

A full-page photograph of a man in a ceremonial military uniform. He is standing on a green lawn in front of a large, classical-style building with stone columns and a dark wooden door. The man is wearing a dark blue uniform with gold buttons, a gold belt with a large tassel, and a matching cap. He is holding a sword in his right hand. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the man.

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

Editorial Note

Iza Seabrook



Welcome to the autumn issue of Oranges & Lemons. It is full of our regular features and great new contributions. I would like to say thank you to Peter Kettle for being a great support these past few years and at the same time say hello to his son, Daniel, who is taking over the mantle of O&L Manager. Enjoy!

If you have articles or pictures you wish to submit for the next

issue, please email me: iza.seabrook@gmail.com

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 **stclementdanesh1@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



Welcome to the autumn edition of Oranges & Lemons and, once again since the last publication, the Friends have been at the heart of matters at St Clement Danes and across the Royal Air Force. But we have had a challenge along the way. The church was close to opening at Easter and our work was almost complete, when I received the news that the hammers in the church bells had begun to fail. Unless they were replaced, there would be no

“Oranges & Lemons” chimes for Easter! After some rapid research we undertook to replace all hammers as fast as possible. The job was completed in the nick of time and the bells rang out. They now sound superb and that is all down to your contributions through membership fees and some outstanding work by the Friends Council.

Our work on spreading the word about The Friends continues at pace. You may have noticed that our portion of the main website has been updated with a new video clip and we secured a full page in the RAF News. This is but part of the work; we are engaged with Stations and with the main Trust Fund, who had an information stand at the Royal International Air Tattoo. Word really is spreading!

Of course none of this is possible without the Friends Council and I would like to thank them for all their support and hard work. Membership is growing and we are making a difference; I thank each of them and all of you for your support.

From the Resident Chaplain

The Rev'd David Osborn RAF BD AKC PGCE



You will be delighted to know that the church is back to normal following the major works earlier in the year. We have been very busy learning the new systems and, with very few issues, all is working well. Most noticeably to those passing by in the evenings are the refurbished floodlights which give a spectacular view of the church.

Those of you coming to the annual concert will be able to see for yourselves the amazing difference.

As we go to print the final works to the carillon and bell hammers are taking place; work generously funded by the Friends. And we must mention the new carpet on the north stairs; a great improvement on the previous one which was looking a bit threadbare.

Obviously we waited until the works were completed before changing the carpet and, once again, it is thanks to the Friends for their generosity to enable this to happen.

The message is that we are very much open for business; thank you for your continued support of the Friends of St Clement Danes; we look forward to welcoming you again soon to the Central Church of the Royal Air Force.

Parish News

The Great Fire of Kingsway

So you spend a lot of time and money on new safety systems in the church and a week later, the fire alarms go off. The chaplain and staff go round the building, check there is no fire and re-set the alarms; ten minutes later they go off again. Once more a thorough check is carried out; no fire in the building.

Then we look outside and we can't see Australia House for smoke. A big fire has taken hold under the streets adjoining Kingsway and much disruption follows; power goes off; gas supplies are cut off and for many buildings phones go down. The Law Courts are evacuated.



Emergency power is restored via large generators and for several weeks people have to pick their way along streets covered in large electric cables.

And of course, this happens on the Wednesday in Holy Week, so Easter weekend is a challenge, to say the least.....

Still, at least we know that the fire alarms work.

As we go to print in mid-August repair works are still taking place near the CAA building – which goes to show how extensive the damage was.

People

Two stalwarts of the church have retired recently and it would be remiss of us not to mention them in O&L.

Freddie Bircher



Freddie retired recently as one of our Churchwardens following decades of service to St Clement Danes. Married here shortly after the church was re-dedicated, Freddie has worked tirelessly for SCD in many capacities. He was a valued member of the Trustees and a long serving member of the council of the Friends (much of the time as secretary). As Churchwarden he was responsible for liaising with the chaplain concerning important services, ensuring the

provision of the Guild (in its day) and more lately our ushers.

Freddie read the lesson at morning service on a regular basis whilst still providing the Churchwarden presence at the back of the church. He provided wise guidance to clergy and people alike and carried the mace with great dignity.

We wish him and Teresa every blessing in their retirement in Wimbledon and hope that they will still be able to visit us from time to time.

Peter Long

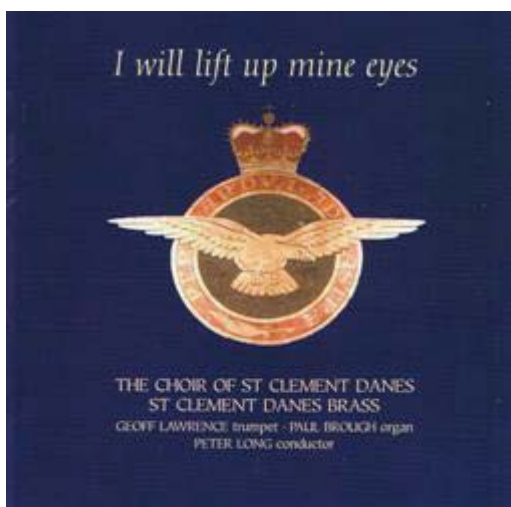


Peter retired in March from the post of Director of Music; a post which he held since 1992. Beginning as a chorister he was appointed as only the second Director of Music in the church, following in the footsteps of Martindale Sidwell.

Peter played the organ with panache and led the choir in his inimitable fashion; his duties included guiding

wedding couples in their choice of music, advising the chaplain on musical matters, choosing the music for Sunday services and of course rehearsing and directing the choir. Many of you will have seen him in action at the Friends annual concert or perhaps with the choir at The RAF Club Christmas lunches.

Copies of a recording made by Peter and the choir are available in the church for those who wish to hear the professionalism that Peter brought to his music. His fantasy on 'Oranges and Lemons' has been heard by thousands of people over the years. A reliable and capable Director of Music he will be missed by many at St Clement Danes and we wish him well in his retirement.



Introducing Daniel Kettle



Daniel Kettle was co-opted as a member of The Friends' Council in the January 2015 meeting, and brings with him many years' experience having graduated with a Business Administration degree from Brunel University. Daniel's initial line of experience was within Marketing, culminating in becoming Group Marketing Manager for the 19 Stratstone Land Rover dealerships across the UK.

Since then he has changed career direction moving into Business Development and has worked with a variety of marketing and media companies. Within this period Daniel concluded a successful management buyout of one of those businesses.

In 2012 he joined MTP plc whose core business is the provision of tailored learning solutions for high calibre managers of blue chip companies, in the areas of business and financial management. Daniel, as Business Development Manager, works closely with several directors of MTP and has been developing and maintaining a network of contacts within learning, organisational development and finance roles. Daniel also supports some of the delivery of MTP's learning programmes in particular some of the interactive tutor-led virtual classrooms.

We warmly welcome Daniel to the Friends' Council.

COVER STORY: The Whistling Mint

Flight Lieutenant Richard A Murray BMus (Hons) LRSM LLCM
RAF



'Following last year's concert in St Clement Danes Peter Kettle asked me to write an article for the Oranges and Lemons, to which I promptly accepted. Writing about my past has been a pleasure, a little trip down memory lane too and it only seems like yesterday...'

Richard began playing the flute and piano from an early age under the guidance of the music staff at Downshire School, Carrickfergus and flautist Colin Irvine at

Belfast High School.

'It was the staff at both Downshire School and Belfast High that gave me the confidence to believe that I could pursue a career in Music, albeit teaching not performance! Alongside my lessons I played the flute with Ballyclare Victoria, which just like the Brass Band background, gave me solid grounding in performance, ensemble playing and of course stamina!'

Walking in the footsteps of the Irish flute tradition he was soon studying music at the University of Ulster, graduating with Honours in 1997. During this time Richard was awarded a Scholarship from the Arts Council for Northern Ireland, which he used to attend Ulster Youth Orchestra courses, master classes with Sir James Galway and lessons with Colin Fleming of the Ulster Orchestra.

'After watching the military pomp and ceremony surrounding the handover of Hong Kong, a careers advisor from Army music visited the university and so I began to think seriously about joining a military band. Having looked into the Royal Marines Band Service and the Army Corps of Music, I was soon informed of the standard and professionalism of RAF Music Services and bearing in mind I had just graduated... the RAF offered me a job first, the choice was that simple!'

Richard joined RAF Music Services in November 1997 and completed his basic training at RAF Halton. As a fully qualified entrant, he was given familiarisation training in band drill, fitted for a ceremonial uniform and was posted briefly to the Western Band of the RAF near Weston-Super-Mare.

'RAF Locking was a great first posting, the musicians were all characters, all helping me settle into service life with ease. It was a shame that the band had already been earmarked to be disbanded at the end of 1998, but having the opportunity to be a member of such a fine ensemble of musicians was a pleasure and an honour.'

Prior to his second posting as Principal Flautist with the Band of the RAF Regiment at RAF Cranwell in 1999, Richard was awarded the Cassel Silver Medal by The Worshipful Company of Musicians. While at Cranwell, Richard continued his musical studies gaining Licentiateships in Performance and Conducting from the London College and Royal Schools of Music and for his efforts was awarded another Silver Medal from the Worshipful Company of Musicians on completion of the Bandmaster Course in 2006. As a flautist Richard has travelled, performed and recorded throughout the UK and worldwide, from the desert sands of Saudi Arabia and Basrah to the live TV Studios of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the BBC. In addition to his service commitments, and while in Lincolnshire he regularly was

seen performing and conducting with the Lincolnshire Philharmonia and the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.

'Music aside, I have fully immersed myself in the perks of working for the RAF: further education and professional development, completing mountain leadership courses, leading expeditions throughout the UK and completing Adventurous Training throughout Europe, the opportunities have been endless!'

On promotion to Sergeant in 2008, Richard was posted to The Central Band of the RAF... *'this had to be the shortest tour ever... soon after my arrival at Uxbridge I found myself prepping for Officer Selection and very quickly was packing to start Initial Officer Training in June 2009.'*

Richard received his Commission and was awarded the MacRobert Prize on completion of Initial Officer Training Course No.17 at RAF College Cranwell in February 2010.



'I look back on Initial Officer Training with fond memories (some days I can easily forget) but the overall course, the staff, cadets and environment

were inspiring. As a result C Squadron now have their own fanfare and having performed at so many graduations over the years I got my dream job – Parade Commander – no pressure!’

Flying Officer Murray was then appointed Director of Music to The Band of the RAF Regiment and was soon given his first engagement – a Standard Presentation for 201 Squadron at RAF Kinloss by HRH, the Duke of Edinburgh.

‘I would like to say the pressure eased, however I can’t – the run of high profile engagements continued – RAuxAF Standard Presentation by HRH The Queen, Tynwald Ceremony, Isle of Man, Lord Mayors Parade, RAFCTE Cathedral Tour and a concert tour with vocalist Hayley Westranra. By the end of 2010 I had covered almost every parade and concert format possible and 2011 was no different. The Regiment Band and I did find time to record and



release my first CD – ‘From Russia with Love’ which features a variety of Russian music from classical, film and big band genres.

I now had the huge responsibility for maintaining the heritage and reputation of RAF Music and in order to do that I had complete musical control of the most versatile military musicians in the UK. This is a challenge in itself however, music aside, I along with the executive team also deliver leadership, welfare, project management, training and development to the

musicians on a daily basis... music can regularly get pushed to one side.'

Historically a junior Director of Music would spend his apprenticeship in bands outside of London and with seniority a tour to Central Band would be the next step.

'Today, with only 3 established bands in the RAF, it was a pleasure to find myself taking command of Central Band in January 2012 for my second tour. The workload doubled as I took command of 80 musicians, plus the Salon Orchestra directing engagements for all ensembles as required.'



2012 however was going to be different – an epic year for the Central Band beginning with a fortnight of 'Changing the Guard' at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle before being heavily involved in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. I will always remember the cheer for the RAF as Central Band performed

Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines as we entered Windsor Great Park for the Diamond Jubilee Muster; it still raises hairs on my neck and proves that inter-service rivalry is still very much alive! The icing on the cake had to be our daily musical support during Op Olympics in London... Wimbledon, Eton Dorney, Hampton Court, the Mall and the hardest job of all – beach volleyball on Horse Guards Parade... someone had to do it!’

Considering that the musicians completed over 480 engagements and travelled over 64,000 miles in 2012 gives you an idea of the demand for RAF musicians within Central Band alone – leave was well deserved!



‘From then on the list of engagements soon racks up very quickly as the talented musicians under my command continued to provide me with some of the best musical experiences I have had to date. Recent tours to Basel, Switzerland and New Delhi, India in support of UK Wider Defence Interests have been extremely challenging logistically and musically; the package that is British Military Music is a huge international icon of which audiences cannot get enough.

One day you can be entertaining the British High Commission staff and families on the lawn, the next evening we were performing to thousands under India Gate, commemorating India's involvement in WW1. Back in the UK, one minute you are a flight commander, next you are conducting a BBC broadcast, performing for Classic FM Live or supporting a Halton graduation - there is no job I know of that is as diverse.

The disbandment of 12 & 617 Squadron at RAF Lossiemouth in 2014 was a sad day for the Squadrons but the inter-squadron spirit and rivalry had not diminished at all...both XO's 'strongly debating' as to what music should and shouldn't be played. 12 Sqn insisting that the infamous Dambuster's March was not to be played at the parade, while 617 Sqn wanted nothing but Eric Coates' most famous composition... either way I was going to upset someone. With a huge media presence it was always going to be a Dambuster's day. The Duke of York reviewed the parade and commented on our choice of music, much to the delight of 617 Sqn. HRH also mentioned he was just glad that we didn't play 'The Grand Old Duke of York' (I believe the Army play it regularly and the joke is wearing thin). Having travelled back from Lossiemouth to embark on Public Duties at Buckingham Palace, HRH Prince Andrew nearly ran over the Senior Drum Major and me, as he raced onto the forecourt in his Range Rover, in between us and the Queen's Colour Squadron... maybe that was the time to play 'The Grand Old Duke of York'!

Having recently completed the Junior Officer Development Programme at the Defence College, Shrivenham, Richard was posted to Headquarters Music Services as the Director of Music and is now responsible for all aspects of strategic management planning, recruitment training, budgets, allocations and policy administration.

'HQMS has already brought numerous strategic challenges which add a whole new level to the role of Director of Music. Meanwhile the daily tasking continues for the musicians as they provide support to the RAF worldwide. As I write, the bands are in the midst of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and VJ day commemorations, then there will be no respite as the 75 Anniversary of the Battle of Britain is given our full support in September.

No doubt the future will bring challenges for us all, but the musical journey will continue with numerous anniversaries to support including our own - 100 years of the RAF! After this the musicians and my fellow directors will continue to provide musical excellence for many years to come.



Soon it will be time for the Friends Annual concert in the beautiful acoustic and historic surroundings of St Clement Danes. The Friends concerts are different... the venue is spiritual and the atmosphere is eclectic and it has brought Christmas to us all before December even arrives. Carols in November is still a little odd, but at St Clement Danes we can get away with it!

You are cordially invited to
The Friends of St Clement Danes Annual Concert

**The Central Band of the Royal Air Force &
The Choir of St Clement Danes**

(The Band plays by permission of the Air Force Board of the Defence Council)

Thursday 26 November 2015 at 7pm



Donation: £13 per person for pre-ordered tickets (groups of 8 or more) £14 per person for pre-ordered tickets (7 or less) and £16 per person for those sold at the door. Cheques are payable to "RAFCTE"

You can obtain tickets by: Telephone: 01285 713456 or Email: dmr@rafcte.com

Post: Friends of St Clement Danes Concert, PO Box 1940, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4NA

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**The 22nd AGM of The Friends of SCD
Thursday 26 Nov 2015 at 4pm
The Crypt Chapel, SCD, Strand**

All members of the Friends are entitled to attend and vote. It is hoped that as many as possible will be able to attend.
Notice issued by Chris Priebe, Hon Secretary.

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Chairman's Opening Remarks
4. Election of Council Officers and Members
5. Minutes of 2014 AGM
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Membership Sec's Report
8. Amendments to Constitution
9. Any Other Business

As in previous years, audited accounts will be available at the meeting and will be published with the minutes in the next Oranges & Lemons.

A copy of the Friends of St Clement Danes Constitution will also be available.

CONSTITUTION - THE FRIENDS OF ST CLEMENT DANES

Members of The Friends of St Clement Danes are hereby notified that the Council propose changing the Constitution of our charity as follows:

- Members of The Council will in future be referred to as “Trustees” with a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer elected; there is no requirement for these appointments to be titled “Honorary”.
- The Objects of the Charity are adjusted to read as follows:
 - The furtherance of the religious, commemorative and charitable work of St. Clement Danes Church.
 - Supporting the relationship between St Clement Danes Church, its congregation and the Royal Air Force community.
 - The restoration, upkeep, improvement and adornment of the contents, fixtures & fittings of St. Clement Danes Church

Members are advised that these changes in titles are merely to reflect the changes over many years in Charity organisations terminology; the Board of Trustees will operate exactly as they have until now. In addition, the Objects are reordered and better reflect the support we give to the Church of St Clement Danes, its congregation and the Royal Air Force, along with the main St Clement Danes Trust. A full copy of the proposed revised Constitution can be found on the St Clement Danes Website, Friends page. These changes will be voted on at the AGM on 26 Nov 15.

Mark D Heffron
Group Captain
Chairman

Our Longest Reigning Monarch

As this magazine goes to print, Her Majesty The Queen, has been on the throne for longer than Queen Victoria and has become our longest reigning monarch. Congratulations!

Her Majesty did not choose to celebrate her achievement (longevity) but her actions and dedication speak for themselves. In 2016 Her Majesty will turn 90 and her spirit seems undiminished as she continues with her public commitments.

We pray for Her Majesty to continue in strength.



Pictured above, Her Majesty at the Reconsecration of St Clement Danes in 1958

Friends' Annual Service Lunch

Sqn Ldr Tina and Sherry Jessup

This year's Annual Friends' Service Lunch got off to a fine start with a resounding service supported by the St Clement Danes Choir. We thought this year we would continue to highlight those friends that we see regularly, including some new faces, and tell you a bit about their connection to St Clement Danes and how they ended up attending the Service Lunch.



Nicky Jenkin and Alex Pullinger attended the service as members of the St Clements Choir and also joined us for lunch afterwards. Nicky's had a long connection with the St Clement Danes Church Choir and was showing Alex the ropes, as it were, as this is his first season with the Choir. I am sure we will all look forward to hearing their superb

voices at the next event and hope more choir members join us in the future.



The Sirauc family also come to the service and joined the St Clement Danes Friends afterwards for some light refreshments. John, Mark, Anna and Stephanie have been parishioners at St Clement Danes for a long time now, with the connection firmly cemented when

Mum and Dad got married at St Clement Danes in 1991!



Although new to the St Clement Danes Annual Friends' Service Lunch, Raymond Flack is certainly not new to St Clement Danes, having been a pilot in the RAF flying the Jet Provost during the 1980s.

Raymond was joined by his

wife, Jackie and their family friends, Trevor and Wendy Johnston. They joined us for the Service Lunch but Raymond also showed the various squadron standards and Book of Remembrance that are cared for by St Clement Danes. Finally, they did not stop there but stayed at the RAF Club in Piccadilly, making the most of their weekend in London.



Gp Capt Mark Heffron said a final fond farewell on behalf of all the Friends of St Clement Danes to Freddie Bircher who has been a Member of the Council for the Friends of St Clement Danes for numerous years. Gp Capt Heffron thanked Freddie for all his hard work and selfless dedication in ensuring that we have a legacy that will

continue on for a long time to come. He then presented Freddie with a framed picture of St Clement Danes with which to remind him that his legacy continues. The Friends and all at the church would like to wish Freddie all the very best in the future and hope that he will pop in from time to time, to say hello!

From the Registers

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

Baptisms

Ignatius Humphrey Salt (26 April)
Harry James Turl (3 May)
James Sheffield Norman Hamilton (24 May)
Madeleine Rose Boning (30 May)
Ava Therese Kaur Attridge (7 June)
Oliver Thomas Hill (21 June)

Weddings

Anthony Knox Fenner and Alice Jessica Kemp (2 May)
Robert James Dowding and Sharandeep Kaur Bhachu (16 May)
Simon James Bellamy and Angela Margaret Beagles (29 May)
Scott John Charles Pallett and Stephanie May Yee Wong (27 June)

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



Readings and Services*

Date	Service	First Reading	Second Reading	Third Reading
1 November All Saints Day	Choral Eucharist and Baptism	Isaiah 25. 6 to 9	Revelation 21.1 – 6 a	John 11. 32 to 44
8 November Remembrance Sunday	Service of Remembrance 10.50 start	Micah 4: 1-5	John 15: 9 - 14	
15 November 2 Before Advent	Choral Eucharist	Daniel 12.1 to 3	Hebrews 10.11 to 14 and 19 to 25	Mark 13.1 to 8
22 November St Clement (Christ the King)	Choral Eucharist	Proverbs 15.1-4	Philippians 3.17-4.3	Luke 14.7-11
29 November Advent Sunday	Advent Sunday Service	Separate Readings (See list below)		
6 December	Carol Service 15.00 Start	9 Lessons and Carols	Please note: no morning service on this Sunday	
13 December Advent 3	Choral Matins	Zephaniah 3.14 - 20	Luke 3.7 to 18	
20 December Advent 4	Choral Eucharist	Micah 5. 2 – 5a	Hebrews 10.5 – 10	Luke 1.39 - 45
24 December Midnight Mass	Choral Eucharist 23.00 Start	Isaiah 9: 2, 6 & 7	Titus 2: 11 to 14	John 1: 1 to 14
25 December Christmas Day	Choral Eucharist	Isaiah 9: 2, 6 & 7	Titus 2: 11 to 14	Luke 2: 1 to 14

27 December Christmas 1	NO SERVICE			
3 January 2016 Second Sunday of Christmas	Choral Eucharist	Jeremiah 31.7 to 14	Ephesians 1.3 to 14	John 1.10 to 18
10 January Baptism of Christ	Matins	Isaiah 43.1-7	Luke 3.15- 17,21,22	
17 January Epiphany 2	Choral Eucharist	Isaiah 62.1-5	1 Corinthians 12.1-11	John 2.1- 11
24 January Epiphany 3	Matins	Nehemiah 8.1-3,5- 6,8-10	Luke 4.14- 21	
31 January Epiphany 4	Choral Eucharist	Ezekiel 43.27 - 44.4	1 Corinthians 13.1-13	Luke 2.22- 40
7 February Sunday Before Lent	ATC Service 75 th Anniversary of the Corps	TBC	TBC	
14 February Lent 1	Matins	Deuterono my 26.1- 11	Luke 4.1-13	
21 February Lent 2	Choral Eucharist	Genesis 15.1- 12,17-18	Philippians 3.17 - 4.1	Luke 13.31-35
28 February Lent 3	Matins	Isaiah 55.1-9	Luke 13.1-9	
6 March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	Choral Eucharist	1 Samuel 1.20-28	Colossians 3.12-17	John 19.25-27

13 March Lent 5	Matins	Isaiah 43.16-21	John 12.1-8	
20 March Palm Sunday	Choral Eucharist	AT ST MARY LE STRAND		
25 March Lent 5 Good Friday	Good Friday Liturgy	Isaiah 52.13 - 53.12	Hebrews 10.16-25	Passion according to St John
27 March Easter Day	Choral Eucharist	Isaiah 65.17-25	Acts 10: 34 to 43	John 20:1 to 18
3 April Easter 2	RAF Formation Service			

*all services start at 11am unless specified otherwise

Advent Carol Service Readings 2015 The Forerunner

First Reading:	Exodus 3.1-6
Second Reading:	Isaiah 40. 1-11
Third Reading:	Isaiah 52.7-10
Fourth Reading:	Malachi 3. 1-5
Fifth Reading:	Isaiah 61.1-3, 11
Sixth Reading:	Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel Reading:	Luke 1.5-25

The 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain

Much has been written about the Battle of Britain, about the heroes who saved the nation and who were from so many different nations themselves.



At St Clement Danes we honour and remember them all.

Seeing the exhausted faces of the pilots who, time after time, went into the air to repel the enemy planes, stays with you, as the official image had been so different for many years... it is their hard work and dedication we honour and remember. The fact they didn't give up in the face of such adversity.



The most iconic image of St Pauls' Cathedral rising above clouds of smoke, like a beacon, belies the fact the cathedral had in fact been hit by bombs several times. It's also easy to overlook the fact the surrounding area was completely destroyed. If you go through Paternoster today, there is little trace of the paper and book trade that was prevalent there for centuries before.

Our own beautiful church received a direct hit and stood as an empty shell for over a decade.



Of all the fates that befell bombed churches, rebuilt or turned to gardens or monuments, it was a privilege for St Clement Danes to become the spiritual home of the RAF.

If you haven't visited for a while, do come and see us. There are lots of reasons to ... after all: we are a stopping point on the Battle of Britain Heritage Walk.

News from 296 (Stoke Newington) Squadron Air Training Corps

Cdt FS Jordann Webb



This year has been interesting and extremely busy for 296 (Stoke Newington) Squadron. The reason is simple: 2016 will

mark the 75 Anniversary of the ATC and 2015 sees the 75 Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Preparations for this year and the next have been an essential part of our activities.

At the beginning of this year we celebrated the 25 Anniversary of our Commanding Officers', Flight Lieutenant Hatch RAF VR(T), current appointment (not forgetting his many years' service prior to being a Squadron Commander). Flight Lieutenant Hatch is known for his selflessness and dedication. He makes sure that his cadets gain experience and knowledge not just in the essential military aspects but also civilian life, for which we are very grateful. We look forward to spending many more years under his Command.



In July this year, the Squadron attended RAF Shawbury for the Summer Annual Camp.

These camps give cadets the chance to live (for a week) on the station and gain an insight into the day-to-day lives of RAF personnel.

They have the potential to inspire them into a career with the RAF. Each station offers a variety of activities, so no matter whether you are an experienced Cadet or one who has never been away, the Camps ensure you receive a true Cadet Experience.

At RAF Shawbury this year, cadets experienced a full day of target shooting on base and a bit further afield in Wales.

This included clay pigeon shooting, air rifle shooting and archery and, for many, this was the first time they had taken part in such activities.

Needless to say they had an amazing experience. Cadets also had the chance to gain their marksmanship qualifications and badges.



Another part of the camp visit was going round the base doing section visits. This is a highlight for many cadets as it gives them hands-on experience of jobs they could potentially do if they join the RAF.

RAF Shawbury is home to CATCS

(Central Air Traffic Control School) which meant cadets had a very rare opportunity to see the traffic control training in their very modern training facilities.



The 'air' in 'air cadets' was kept by getting all of the cadets into the air, not just once but twice in one week!

We were able to get a flight in a Grob Tutor at RAF Cosford and also in a RAF Squirrel Helicopter. For a few of the cadets it was the first time they had

been flying, which will be an unforgettable memory for them.

At the end of July, Cadet Warrant Officer Crawford and I were selected to attend the 2015 Air Cadet Drill & Ceremony Camp at Bodney military camp. We were joined by 270+ Cadets and Staff



from all over the Country. The purpose of this camp is to develop knowledge and skills not only in doing drill but to be able to deliver and teach correct drills to other Cadets back at the Squadron.

Not only were we expected to do foot drills but we were put through our paces by

the Corps Warrant Officer and his training team, teaching us how to do weapons drill. At the end of the week all of the training culminated in a formal parade at RAF Honnington with Commandant Air Cadets, Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty, and

the Station Commander of RAF Honnington along with members of the Air Cadet Management Board being the guests of honour.



Air Commodore McCafferty was the reviewing officer for the final parade.

The squadron is now busy preparing for Wing Field Day in which all the Squadrons in the London Wing come together to compete in a variety of events such as Drill, Aircraft Recognition and Band competitions. Preparation takes weeks and weeks of hard work and dedication by the cadets and staff, including extra parade nights, late night shoe polishing and hours on the Drill Square.

Not only does this show the full capability of Cadets at 296 (Stoke Newington) Squadron but it is an essential part of character-building and discipline.

On Behalf of 296 (Stoke Newington) Squadron, we would like to wish you well and look forward to seeing you at the Friends of St Clement Danes Annual Concert with the Central Band of the RAF.

For more information about the Squadron please visit:
www.facebook.com/296squadron

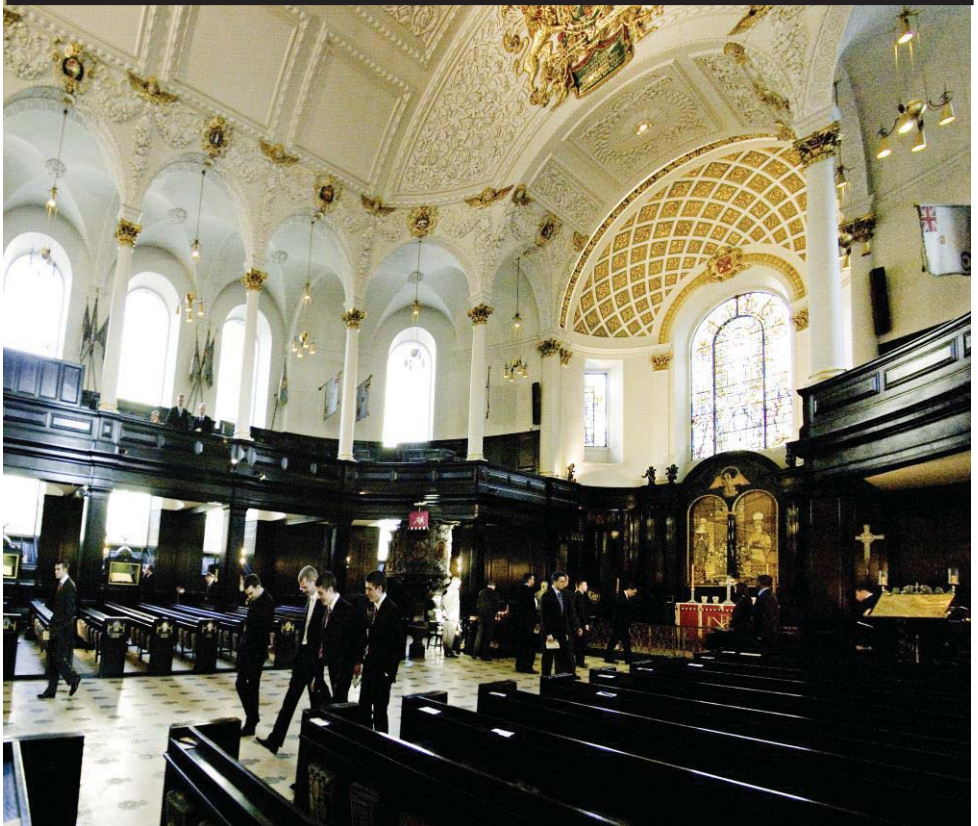
Legacy Appeal

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/stclementdanesh



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The Friends of St Clement Danes, Strand, London WC2R 1DH

Current Categories/Charges to join the Friends are:

Life Membership for those over the age of 65 years: £360 single & £480 double.

Normal Membership by Direct Debit: £20pa single & £30pa joint membership.

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 below

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

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- ☐ I enclose a completed **Gift Aid Declaration** (below)

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Signature.....Date.....
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Gift Aid Certificate

I would like The Friends of St Clement Danes to reclaim tax paid on all donations and subscriptions I have made to this charity since 6 April 2011 and any such future payments. I realise that I can only sign this Gift Aid certificate if I have paid enough in Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax to cover the amount that all charities that I donate to will reclaim for each tax year. Council Tax & VAT do not count and I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

I know I can cancel this declaration at any time by advising The Friends of St Clement Danes.

Signature.....Date.....



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Please fill in the whole form and send it to: Hon Treasurer, The Friends of St Clement Danes, Strand, London, WC2R 1DH

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5. Reference Number
(*Hon Treasurer to complete*)

6. Instruction to your Bank or Building Society
Please pay The Friends of St Clement Danes direct debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with The Friends of St Clement Danes and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s)
Date



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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