



Twelfth-century wall painting of St Cuthbert in Durham Cathedral

### KERALA FLOODS: an SVP appeal

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

### MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS

The autumn edition of the Missio magazine is now at the back of the church. It has several very interesting articles which emphasise once again just how important each of our donations, large or small, is. The resultant help prided in communities around the world promote the underlying Christian belief of justice, fairness and respect for every human being. Your aid does literally change lives and can transform the destinies of dispossessed and desperate people. They will never be able to express their gratitude to you personally but it is on their behalf that I thank you very sincerely for your continued support. Brown envelopes are as usual at the back of the church; please be as generous as you feel able.

*Kate Welcome*, Parish Missio Co-ordinator

### AUTUMN SPIRITUALITY TALK

at the Conference Centre, Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Saturday 15 September : 10.30am-12.00noon. Topic: One Bread One Body. Speaker: Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood. For further details: tel. 01277265285 email: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

### APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Thursday 20 September at 915 am in the Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT. Bishop Alan Williams will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email [toroland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:toroland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FESTIVAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Brentwood is delighted to invite you to join us for our festival meeting on Sunday 16th September, starting at 2pm, with mass in the Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated by Father Fergus Kelly. We will then enjoy an afternoon of talks, discussions and a general Question and Answer session, providing more information on the work carried out by the Society in Brentwood and abroad. We would love to see you there.

**FAMILY CEILI NIGHT : Saturday 6 October**  
at The Campion School. See noticeboard for details.

### CALAIS LIGHT

Ever felt you'd like to help the destitute migrants in Calais but not known where to start? We run regular weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral to chop veg & sort Refugee donations at the amazing Help Refugees UK Warehouse in Calais. Never mind the reasons WHY migrants are in Calais - the fact is they are there now - without resources, hungry, struggling. We feel strongly that part of our Christian mission is to support them one way or another. Please think about this & volunteer with us. Alternatively, donate with compassion at [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/calaislight). Next Trip 28th-30th Sept. Sign up to volunteer on our Facebook page 'Calais Light', email us at [calaislight@yahoo.com](mailto:calaislight@yahoo.com) or check out the Brentwood Cathedral Website.

### ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC AREA FESTIVAL

**Saturday 29 September at Chelmsford Cathedral**

A special one-day Come and Sing Event for Choirs and Individual Singers led by James Davy, Master of the Music, Chelmsford Cathedral and featuring the music of Martin Shaw who died 60 years ago in 1958. All choirs and individual singers are welcome. Registration 10 a.m. Festival Service 4 p.m. Registrations and requests for the booklet containing the music (£5) to be used in the Festival to Shirley Timmins, 156 Warley Hill, Brentwood, CM14 5HF. Telephone (answerphone) 01277-233302 or e-mail [shirleytimmins@btinternet.com](mailto:shirleytimmins@btinternet.com) or through the website [www.rscm-eel.org.uk](http://www.rscm-eel.org.uk).

*"The love of Christ, welcomed with an open heart, changes us, transforms us, and makes us able to love."*

Pope Francis

### THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **National Feast of St Gregory the Great** – a truly outstanding Pope and Doctor of the Church. It is said that he was captivated by the sight of a group of blond-haired people from England, on sale in the slave market. When told that they were Angles, he is supposed to have remarked: 'They are not Angles, but Angels'. In 596 he sent Augustine and forty Benedictine monks to convert these English people – Augustine becoming the first Archbishop of Canterbury. A pioneer of liturgical reform, the style of singing known as Gregorian Chant is named after him (though it was written many centuries after he died).

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Cuthbert** – a monk at Melrose and at Ripon; following the Synod of Whitby, he was asked to go as Prior to Lindisfarne under its new Benedictine Rule. In 685 he was ordained abbot-bishop. He died in 687 and his tomb became a popular pilgrimage shrine. In the ninth century, Viking raids led to an end of monastic life at Lindisfarne and in 875 his shrine was transported across the north until it reached Durham in 995. There the shrine became one of the most frequented in medieval Europe. At the Reformation his shrine was destroyed and his body reburied on the same site, where it remains to this day.

Wednesday is the **Memorial of St Teresa of Kolkata** - *"By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus"*. Small of stature, rocklike in faith, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was entrusted with the mission of proclaiming God's thirsting love for humanity, especially for the poorest of the poor. *"God still loves the world and He sends you and me to be His love and His compassion to the poor."* She was a soul filled with the light of Christ, on fire with love for Him and burning with one desire: *"to quench His thirst for love and for souls"*. She was born on 26 August 1910 at Skopje, Macedonia and died at Kolkata in India on 5 September 1997 and was canonised by Pope Francis on 4 September 2016.

Saturday (morning) is the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - the birth of Mary is not narrated in the gospels, but has been handed down in such apocryphal texts as the *Protoevangelium of James* along with *The Golden Legend*, the source of much iconographic tradition. The celebration was introduced into the calendar in the seventh century by Pope Sergius I, who thus brought to the West a tradition already present in the Eastern Church. The birth of Mary is the announcement, promise and preparation for the birth of the Messiah.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### COFFEE AFTER MASS

Sundays in the Church Porch after the 9.00 am Mass

#### CHILDREN'S

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sundays in term-time during the 11.30 am Mass

#### "DEO GRATIAS"

#### PRAYER GROUP

Monday mornings : 10.30 am at 15 Burland Road

#### SOCIETY OF

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Tuesdays : 7.00 pm

in the Church Sacristy

#### CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

Wednesdays at 9.30 am inside the church

#### CHURCH GARDENING TEAM

Meets Wednesdays at 9.30 am outside the church

#### 4TH COLLIER ROW

#### SCOUT GROUP

##### Beaver Scouts

Wednesdays at 4.45 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

##### Cub Scouts

Wednesdays at 6.00 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

##### Scouts

Wednesdays at 7.45 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

#### THURSDAY CLUB

1.15 - 3.15 pm

in the Parish Centre Hall

#### OUR LADY'S

#### PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 – 9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close

#### BABY & TODDLER GROUP

(for parents and toddlers)

Fridays : 1.00 – 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre Hall