

# WORD FROM THE CLOISTERS

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## A gentleman editor

IT'S BEEN lovely to have been reminded this week that while John Wilkins was intensely serious and wholehearted about his work and his faith, with a passionate concern that the Church's message and mission should be preserved from anything that might inhibit or distort it, he was also a great encourager of young writers, a discerning friend and a virtuoso of the long, indiscreet lunch.

Mary McAleese, the former President of Ireland, tells us of three joyous, laughter-filled days she spent in Rome with John and the late Shirley Williams. "The three of us sat at a coffee shop overlooking the Vatican walls where John wondered aloud wistfully when the crumbling walls of vanity would finally fall. 'Fall they must' – he said – 'to let Christ in!' A true gentleman, a scholar and a Christian, I was privileged to have his friendship, as were we all."

ELENA CURTI, author of *Fifty Catholic Churches to See Before You Die* (Gracewing) is working on a commemorative book about St John's Seminary, Womersley, whose treasures are to be dispersed ahead of the buildings being converted to secular use. It will include some magnificent illustrations by an extraor-



dinary artist who studied there in the 1920s, but did not proceed to ordination. "The trouble is," Curti tells us, "we know next to nothing about him."

His name was Edward Stanley Bulley (1906-1986) and he produced some beautiful illuminated liturgical books for the seminary in the 1950s. "His designs are highly original, featuring colourful, intricate patterns and fine calligraphy," Curti says. For Westminster Cathedral, between 1969 and 1983, he single-handedly produced what became known as the Bulley Bible, a sumptuous eight-volume handwritten illuminated work with parallel

Latin and English texts. He bound the volumes himself in leather and decorated them with semi-precious stones.

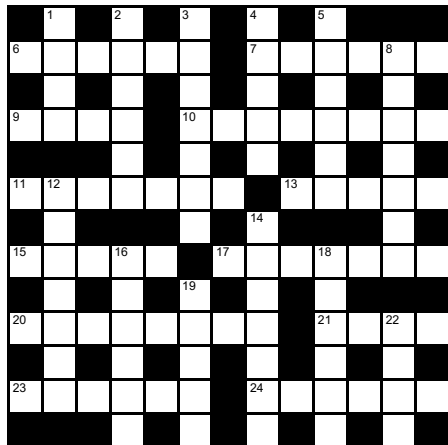
The Womersley archivist has tried to find out more about Bulley's life and career but has drawn a blank. Curti knows that he was born in Westminster and that he became Principal of Sutton School of Art. If you know more about his work as an artist or remember him as a teacher or parishioner, let us know.

"BE JOYFUL, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do," were the last words of St David, recalled by Fr Allan R. Jones in his homily at the votive Mass for St David, which was celebrated in a packed St James', Spanish Place, Marylebone last month. The principal celebrant was Fr Gildas Parry O. Praem and the papal nuncio, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, delivered a message from Pope Francis.

The service – all in Welsh, of course – ended with renditions of both the Welsh and Ukrainian national anthems, the latter movingly sung by members of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of London. Joyfulness was much on display, with no less than four choirs in attendance, together with the band of the Welsh guards. The singing carried on in the crypt long after Mass had ended.

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 804 Axe



#### Across

- 6 Angel of the second order (6)
- 7 God of the OT, transliterated from Hebrew consonants (6)
- 9 Pharaonic symbol pertaining to Eternal Life (4)
- 10 Felix's wife, daughter of Herod Agrippa (8)
- 11 Papal legates (7)
- 13 Saint (1787-1852), born Rodez, France (anglicised name) (5)
- 15 Brother of Jesus ... (5)
- 17 ... son of Aaron (7)
- 20 African country, historically the southern part of Cush (8)
- 21 Canaanite city of the Negev, captured by the Israelites (4)

- 23 Icon made by the Hamath people on settling in Samaria (6)
- 24 Minister to King Josiah (6)

#### Down

- 1 Word used in Chinese religion for deity, spirit, heart and mind ... (4)
- 2 ... mystic, occult, from ancient Greek religion (6)
- 3 Hebrew name for the Greek Apollon (7)
- 4 ---- the Great, patron and deliverer of the Jews (5)
- 5 Holy anointing oil; myrrh (6)
- 8 Name shared by saints of Merida and Barcelona (7)
- 12 Members of a group of Eastern Churches in communion with the Pope (7)

- 14 Father of Samuel (7)
- 16 Egyptian god, ruler of the underworld and judge of the dead (6)
- 18 Arkwright's landfall? (6)
- 19 Son of Midian and Keturah ... (5)
- 22 ... son of Dishan the Horite (4)

Please send your answers to: Crossword Competition 7 May

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■ We are processing entries but there may be a delay in notifying winners and sending out prizes. Please keep entering.

### SUDOKU | Hard

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Each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9.

#### Solution to the 16 April puzzle

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#### Solution to the 16 April crossword No. 801

Across: 7 Loyola; 8 Abijah; 9 Anna; 10 The Shema; 11 Satanism; 14 Arne; 15 Apse; 17 Syracuse; 19 Barnabas; 21 Noah; 22 Teresa; 23 Aired.

Down: 1 Joanna; 2 Iona; 3 Matthias; 4 Nave; 5 Mithraic; 6 Layman; 12 Aleander; 13 Mareshah; 16 Prayer; 18 Shaker; 20 Boaz; 21 Nile.

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