RAF BD AKC PGCE



One of the great joys of being a chaplain in the Royal Air Force is that you can find yourself working out of all sorts of buildings. In my ministry I have had churches in barrack blocks, ISO containers, a bandstand, a converted gym and even the occasional purpose built one.

At St Clement Danes my office is located in the tower above the main door, and although I am not saying its cold, it does have a certain Dickensian feel – even though it was

built by Christopher Wren.



So it seems quite odd that we have decamped, for a short while it is true, into a Portakabin on the north side of the curtilage. This is to allow the contractors free access to the church to carry out the necessary re-wiring of the building. It is odd also, to hear people talk about our lovely church as 'the site', but as each day passes we get closer to bringing the building back into use. In fact by the time you read this we will be completing the works and be up and running again.

I'll let you know all the details of the fun we had – with photos in our next issue. Suffice to say we shall be open from Easter, so please call in and see us; you will, as always, be most welcome.

## The electrical works

As you know we are carrying out vital electrical works in the church for a short period at the start of 2015. We have chosen that couple of months as the church is traditionally less busy – this is when we normally do most of our planning for the rest of the year.



We are re-wiring the entire building, bringing the electrical supply, switches, sockets, circuit breakers up to 21<sup>st</sup> century standards. At the same time we are taking the opportunity to replace the fire alarm system which is very old, upgrade the sound system (including a new hearing loop), the CCTV and other minor works. We are improving the lighting, both internally and externally, which will provide us with a considerable cost saving in years to come.

The work is being carried out by a team of experienced contractors who have worked on many major church buildings – so we are in good hands.

The aim is to put in the new electrics in such a way that most people will not even notice the difference; much is being done on a like for like basis, and great care has been taken to ensure any changes are small.

The net result will be a building that is electrically fit for the next fifty years (the structure is reassuringly sound); a building that will be safe for those working and visiting and will be a continuing memorial to those who are commemorated here.

As I said in my introduction to this issue, we will furnish you with a full report in our next bulletin – and by then you will be able to come and see for yourself.



# COVER STORY: Bentley Priory Museum

Eleanor Pulfe

Once Headquarters Fighter Command, Bentley Priory is now a Museum, dedicated to one of the most important narratives of modern history – how the Battle of Britain was won.



Bentley Priory Museum explores how technology, leadership and courage forged victory during the Battle of Britain, enabling Britain's darkest hour to also be her finest hour. The Museum highlights the

contribution and importance of 'The One', Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, 'The Few', the aircrew, and 'The Many', without whose tireless work on the ground victory would not have been possible.

Visitors to the Museum can access these important narratives through an Award Winning audio visual display, engaging displays of medals, paintings and artefacts, and a recreation of a Filter Room - which explores the technology utilised during the Battle of Britain and the importance of the 'Dowding System', the world's first large-scale centralised air defence command and control system.

The new Museum was officially opened in September 2013 in the presence of their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. In its first year, the Museum welcomed nearly 10,000 visitors and is looking forward to

welcoming more visitors in 2015, during the 75<sup>th</sup> Commemorations of the Battle of Britain.



In addition to individual, group and school visits, the Museum has welcomed visits from a number of serving RAF personnel, often as part of Recruit Training or Force Development Training. In

acknowledgement of past and present service, veterans and HM Forces receive a discount on admission into this spectacular Museum; with entry currently only £5 (adult admission is usually £9). Group tours are available at no additional cost, and are delivered by knowledgeable staff and volunteers.

The Museum is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday and on Tuesday and Thursdays for larger group visits.

A programme of events for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Britain will be publicised as part of the Museum's new website which will be launched in Spring 2015.

The founders of the Bentley Priory Battle of Britain Trust included Battle of Britain veterans. They wanted to ensure that the important histories of Bentley Priory and the Battle of Britain were not lost. Bentley Priory Museum ensures that this objective is achieved, and this pivotal history is shared.

*For further information about visiting Bentley Priory Museum, please contact the Museum on 020 8950 5526 or [enquiries@bentleypriory.org](mailto:enquiries@bentleypriory.org)*

**The 21st AGM of The Friends of SCD  
Thursday 27 Nov 2014 at 4pm  
The Crypt Chapel, SCD, Strand**

**Present**

Gp Capt Mark Heffron RAF –  
Chairman

Mr E R S Youle  
Mrs Jennifer Youle

Ven Canon Ray Pentland -  
President

Mr John Bayles

Wg Cdr Di Bentley

Mr Mike Collas

Mr Chris Davies

Mr P Graham

Mr W S Halson

Wg Cdr Chris Hill -

Membership Secretary

Mr P R Holtby

Mrs Georgina Jessup

Sqn Ldr Sherry Jessup RAF -  
Council

Sqn Ldr Tina Jessup RAF –  
Council

Mr Peter Kettle - O&L  
Manager

Mr Chris Laws - Council

Mr Peter Neville-Lewis -  
Council

Mr James McKinley

Wg Cdr Mick Meyer - Council

Sqn Ldr Em Rogers RAF -  
Hon Treasurer

Mr John Rowling – Council

Flt Lt Ian Perring RAFVR (T) -  
Council

Mr C C K Priebe - Hon  
Secretary

Mr David Savage

Mr I J Sedman

Mrs Jane Sedman

Mr Barry Wallis

## **Apologies**

Revd Dr Giles Legood RAF - Council

Revd David Osborn RAF - Resident Chaplain and Council

Mr Roger Round - Council

### **1. Prayer**

The President opened the AGM with a prayer.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were noted.

### **3. Chairman's Opening Remarks**

As announced at the last AGM, the Ven Canon Robin Turner and Air Cdre Paul Hughesdon stepped down as President and Chairman of the Friends respectively in 2014, to be replaced by Ven Canon Ray Pentland and Gp Capt Mark Heffron. The new Chairman introduced himself and explained that his principal aims as Chairman would be to: 1) significantly increase the number of Friends from within the serving RAF Personnel cohort and 2) ensure that the Constitution of the Friends dove-tailed with the recently revised Objectives of the church Trustees. Committees to take forward these activities had already been formed. The next meeting of the Council of Management (scheduled for January 2015) would provide the first opportunity for these committees to report.

In a recent meeting which the new Chairman had with HRH the Duke of Gloucester, HRH agreed to remain Patron in Chief of the Friends and gave his enthusiastic support for recruiting more currently-serving RAF personnel as Friends, including those of senior rank.

The Chairman thanked all Friends and Council members for their support throughout the past year. He noted that the Friends had given generously to improve church facilities, with over £4,000 worth of grants made over the last year to repair hassocks, replace altar and wedding kneelers, provide a new memorial book and a display cabinet in the crypt, purchase a trolley for folding tables and procure music storage cupboards. Moreover in the coming year, whilst the church is to be closed from late December 2014 to mid-March 2015 for rewiring and other electrical works, the Friends will provide a further £11,000 in grants, over that period, to

replace carpeting and office furniture.

The Patron of the Friends, Air Chf Mshl Sir Andrew Pulford, Chief of Air Staff, apologised for being unable to attend this year's Friends Concert, but sent his best wishes for a successful event.

#### **4. Election of Officers and Council Members**

The Chairman thanked members of the Council for their efforts over the past year, expressing particular appreciation for the many years of service to the Friends provided by the former President, Ven Canon Robin Turner, and former Chairman, Air Cdre Paul Hughesdon.

Mr Holtby proposed the election of the following Council members for the coming year:

Gp Capt Mark Heffron RAF – Chairman  
Ven Canon Ray Pentland – President  
Wg Cdr Chris Hill - Membership Secretary  
Sqn Ldr Sherry Jessup RAF – Joint Events Manager  
Sqn Ldr Tina Jessup RAF – Joint Events Manager  
Mr Peter Kettle - O&L Manager  
Mr Chris Laws  
Revd Dr Giles Legood RAF  
Mr Peter Neville-Lewis  
Wg Cdr Mick Meyer  
Revd David Osborn RAF - Resident Chaplain  
Flt Lt Ian Perring RAFVR (T)  
Mr Christopher Priebe - Hon Secretary  
Sqn Ldr Em Rogers RAF - Hon Treasurer  
Mr Roger Round  
Mr John Rowling

The resolution was seconded by Wg Cdr Bentley and passed unanimously on a show of hands.

#### **5. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last AGM (as published in the spring 2014 edition of O&L magazine) were made available and the Chairman asked if there were any questions. There being none, approval was proposed by Wg Cdr Hill, seconded by Mr Collas and passed unanimously on a show of hands.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the Receipts and Payments Account for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were distributed (see Appendix I).

Receipts for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 totalled £17,880, versus £15,933 for the previous year. Payments were £14,759, against £20,607 last year. The Hon Treasurer detailed the various sources of inflows and outflows. The excess of income over expenditure was £3,122 (reversing a £4,674 shortfall last year) and the year-end bank balance was £66,714, of which £19,218 was ring-fenced as a reserve for Life Membership, leaving £47,496 available to spend.

The Hon Treasurer was pleased to report that difficulties experienced with bank accounts and Gift Aid administration had now been successfully resolved.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Mr Collas, seconded by Wg Cdr Meyer and passed unanimously on a show of hands.

Approval to dispense with a formal annual audit of the accounts was proposed by Wg Cdr Hill, seconded by Mr Collas and passed unanimously on a show of hands.

## **7. Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership and O&L mailing list records are now maintained by the Church Manager. Most new members join as a result of an association with the books of remembrance in the church.

The following proposal (as published in the autumn 2014 edition of O&L magazine) was made:

'Your Executive Committee has, as directed by the AGM in 2006, reviewed on a two-yearly rolling basis the subscription rates. We commenced our review early in 2014 (for implementation on 1 July 2015) and make the following recommendation for ratification to the 2014 AGM:

'We propose that you agree to increase subscriptions (from 1 July 2015) to £22pa single and £33pa joint, provided both are paid by Direct Debit. At the AGM in 2012 it was decided no longer to accept cheques or standing orders for annual membership and, because of the postage costs and

extra work involved, it was agreed to add an additional £3 to the annual cost of renewals by cheque. We further propose that the £3 additional charge applies to those who wish to continue with cheque and standing order payments.

'We propose no change to the age qualification of 65yrs as agreed for entry to life membership in the 2012 AGM.

'We propose no change to the Life Membership rates which were set at 18 times the annual rate at the 2012 AGM – that is to say £396 single and £594 joint at the above agree rates.'

Approval was proposed by Mrs Jessop, seconded by Mr Holtby and passed unanimously on a show of hands.

With respect to efforts to increase the numbers of Friends who are currently serving in the RAF, Mr Collas enquired whether or not it was possible for RAF payroll to handle subscriptions. The Chairman replied that this had been investigated and the costs would be prohibitive. However, the relevant committee would look into the feasibility of charging currently serving personnel a reduced subscription rate.

## **8. Any Other Business**

Mrs Youle enquired whether the church lavatories would be upgraded as part of the refurbishment works to be undertaken from December to March. The Chairman indicated he would raise the issue at the next church Trustees meeting.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 26th November 2015 at 4 pm, with the concert to be held at 7pm that evening.

C. C. K. Priebe  
Hon Secretary

M D Heffron  
Group Captain  
Chairman

## **Financial Report to the Annual General Meeting – Accounting Year Ending June 2014**

The CC16A, which records the income and expenditure categories on which we report to the Charity Commission at the end of the year, is shown below. The figures are rounded up or down to the nearest whole pound in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines and this rounding can induce errors of addition (usually of £1) within the accounts as displayed. Explanations of key areas are given in the paragraphs below.

Our total income was £17,880 (£15,933 last year) against a budgeted income of £14,800. Total donations for the year exceeded the budget (by 3 times) and reached £5,005, along with a legacy bequest of £1,000. Sales from Christmas cards, ties and other miscellaneous items amounted to £1,293 (£1,482 last year), greater than the £700 budgeted, with the majority of money coming from sales made within the Church; only £108 was received for Christmas Cards. The concert raised £2,404 (£1,991 last year) from ticket sales and £307 from contributions towards refreshments. Bank interest was £179 (£155 last year). Subscription income was lower than the £8,000 budgeted and amounted to £6,908 (£6,183 last year). The sum of £250 (£550 last year) was received from the main Church as Guild contributions from weddings held and £535 (£530 last year) was received from the Easter Service to offset the cost of flowers.

Expenditure for the year was £14,759 (£20,607 last year), slightly under budget. Grants totalling £4,095 (£10,234 last year) were made to the Church for the refurbishment of the kneelers, provision of a new book of remembrance, book cases, storage cupboards and a table trolley for the crypt. Payment for the issues of the O&L, including printing costs, postage and editor fees were just under budget at £4,488 (£4,451 last year). The Concert and Friends Service were within the budget of £3,400 at £3,434 (£3,306 last year) and other costs for the Easter Service flowers amounted to £605 (£537 last year). Bank charges for the running of the BACS system for membership direct debits amounted to £693 (£664 last year). A further £337 was spent on amending the joiners form and subsequent re-printing, with £60 being spent on committee badges, £28

for concert printing and £40 for website design and £65 on the presentation to the outgoing chairman. Expenditure for the year is completed by the purchase of new stocks of ties £594, travel and postage expenses (£216 compared to £332 last year), the Guild (£41 with no expenditure last year) and the AGM expenses (£202 compared to £226 last year).

At the end of the year we had an excess of income over expenditure of £3,122; last year we had the reverse situation having planned to overspend by £4,674. Our Bank Accounts held £66,714 (£63,592 last year) with £47,496 available as free reserves to spend on our charitable activities. During the year your Trustees carried out a further revision on the reserve for the Life Memberships and this has now been recalculated at £19,218 to more accurately reflect our liabilities in this area.

During the year we experienced some difficulties in getting correspondence delivered to us regarding the direct debits which we utilise through HSBC but this is now resolved. Our efforts in approaching Yorkshire Bank to close the account and transfer the monies to Unity Bank were finally successful and we are now in a situation to make better use of electronic banking.

## Legacy Appeal

If St Clement Danes is as important to you as the thousands of people it remembers within its walls, we would ask you to consider leaving a gift in your Will for the future preservation and maintenance of this beautiful sanctuary.

It is a simple process. You can request a free Legacy Giving Guide from the Church Manager.

More information is on our website:

[raf.mod.uk/stclementdaneshome](http://raf.mod.uk/stclementdaneshome)

	Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a
	Friends of St Clement Danes Church		1048757		
	Receipts and Payments Accounts				
	For the period	Period start date	To	Period end date	
From	01-Jul-13		30-Jun-14		

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Restricted Funds to the nearest £	Endowment Funds to the nearest £	Total Funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 - Receipts</b>					
Donations	5,005	-	-	5,005	2,576
Legacy Bequests	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Grants Received	-	-	-	-	2,296
Christmas Card Sales	109	-	-	109	122
Ties and other Misc Sales	1,184	-	-	1,184	1,260
Concert Ticket Sales	2,405	-	-	2,405	1,991
Easter Service	535	-	-	535	530
Miscellaneous Income	307	-	-	307	270
Bank Interest	179	-	-	179	155
Guild Fees	250	-	-	250	550
Subscriptions	6,908	-	-	6,908	6,183
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,880</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,880</b>	<b>15,933</b>
<b>A2 - Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>17,880</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,880</b>	<b>15,933</b>
<b>A3 - Payments</b>					
Grants to Main Church	4,095	-	-	4,095	10,234
Friends Service Payments	362	-	-	362	-
Friends Concert Payments	2,933	-	-	2,933	3,306
Easter Service Payments	605	-	-	605	-
Member Purchases	-	-	-	-	59
Miscellaneous Payments	105	-	-	105	720
Oranges & Lemons	4,488	-	-	4,488	4,451
General Charitable Expenditure	972	-	-	972	615
Support Costs - Trustee Expenses	418	-	-	418	494
Support Costs - Printing & Stationery	88	-	-	88	63
Bank Charges	693	-	-	693	664
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,759</b>	<b>20,607</b>
<b>A4 - Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>14,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,759</b>	<b>20,607</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,122</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,122</b>	<b>-4,674</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>63,592</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,592</b>	<b>68,267</b>
<b>Cash Funds this year end</b>	<b>66,714</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,714</b>	<b>63,592</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Deposit Account	15,019	-	-
	Unity Trust Account	44,842	-	-
	Current Account	6,853	-	-
	<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>66,714</b>	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Nil	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Nil		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
	Original Signed	M Heffron	27 November 2014
	Original Signed	E Rogers	27 November 2014

# Annual Friends Concert

Sqn Ldr Sherry Jessup

The Annual Friends' Concert was a resounding success and was superbly supported by the Friends of St Cement Danes, family and friends.



This year we thought we would highlight the organisations that provided the music and who work behind the scenes to make the concert run smoothly and effortlessly. From the Central Band of the Royal Air Force to the Choir of the Central Church of the Royal Air Force and the cadets of 296 (Stoke Newington)

Air Training Corps who provided a smart guard of honour and helped distribute and clear away the refreshments.

The relationship The Friends of St Clement Danes' has with the Central Band of the Royal Air Force is a very special and close one. Without them there would be no concert and we as the audience would not be able to have the privilege of listening to some of the top musicians within the UK.



The Central Band of the Royal Air Force Band played music ranging from Christmas carols to popular classical pieces and finishing, most appropriately, with the RAF March Past. The Band was conducted by Flight Lieutenant Richard Murray, who has been the Director of Music since January 2012. It has boasted a proud and distinguished heritage, music always being a part of military life, since its formation in 1920. In 1922, the Central Band became the first military band to broadcast on BBC Radio and remains the most frequently featured on the airwaves. It is based at RAF Northolt, with a purpose built, state of the art facility. We are especially privileged

that the band performs at the Friends Annual Concert as they are at the forefront of many State Ceremonial events, from 'Changing the Guard' at Buckingham Palace to the National Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph.

They also participate in many high-profile national events, including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the Royal Wedding and the 2012 London Olympics. They maintain a strong international presence with the distinction of being the first outside the USA to be awarded the 'John Philip Sousa Citation for Musical Excellence'. Having featured in International Tattoos in Quebec (2011) and Basel (2014), the band is looking forward to taking a leading role in the 2015 Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Lately the band has represented the British Military for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations in New Delhi, India, and has participated in the Victory Day Parade in Red Square, Moscow, marking the anniversary of Victory in Europe for Allied Forces. Engagements have also been undertaken in other countries around the world, including Holland, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Cyprus, Saudi Arabia, Australia and the USA.

There is, however, another side to the sterling accomplishments of Central Band musicians. As serving members of the Royal Air Force, they support key operational roles in less familiar environments such as Afghanistan, Turkey and the Falkland Islands, with many musicians having served in Operation TELIC (the 2nd Gulf War) in Iraq. The musicians fulfill a diverse range of operational roles, from detainee handling in Afghanistan to driving ambulances in the Falkland Islands. From the concert stage to operational theatres around the globe, Central Band members display (in their conduct and performance) the excellence for which the Royal Air Force has become renowned during its illustrious history.



The Choir of the Central Church of the Royal Air Force always performs to the highest of standards and this concert was no exception.

We were especially lucky to hear the angelic Gloria in Excelsis Deo by Vivaldi, amongst many others, to the Christmas Carol Medley by the Tree. The Choir has a rich history of musical excellence at St Clement Danes and has continued to do so into their fifth decade.

296 (Stoke Newington) Air Training Corps Squadron have been helping out at many of the Friends concerts over the years and on most of those occasions the concerts would not have run as smoothly and as efficiently without them. Furthermore, they provide the excellent Guard of Honour at the entrance of the church and also bring a young freshness to the events that is priceless.



Flight Lieutenant Ian Perring, First Aid Officer (Training), Warrant Officer Singh and

Squadron Warrant Officer, give up their free time to organise, escort and look after the cadets that volunteer to help the Friends concerts.

The squadron has a fine history, formed on March 1941 as 296 Squadron of the Air Training Corps, their Royal Warrant was signed by His late Majesty King George VI on 5 February 1941. The Squadron currently has over 40 members and its particular strength is in sports; having dominated disciplines from athletics to football as well as being recognised as one of the highest standards of ATC bands in the London areas since 1950. The aim of the Squadron is to develop in its cadets, through the concept of formal military discipline, a sense of responsibility, confidence, loyalty, determination and motivation. They provide cadets with skills in areas of communication, leadership, planning and teamwork, through a host of practical initiatives centred mainly on sports and adventure training.

All in all, the Annual concert was a great success with record numbers attending, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great to see new and old faces amongst the crowd.

*Thank you for the photography to Sqn Ldr Wayne Palmer.*



# A New Discovery

Wg Cdr Chris Hill

As most of you reading this will recognise that I have been your Membership Secretary for many years but I am also a Freemason, primarily in my home county of Gloucestershire. About two years ago whilst at St Clement Danes I was asked if there was a St Clement Danes Freemasons Lodge. Knowing about the St Clement Danes Primary School, founded in 1700 and located in Drury Lane and the St Clement Danes Secondary School established in 1862 now located in Chorleywood I was somewhat surprised not to have found out about a St Clement Danes Freemasons Lodge. My naturally enquiring mind led through a 'google' search to discover that there was indeed a St Clement Danes Freemasons Lodge and the search results led me to discover an email address for the Lodge Secretary – some six months later I visited St Clement Danes Lodge to discover that it was established in 1871 some nine years after the Secondary School. Their first 70 years history is inextricable linked with our Church. The first Lodge Chaplain was the rector of St Clement Danes, Rev R J Simpson, as were Church Wardens and other members of the congregation of the then Parish Church. Later another Rector was even more involved in the Lodge from the 1920, or even earlier as he was the Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1922-23, wrote the music for the Lodge opening and closing and went onto hold Grand Officer Rank with the United Grand Lodge of England.

Unfortunately WWII caused decimation of the Lodge members and of course the reduction of the Church to rubble only to be rebuilt, not so much as a Parish Church but as the Central Church of the RAF. The affinity between the Lodge and the Church seem to have diminished over the last 50 years but now I have also joined the St Clement Danes Freemasons Lodge I feel that we have already started to rebuild that relationship. Three members of the Lodge

and their wives attended our last Friends Concert, and all were amazed at the magnificence of the Church and the entertainment.

If anyone is interested to discover more about St Clement Danes Freemasons Lodge or just in finding out more about Freemasonry please contact me at [cjhill@btinternet.com](mailto:cjhill@btinternet.com) or the Lodge Secretary, Andy Chittick at [secretary1351@gmail.com](mailto:secretary1351@gmail.com)

## St Clement Danes Lodge

*No 1351 on the register of the United Grand Lodge of England*

### A Brief History



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<http://www.stclementdanes1351.org.uk/St-Clement-Danes-1351-Brief-History.pdf>

## The World's Toughest Parish?

When he joined up he was the first ever Reservist Padre; now Giles Legood has become the first RAF Chaplain to receive an operational honour since World War II.



Padre Legood, 46, served four months in Afghanistan in 2013, supporting the staff of the UK Medical Group at Camp Bastion Hospital. He was awarded the MBE for 'giving his all to support the Nation's wounded' and for

his 'unwavering belief in the face of adversity'.

"It was a World away from my civilian parish in Hatfield." said Padre Legood. "I'd swapped a 13<sup>th</sup> Century church in leafy Hertfordshire for a wooden hut in the sand, the organ was an iPod docking station and our singing was often drowned out by the helicopters flying overhead."

"My pager would go off in a service if casualties were brought into the hospital and I would be there. It was my job to act as a reassuring presence for the staff, to chat to them after the patients went into the operating theatre. Many of them were young and on their first deployment, and they were experiencing things you might never see in a civilian A&E Department."

His belief would be tested during one incident which saw more than 50 civilian and International Security Assistance Force casualties brought into the hospital. “I would say a prayer if there was a death on the operating table and then accompany the staff as they took care of that individual and prepared them for their final journey home. It was a privilege to serve alongside the team at Bastion Hospital, who were regularly exposed to horrific scenes of suffering but worked tirelessly to save lives, whether they were British, Coalition Forces or Afghan.”

Padre Legood was ordained in 1992, becoming a chaplain at the University of London before joining 600 Squadron Royal Auxiliary Air Force in 2004. He transferred to the regular RAF in 2007 and is now The Revd Dr (Wing Commander), Staff Chaplain to the Chaplain-in-Chief at Headquarters Air Command in Buckinghamshire.

“I used to walk past St Clement Danes, the RAF Church in London, and they asked me to cover a Sunday Service. My interest in the military side of service grew from there. I enjoyed the baptisms and weddings, the events that allowed you to speak on an informal basis – you are able to reach people who may not ordinarily attend church services.”

“I would encourage my civilian colleagues to join up. You get to serve at the heart of the institution; you are a part of the life of the Service. You never have to justify your presence. Being a military Padre is all about our core task – direct engagement with people.”

## **From the Registers**

We are delighted to share in families' excitement when they come to St Clement Danes for a Wedding or Baptism.

### **Baptisms**

Bella Rose Mounsey (30 August)  
Henrietta Joyce Esther Short (7 September)  
Theo Oliver Alexander Blaikley (19 October)  
Elisabeth Alice Samuelson (19 October)  
Archer Stewart Bardell Roberts (26 October)  
Ava-Rae Rhiannon Fabre (2 November)  
Lucia Elodie Rose Lockwood (21 December)  
Molly Nancy Koe (21 December)

### **Weddings**

Joseph Keith Britton and Sarah Amy Cameron (4 October)  
Gino Sabatino and Leanne Marie Jones (18 October)  
James Edward Broadhurst and Abigail Vered Goldson (24 October)  
Mark Edward Corkan and Emma Louise Tallentire (22 November)

### **Marriage Blessings**

Spencer and Alison Harris (12 December)

**Requests for Baptisms and Weddings should be made  
to the Resident Chaplain**

## Readings and Services\*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Lesson 1</b>	<b>Lesson 2</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>3 April Good Friday</b>	Good Friday Liturgy	Isaiah 52: 13 to end of 53	Hebrews 10: 16 to 25	Passion Gospel ac to John
<b>5 April Easter Day</b>	Choral Eucharist	Isaiah 25. 6 to 9	Acts 10: 34 to 43	John 20: 1 to 18
<b>12 April Easter 2</b>	Choral Matins	Acts 4.32 to 35	John 20.19 to end	
<b>19 April Easter 3</b>	RAF Formation Service	TBC	TBC	
<b>26 April Easter 4</b>	Choral Matins	Acts 4.5 to 12	John 10.11 to 18	
<b>3 May Easter 5</b>	Choral Eucharist	Genesis 22.1 to 18	Acts 8. 26 to end	John 15.1 to 8
<b>10 May Easter 6</b>	18 Sqn 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service	Acts 10.44 to end	John 15. 9 to 17	
<b>17 May Easter 7 (RAF Club)</b>	Choral Eucharist	Ezekiel 36. 24 to 28	Acts 1.15 to 17 and 21 to end	John 17. 6 to 19
<b>24 May Pentecost</b>	Choral Matins	Acts 2. 1 to 21	John 15.26, 27 and 16. 4b to 15	
<b>7 June Trinity 1</b>	Choral Eucharist	Genesis 3. 8 to 15	2 Corinthians 4. 13 to 5.1	Mark 3. 20 to end
<b>14 June Trinity 2 (Friends Service)</b>	Choral Matins	Ezekiel 17. 22 to end	Mark 4. 26 to 34	
<b>21 June Trinity 3</b>	Choral Eucharist	Job 38. 1 to 11	2 Corinthians 6.1 to 13	Mark 4. 35 to end

<b>28 June Trinity 4</b>	Choral Matins	Wisdom of Solomon 1. 13 to 15 and 2. 23 and 24	Mark 5. 21 to end	
<b>5 July Trinity 5</b>	Choral Eucharist	Ezekiel 2. 1 to 5	2 Corinthians 12. 2 to 10	Mark 6.1 to 13
<b>12 July Trinity 6</b>	Choral Matins	Amos 7. 7 to 15	Mark 6. 14 to 29	
<b>19 July Trinity 7</b>	Choral Eucharist	Jeremiah 23. 1 to 6	Ephesians 2. 11 to end	Mark 6.30 to 34 and 53 to end
<b>26 July Trinity 8</b>	Choral Matins	2 Kings 4. 42 to end	John 6. 1 to 21	
<b>5 July Trinity 5</b>	Choral Eucharist	Ezekiel 2. 1 to 5	2 Corinthians 12. 2 to 10	Mark 6.1 to 13
<b>2 August Trinity 9</b>	Choral Eucharist	Exodus 16. 2 to 4 and 9 to 15	Ephesians 4. 1 to 16	John 6.24 to 35
<b>9 August Trinity 10</b>	Choral Matins	1 Kings 19. 4 to 8	John 6. 35 and 41 to 51	
<b>16 August Trinity 11</b>	Choral Eucharist	Proverbs 9. 1 to 6	Ephesians 5. 15 to 20	John 6. 51 to 58
<b>23 August Trinity 12</b>	Choral Matins	Joshua 24. 1 to 2a and 14 to 18	John 6.56 to 69	
<b>30 August Trinity 13</b>	Choral Eucharist	Deuteronomy 4. 1,2, and 6 to 9	James 1. 17 to end	Mark 7. 1 to 8, 14, 15 and 21 to 23

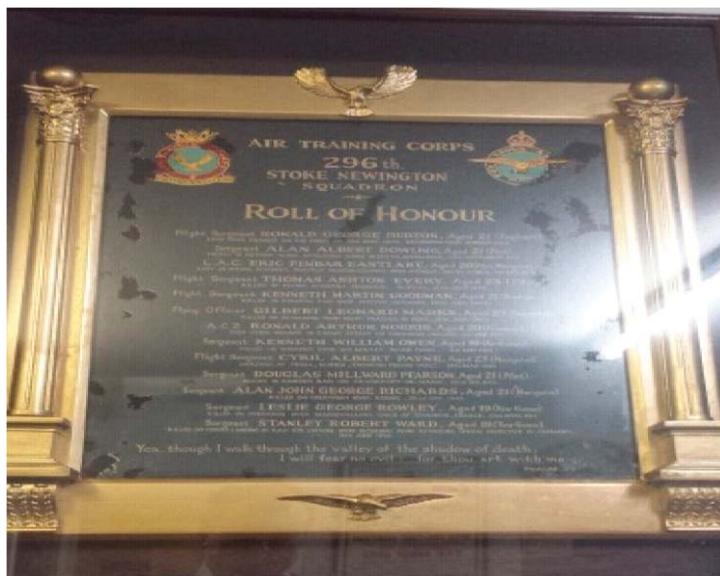
<b>6 September Trinity 14</b>	Choral Eucharist	Isaiah 35. 4 to 7a	James 2. 1 to 17	Mark 7.24 to end
<b>13 September Trinity 15</b>	Choral Matins	Isaiah 50.4 to 9a	Mark 8. 27 to end	
<b>20 September Battle of Britain</b>	B.O.B Service	1 Samuel 17: 38 to 49	Ephesians 6: 10 to 18	
<b>27 September Trinity 17</b>	Choral Matins	Numbers 11. 4 to 6, 10 to 16 and 24 to 29	Mark 9.38 to end	
<b>4 October Trinity 18 Harvest Thanksgiving</b>	Choral Eucharist	Joel 2.21 to 27	1 Timothy 2.1 to 7	Matthew 6.25 to 33
<b>11 October Trinity 19 WAAF /WRAF</b>	Choral Matins	Amos 5.6,7, 10 to 15	Mark 10.17.31	
<b>18 October St Luke</b>	Choral Eucharist	Isaiah 35.3 to 6	2 Timothy 4.5 to 17	Luke 10.1 to 9
<b>25 October Last in Trinity</b>	Choral Matins	Jeremiah 31. 7 to 9	Mark 10.46 to end	

\*all services start at 11am unless specified otherwise

# Introducing 296 (Stoke Newington) Squadron Air Training Corps

Cdt FS Jordann Webb

For those who may not be aware, 296 (Stoke Newington) Squadron Air Training Corps has provided Cadets to form the Carpet Guard for the Friends' Annual Concert for over ten years. This is a prestigious and important occasion for the Squadron as we not only support the Friends but also compliment an ever-decreasing blue foot print of the RAF in London.



Before joining the Air Training Corps I did not realise how much of a sacrifice was made by young men, not much older than me, during WW2. The issue of sacrifice is prominent in the Squadron

as 13 Cadets gave their lives during WW2 and to commemorate this, 13 cherry trees were planted in the surrounding roads, plus a plaque was placed on a wall in Lavell Street, N16. There is also a memorial in the CO's office in the Squadron HQ.

I joined the Squadron in 2011 with high hopes of one day joining the RAF and becoming a fighter pilot (as is the dream of many a young

person). From an early age the RAF has been huge passion that began with my first air show at Biggin Hill.

The Cadets have allowed me to wear the RAF blue beret and to get to know the history and beliefs of the RAF which reflect on the ATC. One of my earliest memories in the Cadets is stepping on a Corporals shoes; I never truly understood why he took it so seriously, until now. I can honestly say that it is the most irritating situation to date to have someone ruin hours of work and polish, as I am sure most people within the services will understand and agree.

For us Remembrance Sunday is one of the most important parades of the year. Our Commanding Officer annually says “Not even death will stop you from coming!” In the weeks prior to the event, nights of drill and uniform sessions are implemented to make sure we have an excellent turn out and can fully honour those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.



Our main parade on is at Bermondsey war memorial for the two minutes silence at 11am. We then travel back to Stoke Newington for a smaller parade, with two minutes silence in the Town Hall Library where

the Local Council War Memorial is situated. This is followed by a slow march past on Lavell Street, where the 13 cherry trees have been planted.



The subject of preparation doesn't stop there. It all starts again for the Friends Annual Concert, with the Central Band of the RAF. It is evenings of polishing shoes and shining brass buckles for the white belts... plus loads of drill practice. This is important

to us, as we support the Friends and promote the RAF, whose commitments are increasing and numbers falling.



The very next day is an early meet for us, as it is a change of uniform so we can make our way down to the Bramley training area for our Annual Christmas Weekend Camp. The weekend consists of leadership

training, expedition training, radio communications and above all is the Christmas Party with a full Christmas roast dinner.

Therefore may I, on behalf of the Cadets and Staff of the Air Training Corps wish you and your families a belated happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

## Application to become a Friend of St Clement Danes

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**Corporate Rates** from £100pa; please contact the Membership Secretary at the church.

*Membership renewals are made from 1 July each year. Part-year subscriptions may be made initially to cover an intermediate period.*

### Please tick the category that you are applying for:

- I wish to join as a single life member** and enclose a cheque\*
- We wish to join as joint life members** and enclose a cheque\*  
*Please provide your date of birth(s) below*

*\*Cheques should be made payable to The Friends of St Clement Danes*

- I wish to join as a single member** and authorise a debit of £20pa\*\*
- We wish to join as joint members** and authorise a debit of £30pa\*\*

*\*\* From my account until further notice; I enclose a completed Direct Debit instruction (page 36)*

- I enclose a completed **Gift Aid Declaration** (overleaf)

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If you would like to help St Clement Danes, we invite you to make a subscription and become a Friend. That in itself will be greatly valued. Those who wish will be offered a warm welcome to this historic and beautiful church.

Members receive the bi-annual bulletin 'Oranges & Lemons' and can obtain access to special services throughout the year.

If you are unable to visit the church regularly, or even at all, your membership will still be very much appreciated.





Our mission is to encourage growth in the membership of the Friends of St Clement Danes through promotion of what St Clement Danes provides spiritually, socially and culturally.

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