



# **The Friends of the Hospital Chapel**

## **Newsletter No. 85 November 2011**

Dear Friend,

We have been extremely busy since the last newsletter. The 1<sup>st</sup> October concert by Chapel End Savoy Players was excellent and we are looking forward to their coming back at Christmas – see below, and the concert by the Roding Consort was very professional and very enjoyable. We are grateful to both groups for helping us to continue maintaining and improving the Chapel.

Although the builders have not quite finished their work, we were delighted that members of the families of both the late Peter Foley and Catherine Bacchus were able to be with us when our Chaplain, Father Barnes, blessed the new back door and the Victorian lamp post which had been installed in their memory. It was a lovely Service and well attended. It now means that when we have Open Days and concerts etc. you can enter through the new door via Reads Close where it is far easier for infirm and disabled people to vacate cars. The builders have finished work on the exterior of the south wall of the Chapel and we are hoping the fine mesh will be fitted to the railings shortly to stop all the rubbish blowing in. We will be cutting down the shrubs to above the railings soon but all the colourful berries are out and looking beautiful so we are not going to act until they give up! We will also replant the garden following the building work.

### **CHRISTMAS DRAW**

Following the success of the last Draw, our Hon. Treasurer, Pamela Wood, who is the promoter, has also arranged a Christmas Draw. We are enclosing a letter from her, with draw books enclosed. As stated in Pamela's letter, if you do not wish to participate, please do not feel under any obligation to buy tickets. The Draw will be made at our Bazaar.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS :**

#### **CHAPEL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SATURDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 11am to 3.30 pm**

We are now preparing for our annual Bazaar so if you are able to run a stall, make a cake or in fact do anything to help, we will be delighted to hear from you. If you cannot help then please help in other ways – firstly via our Christmas Draw, secondly by coming on the day to support us and by telling everyone else about it! Many thanks in advance. There will be gift stalls, Christmas and other cards, hand made jewellery, home made cakes, books, good quality bric a brac and many others, and refreshments will be available throughout.

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL**

**Our Chaplain, Fr. Barnes is arranging the following Services:**

**Christmas Eve, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm First Eucharist of Christmas and Blessing of the Crib**

**St Stephen's Day, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon Eucharist**

**St. Thomas' Day, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December 12.35 pm Eucharist, following by refreshments**

**New Year's Eve, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 12 noon Eucharist**

**Eve of the Epiphany, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 12.35 pm, Eucharist of the Epiphany & refreshments**

**Our normal weekly Eucharist on Thursdays will continue at 12.35 pm throughout January and the following weeks of 2012.**

**CHAPEL CHRISTMAS CAROLS & MUSIC  
with THE CHAPEL END SAVOY PLAYERS  
FRIDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 7.30 pm**

We are delighted that CESP are able to do this important Christmas concert for us again this year. Following all the activity and bustle of Christmas itself, this is a wonderful way to wind down, join in some carols and enjoy lovely singing and music without worrying about the shopping lists! As usual our very competent and talented Secretary, Sheila, will provide seasonal refreshments and a glass of sparkling wine to revive you. **Tickets at £7.50 are available from the Office** and there will be a donation basket for contributions to the refreshments on the night. We hope you will come and join us.

**CHAPEL OPEN DAYS**

Our usual Open Days on the second Saturday of each month will resume on the **11<sup>th</sup> March** and run through next year but if any groups or societies want to have specific guided tours before or after then, we will be pleased to make arrangements for you if you contact the office.

**FUTURE DATES IN 2012**

In our next Newsletter we will give details of

**A CESP Concert – probably songs from the Shows (in the Spring) and**

**A Chapel Flower Festival in June**

**R. I. P.**

We send our heartfelt condolences to Margery Green, whose husband Richard (Dick) has died. Fr. Barnes officiated at his funeral which took place in the Chapel a few days ago. Margery has been looking after her husband through his illness and we hope it will give her some comfort to know that we are thinking of her at this time.

*Barbara Hills*

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