



ANGLO-CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

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SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE

The Society's annual subscription has been set at £15.00 since its formation in 2000 and there has been no increase since. Obviously in that time costs have risen substantially; postage by at least 30%, and there have been significant rises in the costs of packing materials, printing and the hire of venues. We have also set up a website. At the AGM in June we discussed raising the subscription and floated the idea of a significant increase that would include a copy of the annual Occasional Paper. This had advantages but at a recent Committee meeting we decided the simplest way forward was to raise the annual subscription from £15 to £20, starting on January 1st next year. We have made this change well in advance of next January when subscriptions are due. In particular members who pay by Banker's Standing Order need to inform their Bank as soon as possible so that the necessary change can be made before January 1 2012.

Members will, of course, continue to receive the printed lectures and shorter papers free of charge as well as enjoying a 15% discount on Occasional Papers. We have also ceased to charge for wine at meetings and now admit guests free.

THE SOCIETY'S JUNE LECTURE

Dr John Stuart's talk on the Centenary of UMCA is now in printed form and a copy of the booklet is enclosed. The Society is keen to encourage local histories of Anglo-Catholic churches and we were happy to receive a short essay on St Silas' Church, Hull (1871-1967) from the Reverend Michael Rear whose writings will be familiar to many. The Committee has printed the essay in booklet form and a copy of this is also enclosed for members.

THE SOCIETY'S AUTUMN LECTURE

This will take place on Monday October 10 at 7pm at St Matthew's Church Westminster (Great Peter Street SW1P 2BU) when the Reverend James Pereiro will speak on "Manning's Intellectual Journey".

Fr James Pereiro is a member of the History Faculty at Oxford University and has published extensively on nineteenth and twentieth century ecclesiastical history. His 'Ethos and the Oxford Movement' was published in 2008 (OUP); his book on Cardinal Manning appeared in 1998 (OUP) and reprinted in paperback in 2008 (Gracewing).

FUTURE LECTURES – ADVANCE NOTICE

Barbara Pym & Anglo-Catholicism

Monday 13 February at St Clement Dane's (Mr Tim Burnett of the Barbara Pym Society).

Barbara Pym, who died in 1980, wrote a series of richly comic and closely observed novels, some with Anglo-Catholic themes such as "A Glass of Blessings". She attended several Anglo-Catholic churches and for a while served on the PCC of St Michael's, Barnes. Under-rated for much of her life, her literary stock is much higher now.



The Anglican Practice of Retreat – The First Ten Years

June AGM. Date & venue to be notified. (Canon John Tyers)

Anglo-Catholic Missions

October (Rev Dr Peter Davie)

ANNUAL COACH EXCURSION

The Society's annual coach tour, which took place on 9th July 2011 to Alton, was an enjoyable and interesting day for all. We started with a visit to Froyle, where, at the turn of the century and later the squire, Sir Hubert Miller, had purchased a large number of magnificent antique vestments during his travels in Europe (usually Venice): eventually these were left to rot but are now being restored by a group of extremely friendly local ladies, who could not have been more welcoming. The church itself had much to admire. On the facades of the village houses are displayed religious sculptures, including statues of saints, all of which are the fruits of Sir Hubert many sojourns in Venice and Italy. After lunch we visited the two parish churches in Alton and then Alton Abbey, which was new to most of us and has an interesting and distinctive history.

THE LONDON WALKING TOUR

This annual event led by Michael Yelton will take place on Saturday 15th October in the Kensington-Pimlico area. Another good day is promised and once again we hope this will be well supported (one day it may rain...).

MICHAEL FARRER PRIZE AWARDED BY THE ANGLO-CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

This annual prize is offered for an outstanding and original piece of historical research on Anglo-Catholicism of 5,000 words or more which has been submitted as an undergraduate dissertation. The value of the prize is £500. The piece could examine any aspect of the Catholic movement within the Church of England since 1833. It might, for example, be based on research into an individual(s), organization (such as a society, mission or guild) or parish church; and it could cover, but need not be confined to, aspects of Anglo-Catholicism such as ritual and worship, architecture, parish life, culture and politics and involvement in the wider church. The prize has been introduced by the Society in order encourage young scholars to engage in research into Anglo-Catholicism. It is awarded in memory of one of the founders of the Society.

Candidates must submit the essay to the Secretary of the Anglo-Catholic History Society by 1 July 2012. The essay must have been submitted by the candidate as a dissertation at a UK Higher Education institution in the previous 12 months; and accompanying evidence of this, in the form of a confirmatory letter from an academic member of staff at that institution (ideally the original supervisor), must be provided. In addition to the monetary prize, the essay will be published and issued to members of the Society and the winner may be invited to deliver a paper at an Anglo-Catholic Historical Society meeting in London.

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