

Newsletter to Friends 8th December 2023

Fr Jonathan Creer has recently moved into the Presbytery (Trellis House) at Sacred Heart, Tisbury. We are fortunate to have Fr Jonathan as our resident priest, with a once-a-month rotational visit by Fr Anthony Paris (Parish Priest) and Fr Joseph Meigh, from St Osmunds, Salisbury. All ably assisted by Deacon Michael Hughes.

We have now adapted to the new and earlier time for Sunday Mass at Wardour Chapel at 10.30am. The Mass on Tuesdays remains at 9.30am and during term time we are joined by the children and parents of Wardour Primary School.

Fr Robert has moved into Albany House, Tisbury, and is comfortable there and doing well.

Advent Services

We welcome you and your families over the coming weeks to celebrate the joys of The Nativity.

Saturday 9 th December	7am	Dawn Mass – Rorate Mass (Sung New Rite Latin, in Candlelight)
Saturday 23 rd December	5pm	Advent Carols and Benediction Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
Sunday 24 th December Christmas Eve, 4 th Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Mass
Monday 25 th December Christmas Day: Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord	10.30am	Mass
Sunday 31 st December New Years Eve: Feast of the Holy Family	10.30am	Mass
Sunday 31 st December	11.45pm	Te Deum and Benediction

Christmas Cards are for sale in aid of Wardour Chapel and are available in the porch of both Wardour and Sacred Heart. Payment by contactless please or contact Jenny Tozer for more details. Jennytozer1@btinternet.com

The Dome Project Update, Wardour Chapel

The Trustees of Wardour Chapel were successful in their grant application to the Wiltshire Historic Church's Trust (WHCT) for the sum of £20,000. We are enormously grateful to the trustees of the WHCT, given as part of their 70th Anniversary Grant Scheme. This will allow us to undertake the first phase of investigative works to determine the scope and scale of the cracking of The Dome and the restoration project required to preserve this important structure for future generations. The Trustees have appointed historical buildings specialists, Philip Hughes and Associates to conduct this review. More can be read on the details of the Dome Project on the Wardour Chapel Website www.wardourchapel.co.uk.

We anticipate a report by Philip Hughes in the Spring of 2024. At this point the Trustees shall begin a formal fund-raising programme to support the works which are likely to begin in the quieter winter months of 2024/25.

Mass will continue to be celebrated at Wardour throughout the planned works.

The gaping hole in the vestibule has now been repaired to arrest the leaks in the pipeworks.

Recent Events at Wardour

The Westminster Chasuble at the London Guildhall

With thanks to Kate Clarke for her immense talent and perseverance in the highly specialised work involved in the conservation and re-lining of the Westminster Chasuble, the Trustees loaned this important vestment to the London Guildhall where it is currently being exhibited. This is an exhibition organised by the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers celebrating their 400-year anniversary. The exhibition was opened by the Duchess of Gloucester and it runs until December 31st. The Westminster Chasuble has been one of the star exhibits. <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events/treasures-of-gold-and-silver-wire-exhibition>

Order of Malta Day of Recollection – Wardour Chapel, September 30th

The Order of Malta held its September Day of Recollection on Saturday 30th September. The Day was open to all – members and non-members alike, and a number of parishioners attended. The Day was led by Abbot Hugh Allan O.Praem. Abbot Hugh is the superior of the Norbertine community in Peckham, and also the Apostolic Administrator of the Prefecture of the Falkland Islands, and Ecclesiastical Superior of the Missions of the islands of Ascension, St Helena and Tristan da Cunha. He was delighted to see the memorial in the porch to Lt Henry Alphonsus Arundell RN who died at sea in 1872 and is buried on Ascension Island.

Maxwell Steer – Cherubim Chamber Choir and Orchestra, Wardour Chapel, October 22nd

A sell out concert at Wardour Chapel of famous solos and choral music from Handel's opus of works, lead by Harry Bradford, who is greatly in demand as an emerging choral director

Patronal Feast Day – Wardour Chapel, November 5th

It was lovely to see so many Friends at the Mass and Drinks on November 5th with thanks to Fr Joseph for celebrating Mass.

Future Events

It is a busy summer for weddings at Wardour Chapel in 2024. Please do contact Nick Wright in the first instance regarding availability. Nickwright029@gmail.com

Please do pass this newsletter on to anyone you think may be interested and, even better, if you know of anybody who would like to become a Friend of Wardour Chapel then please encourage them to do so. They can do this either by contacting us on the email address wardourchapeltrust@outlook.com or by going to the Friends section of our website www.wardourchapel.co.uk.

Thank you very much to all of you for your support. We look forward to seeing you over Advent and we wish you a holy and happy Christmas.

With very best wishes from the Wardour Chapel Trustees