



# The Friends of the Hospital Chapel

## Newsletter No. 79 June 2010

Dear Friend,

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and since the sun is out at the moment, with the hope of a better summer than last year. It looks very suspicious and keeps changing from summer hot sun to grey misery, however whatever it is we good British citizens always manage to make the most of it but we must say last year was a disappointment in that we were hoping to have some outdoor activities in the courtyard but they didn't materialise because it is difficult to plan in advance. We are still hoping that we can plan something outside so check on August below and keep your fingers crossed for us.

First some 'indoor' events:

in the Chapel on  
**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30 pm**  
**A HELIOS CONCERT WITH CHRISTINE DALTON (VIOLIN) AND MALCOLM SWANN (PIANO)**  
**Mozart's Sonata in B flat, K454, Beethoven's Sonata No.8 in G major, Op.30 No. 3 and**  
**Grieg's Sonata No.3 in C minor, Op.45**  
**Tickets at £6.50 (accompanied children free) are now available from**  
**the Chapel Office: 020 8590 2098**

We are delighted to welcome back Christine Dalton and Malcolm Swann – Edna Graham first introduced the Helios players to us and they have helped us raise money for the Chapel on numerous occasions and also for the floods in India a few years ago. Both professional musicians, Christine and Malcolm are again doing this concert without fees in order to help the Chapel so we are very grateful to them and hope you will come and support them. .

Like most, this newsletter has good news and sad news. Our latest guide, Richard Jones, has died very suddenly at a young age and our Chaplain, Fr. Barnes, has written the following about him:

“We have been stunned by the sudden death of Mr Richard Jones, known as Richard II – he was in his early forties. In the very short time he has been with us he has contributed so much to the life of the Chapel. He had a strong voice and not only helped with our singing but had become a Cantor for the Gloria. A few months ago, Richard became a Chapel tour guide and received many favourable comments from those who heard him.

At the Thursday Eucharist he gave bible based talks and his last one was given before Pentecost when he spoke about the Holy Spirit as Advocate, Comforter, Guide, Counsellor and as the go-between God. Richard came from an Evangelical background yet became at home with our type of worship. He was knowledgeable about so many things. He obtained a first class degree in German and French at Hull University and spent some years at Berwick Bible College. It is an understatement to say we shall greatly miss him. May he rest in peace. J.B.B.”

Fr. Barnes took Richard's funeral at Corbets Tey on the 16<sup>th</sup> June – in addition to his large family, many from the Chapel attended as well as friends from Ilford Choral Society who will also miss his input. The family kindly announced that the collection taken at Richard's funeral will come to the Hospital Chapel. We are very grateful to them and if other friends of Richard want to send us a contribution in his memory we will add it to the total.

### OUR CHAPLAIN CELEBRATES HIS GOLDEN JUBILEE

St Alban's Church was packed on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June when Fr. John Barnes celebrated Mass to mark the Golden Jubilee of his ordination as a priest. The Hospital Chapel was, well represented as were St. Mary's, St. Alban's and many other of Ilford's churches. The service was sung (to the setting in F by Harold Darke) by the choir of St. Thomas', Brentwood where Fr. Barnes spent some six years as curate after his ordination. After a few years at Arkesden, he moved to Ilford where he was Vicar of St. Mary's for 28 years until 'retirement' in 1999. Since then he has served as Hon. Assistant Priest at St. Alban's and, for several years, as Hon. Chaplain of the Hospital Chapel.

Fr. Barnes was assisted at the altar by the Bishop of Richborough (his former curate at St. Mary's) and Fr. David Milnes who recently retired as Vicar of St Alban's. Also present were two other former curates and an Hon. Assistant Priest who served under Fr. Barnes in his time at St Mary's.

In his sermon, Bishop Keith reminded us of the nature of priestly ministry, a calling clearly quite unlike any other, and spoke of the qualities and devotion required of those called by God to exercise it.

After the service there was a very enjoyable reception in the hall with a splendid repast provided by the good people of St. Alban's, and convivial conversation. Ian D.J.Row

**Another celebration:** We were delighted to read that one of our Friends has been awarded the M.B.E. in the June Honours List. We send our congratulations to **Barbara Westcott**, whose Award is for the many years of support and help she has given to the Scout Movement in

Peter Wright, our President, is back in hospital so we send him our good wishes for a quick recovery and we also send good wishes for better health to Hilda, who runs our bric-a-brac stall on Open Days but is currently wrestling with a gallstone and hospitals and to Reva, one of our refreshment team who has broken her wrist, but is managing to pour the tea just the same! If there is a keen sales person free for a couple of months to stand-in for Hilda he or she would be welcomed and she may need some help after she returns. (we have the bric-a-brac!) And we send many thanks to Mrs Janet Plimmer who is valiantly coping with our Chapel garden which has become very overgrown. Janet and the friend who assists her are experienced gardeners having been working as part of the Valentines Park team of volunteers.

### **FRIENDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

You will find enclosed the Agenda for our AGM on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm**. We hope you will attend the meeting to support us. This is your opportunity to choose your officers and committee for the coming year and to put forward any suggestions you may have. It is also a good chance to socialise after the meeting with other Friends over a glass and some of Sheila's excellent refreshments.

### **OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> JULY - OPEN DAY from 10 am to 4 pm**

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – OPEN DAY from 10 am to 4 pm - hopefully with some stalls and entertainment in the courtyard.**

In the Autumn we are planning a traditional Gilbert & Sullivan Concert – we hope to be able to confirm the date at the AGM and further details will be included in the next Newsletter.

Meantime, our Thursday Service continues at 12.35 pm each week, followed by refreshments.

*Barbara Hills*

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