

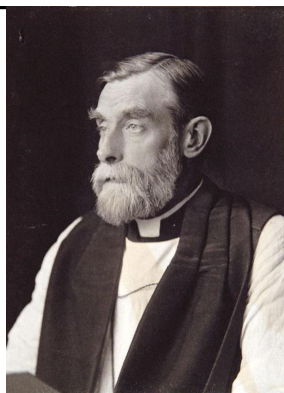
January Commemorations

St Mungo 13 January



Kentigern, also known affectionately as Mungo, which means 'darling', is reputed to have been the grandson of a British prince in southern Scotland and to have attended a monastic school at Culross. The story goes that he became a missionary to the Britons living in Strathclyde and was elected their bishop. Following the persecution of Christians, he fled to Wales, but eventually returned to Strathclyde where he continued his work of evangelism. He died in the year 603 and his tomb is in St Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow.

Bishop Charles Gore 17 January



Born in 1835, Gore became one of the most influential of Anglican theologians. He helped reconcile the Church to some aspects of biblical criticism and scientific discovery, yet was Catholic in his interpretation of the faith and sacraments. He was also concerned to bring Catholic principles to bear on social problems. As an Oxford don and then as a Canon of Westminster, he was renowned for his preaching. In the 1890s, he was the founder - and first leader - of the Community of the Resurrection, which in later years settled at Mirfield in Yorkshire. From 1902, he was successively bishop of Worcester, Birmingham and Oxford. He died, much mourned, in 1932.

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The Vicar writes...

When we came to St Cross in May 2016, I came with a background of training and formation as a priest in a theological college connected to a religious community: the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield (CR). My first visit, in November 2009, left me almost spellbound when I had the honour of meeting the now late Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Tutu has had long established links with CR.

One aspect of the training experience I went through was that of maintaining the liturgical cycle of the year, and this included recognising those people who have had a significant bearing on the work of the Church throughout its history. I would not be surprised if Tutu was canonised at some stage in the future, given what he has contributed to the Christian faith and in his struggle against apartheid in South Africa.

As part of the liturgical cycle, when Wednesdays have coincided with one of the Festivals, that person and their contribution are remembered in our eucharist at St Cross, all as part of making the service particularly special. It should be noted that the two people featured on the back page of this newsletter are 'Commemorations' and not 'Festivals'. However, Charles Gore as founder of the Monastic Community at Mirfield, is, for me a significant point of interest.

Following on from the formation of CR, Walter Frere, who was elected Superior in 1902, did much to shape the pattern of the community's development. It was under his direction that the work in South Africa

began (an involvement that would see the Community on the front line of the struggle against apartheid) and the College of the Resurrection was established in 1903, marking the beginning of more than a century of forming priests in England, Africa and the West Indies.

Both Gore's and Frere's tombs are located inside the Community Church, and those who of you who have visited this spiritual place will know that there is a graveyard outside for the brothers with simple wooden 'headstones' on each one. When we visit holy places, it is worth noting why certain people are buried inside there. What did they do? (Of course, nowadays it is sometimes debatable as to whether some historical figures should, in fact, be thus commemorated.)

In some possibly small way, Gore and Frere have had a measure of influence on me, and the type of priest I am. It is worth thinking about who has influenced us and thanking God for them and what they have done.

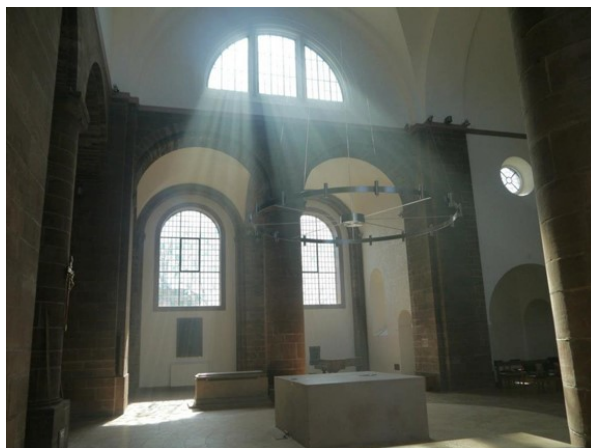
Happy New Year

Yours, in Christ

Paul

Light streaming through the South Windows and the clouds of incense at Mirfield after another Festival celebration on January 25th.

The Altar is in the centre and Charles Gore's tomb is at the far end by the central pillar.



Occasional Offices

Wedding

4 December Jack Leslie Youd & Charlotte Anne Pickersgill



Readings for Services - Sundays and Wednesdays

	MP = Morning Prayer (Audio) E = Eucharist	Evening Service
Sunday 2 January Christmas 2	MP/E Jeremiah 31.7-14 Ephesians 1.3-14 John 1.[1-9] 10-18	No Evening Service
6 January Thursday Epiphany	E Isaiah 60.1-6 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12	
Sunday 9 January Baptism of Christ	MP/E Isaiah 43.1-7 Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3. 15-17,21-22	
12 January Wednesday Aelred	E Ecclesiasticus 15.1-6 Philippians 3.7-14 Luke 12.32-37	
Sunday 16 January Epiphany 2	MP/E Isaiah 62.1-5 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 John 2.1-11	
19 January Wednesday	E 1 Samuel 16.1,6-13 1 Corinthians 4.1-5 Matthew 24.42-46	
Sunday 23 January Epiphany 3	MP/E Nahum 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a Luke 4.14-21	
26 January Timothy and Titus	E Isaiah 61.1-3a 2 Timothy 2.1-8 or Titus 1.1-5 Luke 10.1-9	
Sunday 30 January Candlemas	MP/E Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 2.14-end Luke 2.22-40	Service at KMC

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