



“Joy of All Who Sorrow”

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It is not an external enemy we dread. Our foe is shut up within ourselves. An internal warfare is daily waged by us.

St John Cassian

Notes & Jottings

NEW CROSS INSTALLED

Our friend Tim Le Vin has now installed the new stainless-steel cross that he has made and is donating to our church. Access to the main cupola is not easy and we hired a cherry-picker for three days (11 – 13 November) not knowing how long the job would take to complete and to guard against being delayed by bad weather. In the event, they were three fine days with no wind or rain. Taking advantage of the situation Jacob Doyle worked tirelessly to clean the gutters around the church and scrub the algae and accumulated dirt off the roof and weather-boarding. Despite the curse of the plague, work has continued around the grounds. Serious pruning, planting birch saplings and miscellaneous other tree work has been undertaken.



COMMON ROOM

The first stage of the project was envisaged as being all the external work. One of the up-and-over garage doors has already been replaced with a conventional door. Next we need to replace the other one with patio windows. The window frames at the gable end need replacing and, on the courtyard side, double doors need to be installed. The provision of a *necessarium* brought to light a separate problem. It has long been considered that there should be a fire-escape from the floor above. When discussing the outside work required for the development of the Common Room, it became obvious that the inclusion of a fire-escape at the same time makes construction sense, although it adds considerably to the cost. Thus, the estimate for this stage is £24,000 which is more than we might have wished. Despite the fact that this has been a disrupted and utterly dreadful year, unsolicited donations have been received by Mettingham Orthodox Trust. This means that there is already £10,000 in hand, towards the cost of this development. In order to move this much-needed scheme forward, we need to raise the balance so that progress can be made in 2021.

ANTIQUUE LAMP

An antique pewter ikon lamp has been given to the church by James Bones. We are grateful for this and all the other gifts to our church this year.

CALENDARS AND CARDS

The illustration on the newly published card is the original “Joy of All Who Sorrow” ikon in Moscow. These are folded cards with envelopes and retail at 20p each. All proceeds from the sale of these cards will be put towards the cost of the Common Room. The 2021 St Herman Calendars have arrived. These retail at £9.50 each and are in book form giving details of the saints and readings from the Bible for each day of the year. Order now to avoid disappointment.

NAMEDAYS

To everyone who is celebrating a nameday at this time we send congratulations and wish them:

Many Years!

7 Dec - **Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria** – Catherine Meyer

10 Dec – **Great Martyr James the Persian** – James Bones

19 Dec – **St Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra** – Nicholas Meade,
Nicholas Morgan, Subdeacon Nicolas Mabin, Nicholas Mathewson

28 Dec– **Hieromartyr Eleutherius & his mother Martyr Anthea** – Anthea Barry

28 Dec – **St Stephen, Archbishop of Sourozh** – Archpriest Stephen Platt



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JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW

DECEMBER 2020

Sunday 6 December

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (St Alexander Nevsky)

Sunday 13 December

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (St Andrew the Apostle)

Sunday 20 December

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (St Ambrose of Milan)

Sunday 27 December

10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy (Sunday of the Holy Forefathers)