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Sundays:

8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Family Eucharist & Sunday School

Mondays:

6 p.m. Guided Meditation (Side Chapel)

Tuesday - Friday

8 a.m. Morning Prayer
6 p.m. Evening Prayer
6.30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Also on Wednesday:

Holy Communion 12 noon.

Saturday:

Morning Prayer 8 a.m.
Eucharist 8.30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6 p.m.

Confessions are heard by appointment

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Trinity 7

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WELCOME TO ST GEORGE'S

Come, you who have much faith and you who have little, and you who have not been for a long time, you who have been here often, you who have tried to follow and you who feel you have failed.

Come, not because I invite you, but because God does; and, as you are welcomed, go, and welcome others.

We welcome you to our worship this morning.

We hope God's Holy Spirit will touch your heart and that you may be strengthened by Word and Sacrament.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 11.16-30

Jesus asked, "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Come away with me and you'll recover your life.

I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."



Do you have the courage and the humility to take God at His word, for this is what He promises!

The Annual Vicarage Garden Party

The great social event of the year!!

The Annual Vicarage Garden Party 2008!!

The Date: **16th July.**

The Venue: **Camden Hill Square Garden.**

Please join us! Tickets £10 but do not be put off by the price, come anyhow! You'll be really glad you did!

Sign up **NOW!** on the board at the back of the church... *See you there!!*

We are looking for volunteers: barman, furniture lifters and anyone who can contribute canapés. Please speak to Angela Lascelles as soon as possible if you can help.

Comings and Goings!

I suspect many people find change as difficult as I do and so it is with great sadness that I share with you the news of the departure of Caroline Newman as the Parish Administrator.

It's amazing to think she has been here for two years: in that time she has done a great job of trying to get me organised. Having struggled with the PCC to get them to grudgingly agree that I needed more help, along came the answer to my prayer in the form of Caroline.

Now that she has successfully achieved an honours degree she is off to the rural delights of Yorkshire, lucky her!! I want to thank her for her loyal and committed hard work whilst she has been with us and pray for her success and happiness in Yorkshire.

As she leaves us, along comes Piotr Blak to take on the reigns. Piotr (pronounced Peter) is in the throes of completing his MA in Systemic Theology at King's College. He hails from Poland and spent a couple of years training for the monastic life. He joins us as administrator and (very) part time verger and I look forward to working closely with him.

75th Anniversary of the Oxford Movement - 14th July

In 1833 the Church of England was startled by the Oxford Movement. The spark which ignited this powerful religious reawakening was the proposal of the Whig government to suppress half the Anglican bishoprics in Ireland and to re-dispose their incomes, without first consulting the Church.

A group of clerical dons at Oxford, of whom John Keble, John Henry Newman, and Edward Pusey are the most well-known, took grave exception to the Whigs' proposals. They believed that the Church is a divinely-founded society, with Jesus Christ at its head, and that its reform was nothing to do with a secular Parliament. Their campaign of opposition was inaugurated with an assize sermon preached by Keble in the university church of St Mary in Oxford on 14 July 1833, in which he called Whig government's planned legislation 'National Apostasy.'



The Oxford dons next wrote a series of Tracts for the Times, examining aspects of the theological crisis created by the government's action, which they had delivered to every parsonage in England.

The Church of England, they taught, has passed through the Reformation, but it is not simply of the Reformation. It is not a Protestant Church (the word Protestant never appears in the Prayer Book, nor in any Anglican formularies), but it is a reformed catholic Church, a subtle but significant difference. The Church of England is the historic catholic and apostolic Church of this land. It is part of the wider Church of Christ – a claim made on the title page of the 1662 Prayer Book – cleansed of medieval abuses and unscriptural accretions in the sixteenth century, but in all other respects in continuity with what went before. They pointed out that the Church of England has retained the historic three-fold ministry of bishop, priest and deacon; her bishops are part of the Apostolic Succession; her priests by their Episcopal ordination are identifiable with Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox priests, and exercise the same priesthood; through them, her faithful are assured of a valid sacramental ministry.

The leaders of the Oxford Movement were highly intellectual and very serious men. They believed the Church of England to be under threat, and they sought to raise the whole tone of her life and witness. For them, what mattered above all else was personal and corporate holiness; and, because holiness may only grow upon a foundation of truth, they were especially concerned with doctrinal purity and theological orthodoxy.

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The Oxford Movement teaches us that all truth ultimately comes from God: Jesus Christ himself said "I am the way, the truth and the life." Christian truth does not depend for its validity upon the opinions of individual Christians at any one time. Something is true simply because God makes it true and reveals it to us, and for no other reason. If all Christians decided to reject some aspect of Christianity, this aspect would not thereby become untrue because of their rejection of it. Nor, if all Christians decided to believe in something new or decided to amend some old aspect of Christianity, would it therefore suddenly become true because of their new belief. God does not – indeed, He cannot – contradict Himself. Christian doctrine and moral teaching that were true in 33 A.D. and 1833 A.D., remain true in 2008 A.D. They cannot have become false by reason of their contradicting current values and ideas, and because some people find them difficult.

The Oxford Movement did not go unchallenged, but it proved to be the most important religious reawakening in England during the nineteenth century. The renaissance of spirituality, theology, scholarship, liturgy, music, art, architecture, and the revival of religious orders and communities (monks and nuns), which the Oxford Movement began in the Church of England goes under the name of the Catholic Revival. To this day in the early twenty-first century, there is not a parish church in the Anglican Communion that has not been affected by it in some way or other.

On 14 July 2008, the 175th anniversary of John Keble's Assize sermon, Anglicans throughout the world will observe an hour of silent prayer. We will give thanks for the rich inheritance of the Oxford Movement. We will also pray for the future, seeking to discover God's will and fulfil His purposes for us in our own lives, churches and communities. Please pray for our Church at this time, for our Archbishop, Rowan and for our churches of St George's and St John the Baptist.

Time to Say Goodbye!

I want to say a big thank you to everyone at St George's and to all of you whom I have worked with over the last two years. Special thanks to Ivo Morshead, who showed me the 'ropes' when I started, and to Angela Lascelles and Andrew Wells who made my job so much easier with their quick responses to my many emails! I also want to especially thank Michael for being a wonderful boss, despite often leaving me illegibly handwritten post-it notes all over my desk! I wish Piotr, my replacement, the best of luck! Now, I'm off my holiday to Egypt - I may even ride a camel...BYE!!