

A Report on the Catholic Parish of St. Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston

7th May 2012 – 12th May 2013

by

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For the Parish AGM on 12th May 2013

B – Bude

L – Launceston

May 2012

- 12th L: "Smartwater" deterrent installed on church building to deter thefts of lead. Boilerhouse door strengthened following a break-in
- 17th L: Lock on Holy Oils cupboard repaired
- 22nd L & B: I finished writing the text of the *Parish History* on my birthday
- 23rd L: Recycling of redundant financial documents in office completed
- 26th L: Local youth group visited St. Cuthbert Mayne church
- 29th L: Two classes from St. Joseph's School visited our church

June 2012

- 10th L: Blessed Sacrament Procession held indoors because of rain. Ministers of Holy Communion re-commissioned
- 19th L: Guild of St. Stephen certificate of 1931 restored and re-hung in Sacristy
- 20th L & B: Deanery Pilgrimage to Golden Manor where St. Cuthbert Mayne was arrested in 1577, tea in Trewithen Gardens, Mass at Lanherne and a drink in "The Falcon" pub. About 32 pilgrims from 6 parishes
- 23rd/24th B & L: Appeal on behalf of the Society of Africa Missions by Fr. Rob Morland
- 25th Holsworthy: Three members of the Anglican church including the Rector received by Bishop Christopher into full membership of the Catholic Church at Okehampton
- 30th B: Party of 70 pupils and staff from Our Lady of the Wayside School, Solihull, attended an extra Mass at 6.30 pm
- 30th L & B: Concert and supper by Minstrel Singers and Mini Minstrels in Ashwater Village Hall in aid of Crohn's disease sufferers

July 2012

- 3rd B: Deacon Neil Quirk RIP celebrated his Silver Jubilee as a Deacon. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Southwark
- 7th B: Cream teas organised by Ros Dolphin at her home in aid of St. Loye's College for disabled students
- 7th B: Mass held in the nearby URC church to cope with larger numbers during holiday peak time: until end of August
- 8th L: Baptism and Reception into Catholic Church of Rebecca Merry
- 18th B: Fr. Bernard Jones O. Carm. Priest in Residence from 2003-2006 celebrated his Golden Jubilee of priestly ordination at Cheltenham where he lives in retirement. Some parishioners attended
- 26th L: Alison Moore appointed Parish Administrator following the resignation of Rachel Bourgoin who is beginning a new career. There were 28 applications. She will work for 16 hours per week
- 29th L: Philip Stephenson and Joseph Hickey took on responsibility for APF Red Boxes. Debbie Vickerstaff continues to look after B and has overall organising responsibility
- 29th B: Fr. David represented parish at a URC Lunch to say goodbye to Maureen Jones, widow of Rev. Bob Jones

August 2012

- 2nd L: First meeting with architects and parish rep Peter Hazard re: church renovations and demolition of redundant buildings. Application for restoration of organ sent to Diocesan Liturgy Commission
- 5th L: Lord Alton and family attended Sunday and weekday Masses
- 12th B: Fr. David represented the parish at the Gift Day Lunch at URC church
- 21st L: Alison Moore began work as Parish Administrator

September 2012

- 7th L: Visit from Sir Cyril Townsend of the Cornwall Historic Churches Trust
- 8th B: New vinyl flooring and carpet installed in church foyer. Sacristy ceiling repaired and repainted
- 9th L: Footpath near old Hall put out of bounds owing to falling debris
- 13th L: Organ temporarily repaired
- 23rd L: Harvest Lunch and celebration of the Dedication of our church on 19th September 1935
- 27th B: Angela Ball from our Parish elected as Chair of Christians Together in Bude

October 2012

- 3rd L: Concert of Russian choral music by the Voskresenije Choir of St. Petersburg. Only 20 in the audience. The choir stayed overnight with parishioners and Fr. David
- 11th B & L: The Year of Faith begins: it ends on Solemnity of Christ the King (November 2013)
- 14th L: Three new altar servers on the Sanctuary
- 24th L: Redundant plumbing removed from church's upper room
- 28th B & L: Annual Mass count: average number 179, a decrease of 23
- 28th B & L: Selection of paragraphs from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* placed in weekly newsletter
- 28th L: Tuesday Mass time moved from 6 pm to 5 pm

November 2012

- 10th B: Old, shabby hymn books replaced by slightly more presentable ones from Holsworthy
- 11th L: Annual prayers for the Holy Souls in the churchyard after Mass
- 13th L: Fr. David visited St. Joseph's School
- 22nd L & B: Fr. David elected to Secular Clergy Fund Committee (why me?)
- L: Tree blown over in churchyard during storm. Fence damaged
- 23rd L: Students from Duchy College pruned fruit trees in churchyard

December 2012

- 4th L: Slates replaced on church roof and gutter cleared of leaves
- 7th-14th L: Our parish participates in "Festival of Christmas Trees and Cribs" in St. Mary Magdalene church
- 9th L & B: Tourist-style leaflets on our parish made available for distribution
- 9th L & B: Preliminary meeting at L for First Holy Communion Programme
- 9th-16th B: Collection of Christmas goodies for Poor Clare nuns at Lynton (formerly held at Holsworthy)
- 13th L: 8 boxes of old Missals and liturgical books given to Missions
- 13th L: Fr. David represented parish at St. Joseph's School Festival of Carols
- 14th L: Christmas Concert at Minstrels Music Centre
- 20th L: Anthony Suter gave Charles Dickens Reading in Charles Langdon Room
- 23rd L & B: Newly published illustrated *Parish History* on sale at £3

January 2013

- 13th L & B: 7 children began First Holy Communion classes
- 13th L: 2 bishops from Clifton and Northampton Dioceses were present incognito at Mass. They were on holiday
- 17th L & B: Grant of £1,500 received from Guild of Our Lady of Ransom
- 18th L: Copies of the *Parish History* presented to the Mayor, Cllr. Rob Tremain, and Arthur Wills
- 20th B: St. Peter's hosted Service for Christian Unity during annual Week of Prayer. Preceded by soup and cheese lunch at URC Hall organised by our parish. About 50 present at both. Fr. David preached homily. £191.25 collected: divided between CAFOD and Christian Aid
- 23rd L: Plans for renovation of organ approved by Diocesan Liturgical Commission and Bishop. Decision of Historic Churches Committee still awaited
- 29th B: Meeting with Secretary of URC Church. Their elders decided not to sell their building

February 2013

- 2nd B: Informal discussion about possibility of sharing URC church. Most not in favour and would prefer to see our building improved
- 6th B: Finance Committee Meeting set budget for current year and ratified spending plans
- 7th L: Opening of new Tourist Information Centre and launch of the *Parish History* together with pamphlets on our parish and Churches Together in Launceston. Arthur Wills and Fr. David appeared in a press photograph
- 11th L: Donation of £100 to Launceston Food Bank
- 14th B: Fr. David led first session of Churches Together Lent course at URC Hall
- 16th-17th L & B: Mission Appeal by Comboni Father: £386.65 raised
- 17th L & B: Gift Aid figures published monthly in parish newsletter as from this month

- 22nd L: Leaking roof over Lady Chapel, and main door repaired
 L & B: CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: £480.10 raised
- 24th L: Filipino community held birthday party in St. Stephen's Church Hall
- 28th L: Rotten fir trees felled and removed from churchyard

March 2013

- 1st L: Four copper beech and three laburnum trees planted in churchyard
- 14th L & B: Parish Quiet Day at Fowey Retreat Centre 10.30 am – 3.30 pm. 7 participants from both ends of the parish
- 16th B: Safari charity lunch organised by Ros Dolphin
- 20th B: Lenten Lunch in URC Hall co-hosted by us and St. Martin's church in aid of Emmaus, the charity for the homeless. £266 raised
- 27th B & L: Ros Dolphin represented our parish at the Mass of Chrism in Plymouth Cathedral
- 30th L: Annual Blessing of Easter Food brought by the Polish community and some from Bude this year. About 120 there
- 31st L: Retirement Service at Tregadillett for Rev. David Michaels, Priest in Charge of Launceston

April 2013

- 1st B & L: Survey of length and breadth of parish, following main roads: about 36 miles from north to south, and about 30 miles from east to west
- 7th B & L: New hymnbooks introduced after consulting musicians and other priests. Fund-raising by launching sale of hymnbook labels in memory of a loved one: £5 per label
- 9th L: Filipino community organised Thanksgiving Mass and tea in the Charles Langdon Room for one of their members who survived a long stay in hospital

- 16th L: Requiem Mass for Rev. Deacon Neil Quirk RIP: 10 priests and 9 deacons present on Sanctuary. Followed by burial in churchyard and reception at Lifton Farm Shop
- 17th B: Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Stall in URC Hall in aid of Walk for Cornwall 2
- 21st L: Civic Service at St. Mary Magdalene church "Celebrating Launceston". Fr. David represented the parish and helped to lead worship
- 25th L: Annual Grant Awards Ceremony in Town Hall. Our parish was awarded a total of £325. Colin Barrett and Fr. David represented the parish