



ANGLO-CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

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JANUARY LECTURE

We are grateful to the Churchwardens and PCC of St Mary-le-Strand for allowing us to meet there for our January meeting. It was interesting to many of us to see the interior of that fine baroque church. Being so near our usual venue also meant a minimum of disruption.

Dr John Boneham gave us a clear and informative lecture on Isaac Williams which demonstrated that Williams contribution especially as a Tractarian poet had been underestimated. A printed copy of the lecture in booklet form will be sent to members in due course.

At the meeting it was good to see one of our episcopal members present, Bishop Peter Wheatley, the recently retired Bishop of Edmonton. We wish him a long and happy retirement in St Leonards.

COMING EVENTS

Norfolk Church Tour, Saturday 16 May 2015

Rural & Remote: Anglo-Catholicism in North West Norfolk

This is a one-day tour starting in Kings Lynn, Norfolk. It has been organised by our member the Rev. Dr Edward Bundock. A booking form may be downloaded [here](#). If you come, you must make your own way to Kings Lynn so it is wise to book your rail journey in advance for the best deal.

Post-War Roman Catholic Churches—Coach tour in West and North West London, Saturday 25 April 2015

The 1950s and 1960s was a period of intense levels of construction to replace war damaged catholic churches, to serve new areas and new populations arriving in London, especially from Ireland and southern Europe. During the period under review, architects and priests were also responding to new liturgical ideas coming from across the Channel and the fundamental changes in church architecture from Germany and France and liturgy from the Second Vatican Council. This is reflected in the transition from the refined late Gothic of Goodhart Rendel in our first church of the day Our Lady of the Rosary, Old Marylebone Road, to the great ensemble of fittings at our next church St Aidan, East Acton, including work by Graham Sutherland, to demonstrably modern churches with their circular forms and dramatic swooping shapes designed to bring congregation and celebrant closer together. We hope to see work by each of the major architects building catholic churches in this period: Velarde at St Luke, Pinner, Gerald Goalen at St Gregory the Great, South Ruislip and Corfiato at St William of York, Stanmore.

This is a one-day tour including coach transfers but excluding lunch which you must purchase at own expense. Donations to churches are at your personal discretion. Joining details are as follows.



Meet at 09:20 at Edgware Road Station entrance (Hammersmith & City, District and Circle lines, not the Bakerloo line station).

Lunch will be find-your-own in Hayes. Finish at about 5.45 p.m. near Baker Street Station.

To book a place, send a cheque value £40 per person payable to 'The Twentieth Century Society', to Robert Drake, 10 Ranelagh Gardens, Stamford Brook Avenue, London W6 0YE. Tel. 0208 748 6323 or 07765 256749

July Coach Tour

This is our regular summer event organised and led by Michael Yelton. It will take place on Saturday 11th July visiting churches in Leicestershire including the refurbished Comper church of St Mary Wellingborough. Further details and booking form will be forwarded later but book the date in your diary now.

NOTICE OF THE AGM AND SUMMER LECTURE

This will be held on Monday 15th June 2015 and will be followed by the summer lecture to be given by the ACHS President, the Right Rev. Dr Geoffrey Rowell who will speak on Fr Benson SSJE as it's an anniversary. The talk is entitled 'Cat gut and Iron—Fr Benson and the Cowley Fathers'.

As usual, the venue will be St Clement Danes Church, Strand at 7 p.m.

On October 12th our speaker will be the Revd Dr Elizabeth Macfarlane, Chaplain of St John's College, Oxford who will talk on 'Cornish Anglo-

Catholicism'. It will be particularly good to have a regional study.

AUTUMN LONDON WALK

This will take place on Saturday, 3rd October. It will be led by David Neil-Smith in Ealing, commencing at Ealing Broadway tube station at 9.30.

Further details will be made available in due course.

AN UNPUBLISHED ESSAY

by Peter F. Anson

The writer Peter F. Anson died in 1970 and is well known as an authoritative chronicler of Anglo-Catholicism as he knew it in his lifetime. Therefore finding a hitherto unpublished paper on Anglo-Catholic ceremonial by him is a significant event. The essay entitled 'The Evolution of Anglo-Catholic Ritual and Ceremonial 1833-1883' has been discovered amongst Anson's papers and brought to the Society's attention by Alan Robinson to whom we are greatly indebted.

Although unfinished, the Society decided to publish it with an introduction by Michael Yelton. This is now available as an illustrated card-bound booklet of 55 pages. Copies may be purchased using the order form – [download here](#).

BOOK SALES

With regard to the two Occasional Papers we published last year, copies of 'More Empty Tabernacles' are still available but stocks of the bumper two-volume book on lost Manchester churches are almost exhausted. ('None Will Survive' by Richard McEwan).