



# ANGLO-CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

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## Newsletter—May 2015

### NOTICE OF THE AGM AND SUMMER LECTURE

This will be held on Monday 15th June. It will precede a lecture by the Society's President, Bishop Geoffrey Rowell, who will speak on Father Benson. The talk is entitled *Cat gut and Iron: Father Benson and the Cowley Fathers*.

The meeting will take place at St Clement Danes Church, Strand, at 6.30 p.m.

Papers for the meeting are enclosed and all members are urged to attend.

The lecture takes place after the AGM, and the evening will end with refreshments and a finger buffet.

### DISPATCHES FROM THE HOME FRONT

This year's extra booklet, gratis to members, is enclosed. It is a paper by Bishop Frank Sargeant and it comprises an extended review of Canon Peter Green's *Manchester Guardian* articles, published during the First World War.

Canon Green was an accomplished writer whose by-line was 'Artifex'. He dealt with the issues faced by parishioners in a poor Salford parish, coping with the privations of wartime as well as endemic poverty. Members will recall that the Society published Bishop Sargeant's biography of this devoted pastor in 2011. Peter Green stood in the catholic tradition of Anglicanism and was without doubt an outstanding parish priest.

The paper has a Foreword by the Dean of Manchester, Rogers Govender.

Copies for non-members are available from the Society at £5.00 post-free. Download an order form [here](#).

### SUMMER COACH TOUR

This will take place on Saturday 11th July leaving Kings Cross at 9.15 a.m. The destination is Northamptonshire, and visits are planned to churches in Wellingborough, Northampton and Kettering. The recently refurbished Church of St Mary, Wellingborough, likely to be the highlight of the visit, is generally regarded as Ninian Comper's masterpiece. A booking form may be downloaded [here](#).

### ANTIQUÉ VESTMENTS EXHIBITION

This exhibition will take place in St Agatha's Church, Portsmouth from 12th to 19th June. It will be formally opened on Friday 12th June at 11 a.m. and be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day excepting Sunday until 19th June.

The exhibits will include Banners, Copes, High & Low Mass Sets ranging from the late eighteenth century to the early twentieth, and feature fine examples of the art of embroidery and gold work. Vestments from Belgium and France are represented as well as fine quality English convent work of the nineteenth century, including work by Franciscan nuns and the Anglican Clewer Sisters. There is a



chasuble claimed to have been made for Viscount Halifax in India.

This is an opportunity to marvel at art works, many originating in the hey-day of Anglo-Catholic Ritualism.

### **FORTHCOMING: A NEW BOOK BY A MEMBER**

Members will recall that Dr Robert Beaken, Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Great Bardfield, Essex, has lectured to the Society on two occasions and is a scholar of Anglican history in the twentieth century. He is the author of a well-received biography of Archbishop Cosmo Lang (2012), and his new book is to be published this autumn.

It is entitled *Valiant Hearts: Civilians, Soldiers, and the Church of England 1914-1918*. This book will, of course, include much new material on the contribution of Anglo-Catholic chaplains at the Front. In line with our policy of supporting related studies, the Society is to make a financial subvention to assist publication by Boydell and Brewer.

### **A LECTURE BY FR IAN McCORMAC, CLUMBER CHAPEL, SATURDAY 30TH MAY**

A lecture entitled *A Lady Abbess... a real Countess at least: Class, Gender and the Revival of Religious Life in the CofE*.

Requiem Mass at 12.30 – lecture 14.30.

Details from Fr Nicolas Spicer, 01909 472180, [www.worksoppriory.co.uk](http://www.worksoppriory.co.uk)