

## **AFFIRMING CATHOLICISM PART 2**

Thanks to everyone who asked for more info after my original article. I thought you might like to see this which sets out what 'AffCath' stands for. You may like to know that in November 'AffCath' will be organising an autumn course entitled "Guidelines for Christian Living". It will be based on the five 'vocations' identified below and anyone who wants to come will be welcome. Look out for further details.

### **AFFIRMING CATHOLICISM AFFIRMS THAT**

- the Anglican Communion is holy, Catholic, apostolic
- the riches of the Catholic tradition are needed throughout the Church to further the Christian mission
- full inclusion of lay and ordained people in Church government, and of both men and women in the threefold ministry, reinforces the Catholic integrity of our vision

### **THEREFORE OUR VOCATION IS TO BUILD**

- Disciplined lives of regular prayer, study and worship
- Commitment to the social and moral transformation of the world
- Models of love and community for all seeking to follow the Gospel
- A living Catholic tradition to carry the gifts of the past into the future
- Liturgy to inspire holiness and relate the greatness of God to his people today

We affirm the invisible unity and celebrate the diversity of all Christians in the universal church. We believe that by affirming Anglicanism we are affirming Catholicism.

*Michael Camp*

## **Music in September & October**

The Choir returns on Sunday 7th September after a well earned summer break. On Sunday 14th September we shall celebrate Holy Cross Day with a "Come & Sing" performance of Stainer's "Crucifixion" at 6.30pm. Singers are invited to attend a rehearsal on the day starting at 4pm with a break for refreshments before the performance. If (like me) you are a "non-singer", please come along and at least sing the five great hymns!

There will be a lunchtime recital on Tuesday 23rd September at 1pm - Husband and wife team Heather Glansford (Soprano) and Philip Rowson (flute) present a varied programme of popular works - refreshments will be available in the church rooms before the concert.

In October the internationally Renowned Cellist Raphael Wallfisch will perform the complete Bach Cello Suites in two concerts on Saturdays 4th and 11th October both at 7.30pm. The two concerts will also feature organ music by Bach played by the celebrated organist Colm Carey - tickets will be available on Sunday mornings from mid September - please don't miss these concerts!

On Sunday 12th October at 4pm Tim Johnson (Eltham College) and myself will lead a choral workshop for local children with a choral service at 6.30pm - if your child enjoys singing, please encourage him/her to come along. Members of the congregation are warmly invited to attend the service at 6.30pm where the children will sing Hymns & Anthems.

*Henry Fairs*