

"Joy of All Who Sorrow"

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Metropolitan Hilarion (1948 – 2022)

"Some Orthodox teachers leave us spiritual instructions. Others leave us the lessons of their lives, ineffable in their power. Such was the excellent, wise, grace-filled, kind Vladyka Hilarion." Metropolitan Tikhon (Shevkunov)

Notes & Jottings

METROPOLITAN HILARION

We were deeply saddened to hear the news that our beloved Vladyka Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Church Outside Russia, reposed on 16 May, 2022. We have very fond memories of Vladyka's visits to Mettingham, first in November 2010, when he served a moleben in the then newly- built church and the second time in January 2017 when he served the Liturgy as illustrated on the front cover. Despite his high ecclesiastical office, Vladyka Metropolitan was a profoundly humble and gentle Archpastor who commanded universal love and respect. Memory Eternal!

LITURGIES & FR ANTONY'S HEALTH

Many thanks to all of you who have been praying for Fr Antony's health. Thanks be to God, since the Sunday of the Blind Man, Fr Antony's health has sufficiently stabilised to enable him to serve again. We are also grateful to Fr Raphael Armour of St Ephraim's Parish in Cambridge who served the liturgy on the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman before going on holiday in Suffolk.

SAINT BOTOLPH

The annual pilgrimage to Iken, the end of June, in honour of Saint Botolph had to be suspended during the pandemic. Last month we discussed the subject with the churchwardens at Iken, who asked if we wanted to resume the pilgrimage this year. Sadly, with the difficulties that we've experienced recently, and the short notice, we felt it wise to delay the resumption of the annual pilgrimage until June next year. This will give ample time for planning.

CANDLE PRICES

Inflation is feeding through the system. The cost of delivery has been increased by the carriers. The invoice for the last order of wax carried a surcharge for the increased cost of fuel; presumably electricity. We had no choice but to increase our prices slightly. As from 1 June, the cost of votive candles is £16 per hundred. Churches ordering in bulk will be eligible for a 15% discount.

COLLEGE NEWS

The exterior of the building has been causing concern for a long time. Rendering is falling off the walls in places and the numerous window sills are all rotten, letting rainwater seep into the walls causing a serious damp problem. This will only get worse, doing serious harm to the masonry, unless urgent action is taken. This is the prelude to painting the entire exterior. The first stage of this costly work is scheduled to begin in the second week of July. The trustees have been discussing means of fundraising, but we'd welcome further ideas.

WEEKLY NOTES

Each weekend we publish email notes about the commemorations. These give a commentary on the Bible readings, the details of the festivals, the lives of the saints commemorated each Sunday, plus miscellaneous historical notes that might be helpful to church members. If you are not on this database base, but would like to be, please let us know.

NAMEDAYS

To all who are celebrating a nameday at this time we send congratulations and wish you:

Many Years! 3 June – Saints Constantine & Helen – Matushka Helen Barsley, Elena Levine, Subdeacon Constantine Bell 9 June – St Melangell – Nun Melangell 25 June – St Onuphrios the Great – Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev 30 June – St Botolph of Iken – Botolph Beavis



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Wednesday 1st June 7pm ~ Vigil ♥ Thursday 2nd June ♥ (Feast of the Ascension of the Lord) 10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy

Saturday 4th June 7pm ~ Vigil Sunday 5th June (Fathers of the 1st Oecumenical Council) 10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy

Saturday 11th June 7pm ~ Vigil Sunday 12th June (Sunday of Pentecost) 10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy

Saturday 18st June 7pm ~ Vigil Sunday 19th June (Sunday of All Saints) 10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy

Saturday 25th June 7pm ~ Vigil Sunday 26th June (Sunday of All Saints of Russia) 10.10am ~ Hours and Divine Liturgy