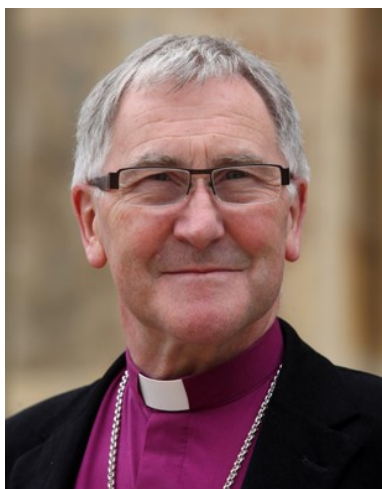




THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
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OUR NEW SUPERIOR-GENERAL



On the 10th of October the Council General of the Confraternity met in London for its annual meeting and elected Bishop Glyn Webster (the recently retired Bishop of Beverley) as the next Superior General and successor to Bishop Roger Jupp. Bishop Glyn – who will be well known to many readers of the Quarterly – spent all of his Priestly ministry in the Northern Province and specifically the Diocese of York serving as Curate, Parish Priest, Hospital Chaplain and Area Dean. When Bishop Glyn's appointment as successor to Bishop Martyn Jarret was announced in 2012 Bishop Glyn was serving as Canon Chancellor and Vice Dean of York Minster, as a Prolocutor of the lower House of the Convocation of York and as an Honorary Chaplain to Her late Majesty the Queen. As Bishop of

Beverley, Bishop Glyn provided Episcopal oversight for a large number of Parishes stretching over a huge geographical area from the Diocese of Newcastle (in the North East) to the Diocese of Chester (in the South West) acting as a focus of unity whilst encouraging all of his Parishes to be both faithful to their Catholic inheritance whilst looking outward in mission and service. Whether it is fair or just that one person should be expected to serve such a huge area is, of course, a question which has been asked in this Quarterly previously... Despite the substantial logistical and geographical challenges facing him Bishop Glyn served his Parishes, Priests and people with great devotion and an abundance of pastoral wisdom and humour and we, in the Confraternity, look forward to benefitting from both!

As Superior General Bishop Glyn will chair meetings of the Trustees (at which requests for resourcing projects are considered along with more general questions of Governance and administration) and will visit Parishes and institutions which have benefitted from funding from the Confraternity. In addition, Bishop Glyn will act as an

ambassador for the Confraternity and will hopefully be involved in the inauguration of new and reinvigorated Wards.

As Bishop Glyn begins this new ministry we must support him and his fellow Trustees with our prayers as he – and we – seek to ensure that Jesus Christ, fully present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar is praised and adored. We should, of course, also remember in prayer his recently announced successor as Bishop of Beverley (Canon Stephen Race) whilst thanking His Grace the Archbishop of York for appointing Canon Race and thus clearly expressing his personal commitment to ‘mutual flourishing’ and the Five Guiding Principles.

THANK YOU BISHOP ROGER!

Whether the Chinese did – or did not – use the phrase “*may you live in interesting times*” as a curse is open to debate. There can, however, be very little doubt that Bishop Roger’s time as Superior General of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament has spanned some extremely “interesting” times in the life of the Church and the life of the world. When Bishop Roger became Superior General of the Confraternity in 2013 (his predecessor having entered full Communion with the Holy See through the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham) he found himself with a greatly reduced number of Trustees and financial reserves which had been significantly depleted by a grant made by the majority of the outgoing Trustees to the Ordinariate. Here is not the place to analyse the rectitude of this decision (and the Charity Commissioners’ Judgment on the matter is freely available on the internet) but it was undoubtedly due to Bishop Roger and the newly appointed ‘replacement’ Trustees that that money – having been returned to the Confraternity – is available for Mission within Catholic Churches of the Anglican Tradition, a Mission which Bishop Roger has summarised as “*Embedding the Catholic Faith of Jesus in the hearts of people...*”

Then, towards the end of his tenure as Superior, the world as we knew it was irrevocably changed by the advent of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in March 2020. The Eucharistic life of the Church was disrupted, bad decisions were made in good faith at the highest levels of Church leadership, and many of us began a painful and unprecedented period of Eucharistic fast. Again, this is not the place to analyse or question such decisions but, instead, to acknowledge again Bishop Roger’s vital role in ‘steadying the ship’ of our Confraternity as we were buffeted by this new and unwelcome storm for, rather than freezing in bewilderment, giving way to anger and grief or entering the ‘slough of despond,’ Bishop Roger continued – along with the



other Trustees – to use the Confraternity’s financial reserves to resource Catholic Mission and to look forward in faith and trust to the day when, to quote her late Majesty, we would meet again, when the new ‘normal’ would appear and when the Eucharistic life of the Church would be fully restored.

It goes without saying that the Superior General’s role is not limited to chairing meetings of the Trustees and throughout Bishop Roger’s time as Superior General many different Churches and congregations have been able to access funding to enhance their worship (whether through the provision of sound systems, music ministers or live-

streaming equipment) and to undertake renovation projects thus ensuring that the Eucharist and the Blessed Sacrament are given due prominence, that the Eucharist is reverently Celebrated and the Blessed Sacrament properly and lovingly Reserved. In addition to physical improvements catechetical projects for the people of God have been financed (notably the soon to be released material produced in conjunction with SPCK), Eucharistic Conferences enabled and the ongoing formation of the Clergy resourced. Bishop Roger has also undertaken a large number of visits (when not locked down!) in order to act as an ambassador of the Confraternity and it is undoubtedly the case that, during these visits, many have enjoyed Bishop Roger’s company and benefitted from his Preaching and pastoral ministry, a ministry underpinned – as Bishop Roger himself testifies – by his membership of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and the Society of the Holy Cross.

As Bishop Roger retires we have, as members of the Confraternity, much for which to be thankful. Under his wise leadership our Confraternity has continued to adapt to the many “unprecedented” challenges of the 21st Century; Catholic Mission and Ministry have been generously resourced and, most importantly, Jesus Christ fully present in the Holy Eucharist has been rightly revered and adored. We wish Bishop Roger well as he steps down as Superior General but we are not saying farewell for we look forward to his ongoing contribution to the life of our Confraternity and especially as he celebrates his fortieth year of membership next year.

Dear Bishop Roger – a most sincere ‘Thank you’ from us all.

INTERCESSIONS

DECEMBER

- 1 S Mary Star of the Sea, Penzance
- 2 Holy Trinity and S Cadoc, Llandaff
- 3 The Good Shepherd, Guilford
- 4 **Advent 2 – That we may wait with joyful hope**
- 5 Corpus Christi, Portsmouth
- 6 S Nicholas – Children everywhere
- 7 Ward of The Stigmata
- 8 The Immaculate Conception – The Society of Mary
- 9 S Michel due Valle, Guernsey
- 10 Blessed Mary McKillop & S Benedict, Melbourne
- 11 **Advent 3 – He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit**
- 12 S Thomas Aquinas, Calgary
- 13 S Lucy – Girls and young women
- 14 S John of the Cross – Spiritual writers
- 15 S Margaret, Montreal
- 16 Associates without a Ward (Superior General's list)
- 17 O Sapientia – S Michael & All Angels, Winnipeg
- 18 **Advent 4 – The child leapt in her womb**
- 19 O Adonai – S Brigid, Sweden
- 20 O Clavis – S Michael & All Angels, Bathwick
- 21 O Oriens – All Saints with S Saviour, Weston Super Mare
- 22 O Rex – S Gregory & S Augustine, Bristol
- 23 O Emmanuel – The Holy Family, Swindon
- 24 S Thomas, Birmingham
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY Thanksgiving for the Incarnation**
- 26 Our Lady of the Isle, Wilmcote
- 27 S John the Evangelist – Biblical scholars
- 28 Holy Innocents – Diocesan Safeguarding Officers
- 29 S Thomas Becket – Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury
- 30 Holy Family / Christmas 1 – They found him in the Temple
- 31 The Holy Family Leamington

JANUARY

- 1 **Mary Mother of God – Pilgrims to Marian Shrines**
- 2 Ark of the Covenant Sheffield
- 3 The Holy Name of Jesus – That all may honour his saving Name
- 4 S Faith, Bradford
- 5 S Hilda and St Benedict Joseph Labre, Leeds
- 6 The Epiphany – That all nations may acknowledge Christ
- 7 S Wilfrid, Leeds
- 8 **The Baptism of the Lord – He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit**
- 9 Ark of the Covenant, Sheffield
- 10 The Precious Blood, Durham
- 11 S Benedict, Blyth
- 12 Our Lady of Deal, Deal
- 13 The Annunciation, Chislehurst
- 14 Christ the King and Stella Maris, Blackpool
- 15 **2nd Sunday in O.T. – That all may hear the Bridegroom's voice**
- 16 The Protomartyr, Blackpool
- 17 S Antony – Monks of the Eastern Church
- 18 The Confession of S Peter – Christian unity
- 19 Ss Werburg and Winifred, Wirral and North Wales
- 20 The Precious Blood, Southport
- 21 The Precious Blood, Swinton and Pendlebury
- 22 **3rd Sunday in O.T. – That we may keep the Lord's law**
- 23 The Holy Angels, Brentwood
- 24 S Francis de Sales – Spiritual Directors
- 25 The Conversion of S Paul – New converts to Christ
- 26 The Saints of Essex, Colchester
- 27 The Sacred Passion, Romford
- 28 Christ the King, South Benfleet
- 29 **4th Sunday in O.T. That we may speak the truth in love**
- 30 S John Vianney, Mid-Essex
- 31 S John Bosco – Children in care

INTERCESSIONS

FEBRUARY

- 1 S Anthony, Woodford Green
- 2 The Presentation of Christ – That we may be lights in the world
- 3 Our Lady with S Michael, Thorpe le Soken
- 4 The Sacred Heart, Hammerfield
- 5 **5th Sunday in O.T. – Thanksgiving for the freedom to serve Christ**
- 6 S Agatha – Those Tortured for the Faith
- 7 Our Lady, Letchworth
- 8 Christ in Glory, Aldwick
- 9 The Annunciation, Brighton
- 10 S Scholastica – Benedictine Sisters at Costock
- 11 S Saviour and S Peter, Eastbourne
- 12 **6th Sunday in O.T. – That we may be friends of the outcast**
- 13 The Transfiguration, Haywards Heath
- 14 SS Cyril & Methodius – Christians throughout Europe
- 15 The Precious Blood, Horsham
- 16 S Anne, Hove
- 17 Ss Mary and Nicolas, Lancing College
- 18 Our Lady of Littlehampton, Littlehampton
- 19 **7th Sunday in O.T. – That we may know Christ's forgiveness**
- 20 Anima Christi, St Leonards on Sea
- 21 S Cuthman, Storrington Deanery
- 22 Chair of St Peter – Relations with the Holy See
- 23 S Gabriel, Worthing
- 24 Our Lady & Corpus Christi, Cambridge
- 25 S Edmund, King & Martyr, Downham Market
- 26 **1st Sunday of Lent - The amount you measure out will be given back**
- 27 S Mary, Great Yarmouth
- 28 Our Lady, Walsingham

R.I.P.

We commend to God the souls of all departed Associates of the Confraternity, especially the following who have died recently:

Lay Associates

George Thomas

Please also pray for our new members

Priests Associate

Father Thomas Woolford

Father Toby Boutle

Lay Associate

Sally Firth

Would you like to contribute to the Quarterly, passing on your news to others, & sharing events? Then please forward any contributions to josephemmanuelssf@franciscans.org.uk

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A NEW EDITOR OF THE CBS QUARTERLY BROTHER JOSEPH EMMANUEL



At a recent meeting of the Trustees of the Confraternity it was suggested that Editorship of the Quarterly should be devolved from the remit of the Secretary General and the responsibility given to another Trustee. After a short period of consultation (for consultation read delegation!) I was appointed as Editor in succession to the outgoing Secretary General Fr Ed Martin, the Secretary General's job being undertaken by Fr Paul Hutchins. I have, of course, written various articles on a number of subjects for the Quarterly but here is a little bit about myself:

I was born and brought up in Edinburgh where, as a Presbyterian, I discovered the Catholic Faith as the Anglican Tradition has received it in Old St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church. Having

studied at the University of St Andrews for six years (four as an undergraduate and two as a postgraduate) I went to London where I served as a lay pastoral Assistant in St Paul's Church in Tottenham (post funded through the generosity of the Additional Curates Society). I was then recommended for training for Ordained Ministry and was formed for the Priesthood at the College of the Resurrection Mirfield (at the same time as my fellow Trustee Fr Paul Hutchins). In a rather unorthodox move I returned to be St Paul's Tottenham to be Assistant Curate (I was made Deacon in St Paul's Cathedral in London and Ordained Priest the following year in St Paul's Tottenham) and served there for three very happy years before crossing the river (that being the Thames rather than the Tiber) and serving for five years as Assistant Priest in the beautiful Church of St Michael and All Angels with St James in Croydon in the Diocese of Southwark. During this time I also served as Anglican Chaplain of Croydon College of Education (which has some 8,000 students), was involved in the Ministry of Deliverance and worked with Asylum Seekers in the Home Office whilst campaigning for their rights through the London Citizens organisation. For many years I had felt a call to Religious Life (which began when I saw a Franciscan Friar in Old St Paul's) and, in 2010, I took the decision to leave parochial ministry in order to test my Vocation as a member of the Society of St Francis (SSF). Having been made a Novice in 2011 I spent time in the Friary in Alnmouth, in Glasshampton Monastery in Worcestershire and in a house in Canning Town (East London) before returning to Alnmouth. I was Guest brother in the Friary in Alnmouth for three years and then found myself elected as Novice Guardian shortly before making my Life Profession in 2017. I was privileged, in this role, to mentor many fine men as they sought to discern whether God was calling them to serve Him as a Religious in the Society of St Francis. It is a matter of great joy to me that many of them persisted in Religious Life and many are now Professed in the Society of St Francis!

I returned to Edinburgh in 2021 as a 'Brother on detached service' and, with the blessing of the Community, serve as Honorary Assistant Priest in two Scottish Episcopal Churches (Holy Cross Church in Davidson's Mains and St Salvador's Church in Stenhouse). St Salvador's – which serves an impoverished area of the City – has a very busy and active Foodbank Ministry and it is good to be able to serve practically in a very "Franciscan" environment. It is my sincere hope that the presence of a Religious in the Scottish Episcopal Church might reinvigorate interest in Religious Life. Please God, the day will come when there are many Anglican Religious serving once more in the Scottish Episcopal Church!

When not involved in Church or Community work (I continue to be responsible for the academic formation of Novices) I am a very keen amateur musician (I am delighted to have the opportunity to be able to play my Double Bass regularly in Edinburgh) and am an avid reader (I review books for the *franciscan* magazine as well as reading for relaxation). I also enjoy listening to classical music (especially the music of Sir Edward Elgar) and have recently begun to investigate Jazz.

As Editor of the Quarterly it will be my 'duty and my joy' to edit the magazine (not surprisingly) but also to invite authors to contribute and therefore I'd like to ask you – the readership – what sort of content you might find helpful and interesting?

Would you like to see more devotional material? Would you like to learn about different perspectives on the Eucharist from different Christian Traditions? Would you like someone to write something about the history of the Confraternity or the wider Anglo-Catholic movement? Would you like to read about what other Wards are doing? If you have any thoughts on future content (or suggestions about who might write them) please feel free to email me

josephemmanuelssf@franciscans.org.uk I look forward to hearing from you!

A NEW GENERAL SECRETARY FATHER PAUL HUTCHINS

Little did I know that when I became a life member of CBS as a student that I would, one day, reach the dizzy heights of becoming the Secretary General of CBS! Not an office to which I have aspired but one which I hope I will be able to fulfil to the best of my capabilities. At this point I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor Fr Ed Martin who has fulfilled an exemplary role in that position. Many years ago I attended my local ward of St Agnes Ullet Road in Liverpool as a student. Memories of a very cold and dark church with a few members huddled together in choir to sing Vespers of the Blessed Sacrament and receive the Lord's blessing in Benediction was hardly an inspiring Missionary Service, I would guess the low attendance suggested that also. However it did instil and inspire in me personally a deep devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and seeing and hearing the faithful who gathered there regularly allowed me to understand that what we were doing did matter and did actually evangelise the hearts of those who



had gathered. The afternoon teas afterwards were of course a delightful bonus to the worshipful gathering. All these years later I find myself as the parish priest of three lively and diverse urban parishes on the outskirts of the City of Manchester. I find myself encouraging everyone to attend the daily Mass and daily Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and I now find myself wondering and questioning 'is this missionary?' and of course the answer is ultimately 'yes'. Following in the footsteps of Canon T.T.Carter in encouraging and fostering a love of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is everything we should be

about as the Catholic movement. Looking to the past with a passion for the future whilst being grounded in the present will lead to an authentic Christian witness of faithful discipleship. I think this is my *raison d'être* in describing who I am and who I am about in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is of course is the lifeblood for all who are Christian with a Catholic faith and witness within the Anglican tradition. I see this often lived out in very moving ways from Spirit filled Masses, to the education of those preparing for First Communion and in the preparation of Confirmation candidates and very movingly in those who receive Holy Communion at home or in hospital or upon their death beds. This is the Lord being with people where they need him and it is hugely encouraging and humbling and these Grace filled moments speak more clearly and loudly than my clumsy words in this article. CBS has much to offer in the life of the Church of God and in particular the Church of England there is a deep need for clear and sound teaching particularly on the Eucharist and CBS is passionate about this. As a confraternity, it is right and proper that we have a concern and care for those parishes that reach out for support in prayer and in finance to enable the worship of God to be at the centre of parochial life. CBS can enable great things to happen as well as supporting projects for growth and development in the spiritual life. This is a real joy and one in which as a trustee I have had the great pleasure of being a part of for a number of years now. This is also something I would encourage Ward Superiors and Priest Members to think about seriously. We can help with things that fall within our remit, sometimes there are items that are practical and obvious but we also need to think about how we can develop our communities as being Eucharistic centred while enabling the Mission of the Church and this will take serious consideration and boldness. There are no bottomless pockets however so I would also urge caution before throwing caution to the wind but think and pray and see what the Lord may be asking you to do.

CBS and the trustees need prayer, prayer in particular before the Eucharistic Lord is strongly to be encouraged for individuals, and as worshipping communities, it is how we will grow with Him. If we are to move forward we need to undergird ourselves with the tools of mission and evangelism that the Lord gives us and prayer is the most effective within our lives as Christians.

Let the Lord be the one to bless us on our journey of faith.

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