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The Chaplain writes

Songs for the Soul

Have you ever - I am sure you have - sat in a restaurant or bar and been subjected to music that is loud enough to be irritating but too quiet to hear? Such music, often entirely inappropriate to its surroundings, is everywhere these days. Many people have some sort of musical accompaniment for almost every minute of the day. But who is listening? Has this sort of music any worth?

A new book, *Songs for the Soul*, written by Canon Ivor Moody, who studied at King's College London and the College of the Resurrection at Mirfield with me, explores the value of some of the classic popular songs of our time. *Sounds of Silence*; *Bridge over Troubled Waters* by Simon and Garfunkel; *Love is All you Need* by the Beatles are classics - "spiritual writers and singers for an age

that had lost religion."

Ivor Moody looks at the Beatles' *Let it Be*: "a song which illustrates the bittersweet paradox between distance and closeness. Paul McCartney recognised immediately the religious connotations of this song. The words speak of a mother's watching presence, a comforter of the broken-hearted people of the world, whose advice is to wait, to trust and to believe that everything will come right in the end."

Ivor Moody opens up the deepest messages of some of our best loved classic songs and lets them become something new in the minds of the reader. Moving from George Herbert to Sting from Nina Simone to St Paul, he finds the hidden treasures and the spiritual nourishment embedded in popular songs and links them to the great themes of scripture and the great spiritual writings of
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Rt Rev'd Geoffrey Rowell. R.I.P.

1943 - 2017

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Bishop Geoffrey on Trinity Sunday, June 11th, 2017.

His Solemn Requiem Mass was held in Chichester Cathedral on July 5th - Fr Andrew and Ann Turner travelled to represent St Boniface. Bishop Geoffrey visited us many times in Antwerp whilst Bishop in Europe and we held him in deep regard.

Many hundreds attended the service and the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, gave the homily.

In his address Dr Williams observed "Geoffrey was a friend for some 45 years – for part of that time, as a fellow member of the House of Bishops of the Church of England. Some of the conversations which I knew were going to be most fertile and challenging were those in

the margins of the House of Bishops with the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe. One such conversation, which I remember vividly, followed on a debate in the House, which might have been about some contemporary controversial issue (such debates do happen from time to time).

I remember Geoffrey's impatience – controlled, but visible: 'We don't know', he said, 'these days how to talk about certain subjects in public without muddle and vulgarity.' He wasn't reflecting embarrassment or prudery, but simply a sense that, in so much of our theological discussion of sensitive matters in ethics and personal life, we didn't really know the key to sing in. Geoffrey, to pursue the metaphor, had natural pitch. Geoffrey's sense of the 'musical' coherence of Christian doctrine and spirituality was one of the things that made him so powerful
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and credible as, not exactly an advocate, but simply a witness to the essentials of Catholic Christianity.”

The complete text can be found on:

<http://europe.anglican.org/downloads/2017-website-news/rowan-williams-sermon-for--gr-requiem.pdf>



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the past.

Perhaps this is a new way into Christian spirituality for you? Or something that might redeem popular music, presenting it in a way that refreshes your jaded ears?

Songs for the Soul is written by Ivor Moody and published by REjoice publications IBNSN 978-3-910265-26-0.

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Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The St Boniface Mother's Union Group continues to thrive and gain new members. We enjoyed a delicious lunch in May which raised over €400 which was shared between the Friends of St Boniface and the MU.

Some of the MU funds will go to providing new resources for the Junior Church who are also continuing to grow (in more ways than one). Recent themes have been on discipleship and Sea Sunday - you may have spotted some of their handiwork in the Church Hall. Please encourage them to tell you what they learned about that week - just don't be surprised if the answer isn't quite what you are expecting! We thank God for the efforts of the adult volunteers, and rejoice in the friendships and fellowship our youngest



members are enjoying.

September 24th marks an important milestone for the MU group as we will be formally commissioned into the Mother's Union family. The diocesan president, Tonie Chandler, will be travelling to Antwerp for the weekend to officially welcome the group. The commissioning service will take place during the 10.30 service and will be followed by a finger buffet. We hope that many of you will be able to join us on this special day.

News from the parish

Happy Birthday to Pat Deckmyn!

In July Pat celebrated a significant milestone in her life. We wished her a very happy birthday and were pleased to welcome her family who came to celebrate with her. (Pat dedicatedly arranges the church flowers week by week for which we're extremely grateful!)

Tombola tickets

Please try to sell the 4 tombola tickets enclosed in this newsletter (in addition to those you may have received). Stubs and money can be returned to the vicarage marked "Tombola".

Children's Church

We are trying to hold children's church every Sunday. Numbers fluctuate but it is fine to hear that children are asking when they can come to church again because they have fun and like learning about Jesus. If you'd like to help speak first to Lucy Hess on a Sunday morning. She'll tell you more about the rota and safeguarding requirements.

Safeguarding

Our diocese takes the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously. This year there will be a training at St Boniface on Saturday September 23rd for all Children's church volunteers, clergy and others, including our churchwardens. If you would like to participate and have not yet enrolled , speak to Tessa James on Sunday morning.

Donation from MTS

If you've looked in the Hall kitchen recently, you'll have seen a brand new oven. This was very kindly donated by the MTS. Thank you to them for such generosity!

News from the parish

Summer fayre

Quiet but enjoyable - would be a good description. Many people worked very hard to provide meals, teas coffee, a tombola stall, plants, bric-a-brac, books, second hand children's clothes, a Mothers Union stall and other games and fun. The event brought in funds in excess of €1675 for the Friends of St Boniface vzw and a big thank you is due to all who came, bought or provided!

Church helpers

At regular intervals we have a cleaning day on a Saturday after the 10:30 service. We want to say "Thank You" to all who come along for a couple of hours and clean the church, the silver, or tend the garden at the front of the church. We rely on volunteers to do this and we're sure you'll agree they do a great job. If you'd like to join this group watch out for the next announcement or ask Fr Andrew.



DATES for your diary

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| Mission to Seafarers BBQ | 18th August, Evening Contact Fr Brian Millson |
| Open Monument Day St Boniface open! | Sunday 10th September 12:00 to 17:00 |
| Safeguarding training at St Boniface | Saturday 23rd September 09:30 to 16:45 |
| Mothers Union affiliation and buffet lunch | Sunday September 24th at 12:30 Price € 6:00 |
| Harvest Festival Grand Tombola Draw + Lunch price €12.50 | Sunday October 1st 10:30 12:30 onwards: Bookings to Sunny, d_jm_1@hotmail.com |
| Archdeaconry synod Drongen | 5th ,6th ,7th October |
| Ecumenical Evensong O.L.V. Cathedral | 29th October at 15:00 Details: E van Groesen |
| Remembrance Service with RBL | Sunday 12th November at 18:30 |
| St Boniface Christmas Fayre | December 2nd from 11:00- 17:00 |
| Service of Carols | December 17th at 18:30 |

Anglican Education in Belgium

Are you the parent of a school-aged child? Did you know that in Belgian state schools you can elect for your child to learn more about the Anglican faith in school?

In Belgian state schools parents can request Anglican Religious Education for their children at the beginning of the new school year. Lessons are provided by trained, approved and supervised teachers in Dutch. Anglican religious education is currently available to all school aged children in state schools in Flanders and Brussels.

For more information see: [*www.anglicaneducation.org*](http://www.anglicaneducation.org)

St Boniface Church Council as of April 23, 2017

Chairman Fr Andrew Wagstaff

Churchwardens, Edward Hiett, Ann Turner (vice-chairman)

VZW Board members

Fr A Wagstaff, Noel Das, John Marshall Doddi, Edward Hiett, George John, Immanuel John (treasurer), Ann Turner

Kerkfabriek

Fr A. Wagstaff, Harry Buyle (secretary), Edward Hiett, Maureen Smith, Ann Turner (chairman), Philip Gray

Safeguarding officer (ex-officio) Philip Grey,
Safeguarding admin, Ann Turner

Archdeaconry Synod electors (2017-20)
Embrecht van Groesen, Lucy-Jane Hess

Ordinary members: Francis Morgan, Sharmini Jacobs (PCC Secretary)

Summer word search

Books of the Bible

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| Acts | Habakkuk | Lamentations | Psalms |
| Amos | Haggai | Leviticus | Revelation |
| Chronicles | Hebrews | Luke | Romans |
| Colossians | Hosea | Malachi | Ruth |
| Corinthians | Isaiah | Mark | Samuel |
| Daniel | James | Matthew | Song of Solomon |
| Deuteronomy | Jeremiah | Micah | Thessalonians |
| Ecclesiastes | Job | Nahum | Timothy |
| Ephesians | Joel | Nehemiah | Titus |
| Esther | John | Numbers | Zechariah |
| Exodus | Jonah | Obadiah | Zephaniah |
| Ezekiel | Joshua | Peter | |
| Ezra | Jude | Philemon | |
| Galatians | Judges | Philippians | |
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