

Dear Friends,

May is traditionally known as the month of Mary, and the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is now observed by many on the 31st day of the month. Because Easter was so early this year, on the first day of May we are also celebrating the Ascension of Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, as important a celebration as Christmass and Easter, and yet these days not many folk observe the day itself. When I had a Church School we had the joy of the whole school coming to the parish Church for worship on Ascension Day.

On Sunday 11th we celebrate Whitsunday (Pentecost) on which God the Holy Spirit was sent from the Father by the Son upon His Apostles assembled in the upper room, to empower and inspire them to become the Mystical Body of Christ, the One Holy Catholic Apostolic Church. They were given the power to preach the gospel in all the world and administer the Sacraments, and especially to feed those who respond with the food of Life in Holy Communion. Whitsunday is the feast of the birth of the Christian Church and a day for joy and celebration.

Sunday 18th is Trinity Sunday, when all true believers rejoice that Almighty God has deigned to reveal to humanity the mystery of His Divinity as One God in Trinity, the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Thursday 22nd The Church celebrates Corpus Christi, the wonderful gift of Holy Communion, which Our Lord gave to the Apostles on the night of His betrayal, as a perpetual Memorial of His death upon the Cross, and of Which He said 'This is My Body, .. This is My Blood". This is the New Covenant in the Blood of Jesus and when we 'do it' as He commands, we meet Him in the fullness of His reality and with, and in, Him, meet the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Saints of God, and our loved ones who have gone before us in His faith and love..

As you know, on the 11th of April we held our Synod at the Priory Centre, Lincoln. Sadly not many of our Lay representatives were able to be present, but we had a good meeting. We were very pleased to have with us both Bishop David Moyer, our Episcopal Visitor, and Bishop Robert Mercer CR.

We remembered and paid tribute to Mr. Anthony Choppen, who had been our very efficient Secretary for many years but died on Palm Sunday, and also the Rev'd Terry Percival of Darlington. May they both rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for their families.

Here in Britain we need money to support our work, but most of all we need dedicated men and women to spread the saving message of God's love and His offer of salvation to those who will respond to that message. We need men as priests and deacons to minister to God's people. Please pray for more men to respond to God's call to the Sacred Ministry. God is calling but so often we are deaf to His call, or put it off for another day and get caught up in the demands of the world.

As Vicar General I get enquiries as to where is the nearest Church or worship centre of the TAC. There are large areas across the country where we are not yet officially represented. but since we are The Traditional Anglican Church all faithful Anglicans who believe the traditional Faith, are, by virtue of their Baptism (and Confirmation) already members of TTAC. Of course in order to vote at our assemblies they would have to register their membership. However, I appeal to all who believe our position on the true faith and that we are the genuine continuation of the ancient Church in Britain before and after the Reformation, to form a group with others and say together Morning and/or Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer, and to contact me or one of the Area Deans whose names are on our website.

We would be only too pleased to come and meet with you and arrange for a priest to come from time to time to celebrate the Eucharist and administer Holy Communion. Christians must belong to the Church founded by Christ, which is His Body and in which the Holy Spirit dwells, teaching and reminding them of the Doctrines of Christ. It is a salvation issue that cannot be avoided. Either we follow Him or the teachings and inventions of men. Christ's Church is not governed by majority votes but by the will of God as revealed through Christ Jesus, recorded in the Holy Bible, and taught by the seven Ecumenical Councils.

Remember although we are sad to have lost our ancient and beautiful buildings, the living and true Faith of Jesus Christ is more important than buildings. If we are faithful perhaps one day what is

rightly ours will be returned to us. The devil is abroad and must be fought in the Name of Christ by prayer, faithful witness and true worship.

May God bless all who are faithful to His revelation and try to share the Faith with others, and so recover our country from those who would inadvertently, perhaps, betray her to the Anti-Christ, who is actively at work among us.

Your Priest & Friend,

Fr. Brian.