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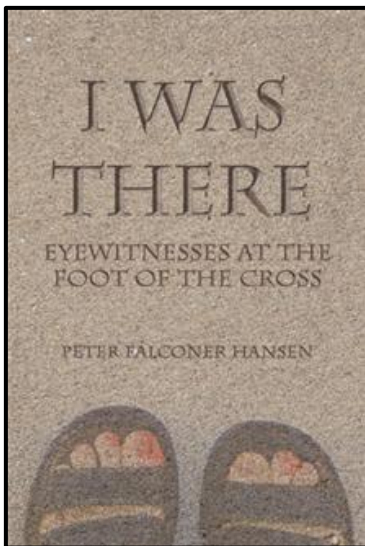


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You May Want This New Book for Good Friday Meditations



I Was There - Eyewitnesses at the Foot of the Cross has just been published. It was written by The Rev. Canon Peter F. Hansen, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of the Western State, and Rector, St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church, Chico.

Canon Hansen says that the book contains “all

my Good Friday meditations for 30+ years, personifying those who were there at Christ's Crucifixion, and imagining what they felt, thought, said, heard and saw.”

From the publisher's description: “What if you had been in Jerusalem the day that Christ was crucified? What would have happened to you in the immediacy of those turbulent hours? Let the eyewitnesses tell you what they saw, what they heard, and how they felt. This fictional account, based upon the events recorded in the Gospels, puts you inside the day that changed the path of human history.”

Available in both softcover and hardcover from Westbow Press.:

<http://bookstore.westbowpress.com/Products/SKU-000606703/I-Was-There.aspx> ✕

Priest and Bishop Serve at Care Home

Bishop Donald Ashman and Father Boyd Britton go once a month to celebrate a hospital communion and homily for members of the Hollenbeck Palms, a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Los Angeles. Bishop Ashman has been conducting services at the retirement home for almost 30 years. ✕



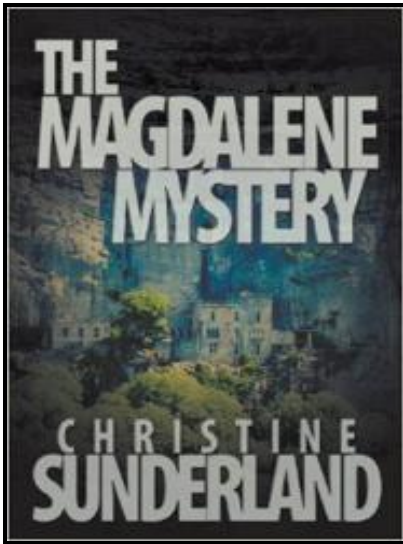
Fr. Britton conducts a service for residents of the Hollenbeck Palms

ACU Adds Online Payment Option

The American Church Union, the publishing house of the APCK, announces the launch of their new website. The new site now includes ordering and payment by credit card through PayPal for domestic and international customers. To visit the web site go to www.AmericanChurchUnion.com and see the latest reviews, recommendations, and current and future publications. ✕



The Magdalene Mystery Wins Awards



If you like the fiction of G. K. Chesterton (think *Father Brown* or *The Man Who Was Thursday*), you will enjoy Christine Sunderland's award-winning *The Magdalene Mystery*.

Sunderland's latest novel is fiction in a contemporary setting, but it continues the tradition of Christian apologetic fiction evident in the writings of the Inklings (Tolkien, Lewis, Williams). Sunderland's novel, however, does not share the fantasy settings of most of the Inklings' works. Set realistically in the present world, it is certainly a mystery, but it is also a romance, a spiritual work, a journey of self-discovery, and simply a great read.

A review by Susan Prudhomme that gives a preview of the story is now online at CatholicFiction.net:

<http://catholicfiction.net/book-review/the-magdalene-mystery/>

Arguably Sunderland's best work to date, *The Magdalene Mystery* has won numerous awards:

- First Place, Adult Fiction, in the Feathered Quill Books Awards Program for books published in 2013
- Second Place in the Mystery category, for books published in 2013, awarded by Readerviews
- Honorable Mention in the 2013 New England Book Festival
- Honorable Mention in the 2013 London Book Festival

The Magdalene Mystery is available in both softcover and e-book formats from online and local bookstores. Visit www.ChristineSunderland.com for more information. The publisher, OakTara, offers parishes 40% discounts: www.oaktara.com or contact Christine at Chris@ChristineSunderland.com. Christine attends St. Peters, Oakland, and serves as Managing Editor of the American Church Union. ✠

Lent and Sacrifice

By Monty C. Stanford, Editor

Ash Wednesday was a few days ago and my Rector encouraged his parishioners to engage in a Lenten discipline. I am older and that is still not a traditional term for me – “discipline.” I was brought up in the church of Lenten “sacrifice” and the years have left an indelible impression of that term on my thinking. And in thinking about our (to me) young Rector's use of this term, I began to think about our Provincial clergy in general. While many of us may think of personal sacrifice only in Lent, I am struck by the tremendous sacrifice that our clergy, deacons and priests, make in their service to the church, to us, throughout the year.

Most of the Province clergy have full-time secular jobs or are retired from secular jobs. When they could spend their weekend enjoying some leisure time, they spend it preparing and conducting worship services, visiting the sick and elderly, teaching Bible study, and doing other clerical tasks. They often do these things during the week as well as on weekends. And many of them drive hundreds of miles to serve in one or more parishes. We also have not a few clergy who continue their service into their seventies, eighties, and, yes, even their nineties.

I am tremendously thankful for the sacrifice of these humble and caring men and I feel blessed to know almost all of them personally. I pray for them regularly throughout the year. But it seems to me to be especially appropriate to remember their sacrifice during Lent. Perhaps, as part of your Lenten “discipline” you could give your clergy some special thanks for their discipline and sacrifice. And pray that more of our men, young and retired, are called to the service of the Church. ✠



Provincial Artist Works in Linen

Lynn Smith is an artist who makes fine sacramental linens including fine church linens, altar cloths, purificators, baptism towels, communion veils and more. Her artistic needlework is not her first career work. When she came to the United States in 1993 she worked as a professional paint artist. But then she attended a concert and met an Anglican priest named Jeffrey Smith. After a whirlwind courtship, they were married in Sedona, AZ, in 1998 there and she made a fair linen as wedding gift to the church. "Other clergy saw it and asked me to make one for their churches and it just sort of snowballed from there," Lynn said.



She continued, "I made enough money in the first year only to pay for the machine but I persevered and I am now #1 in Google for an altar linens search (after the paid advertisements). I even make the linens for the Episcopal Church in the town where the linens firm C.M. Almy is located, Greenwich, CT."



Lynn was born and reared in the great cathedral city of Durham in Northeast England and studied needlework as part of her regular schooling. However, she credits her paternal grandmother, who was a couture seamstress, as her real teacher. She has been making altar linens since 1998 and works exclusively in 100% linen. She is, in effect, a manufacturer of linens for liturgical worship who sells directly to her customers, usually through the internet (www.altarlinens.com), both domestically and internationally. Customers range from Georgia to Alaska and from South Carolina to California. Internationally AltarLinens.com has customers in Japan, Nigeria, and even Saudi Arabia (a Roman Catholic home church). She recently acquired a new account: the US Air Force Academy.

Lynn and her husband, Fr. Smith, now live in Redding, California, where he is the Rector of St Luke's Church. How does she feel about her work? "I find myself truly blessed that I have such a wonderful job. I enjoy going to work each day and I am always trying to improve my skills. It is wonderful to have a job where you can make people very happy." ✠

Seminary Announces 2014 Summer Session

Our Province's seminary, St Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological College, will again offer its two-week summer session from July 14 to July 25. Fr. Paul Russell is currently working on the curriculum. There will be particular studies in the areas of Old Testament, New Testament, Anglican Church history, Liturgics, Pastoral Ministry, and Homiletics.

We hope all postulants will be able to attend for at least one week and preferably both. Deacons will also benefit greatly, and any priests who would like to attend are also welcome. ✠



Anglican Heritage Press Established

St Mark's Traditional Anglican Church of Victoria, British Columbia, has established The Anglican Heritage Press to provide various types of books faithful to our Anglican tradition including devotional, theological, and educational works, as well as religious fiction.

The first book to be released is *The Anglican Patrimony: The Canterbury Inheritance and the Nature of Traditional Anglicanism*. This was originally printed for the members of the parish, based upon lectures at St. Bede's Theological College, now revised and enlarged. It gives a thorough "grounding" in what our traditional and "continuing" churches are all about. For Lent there are two devotional books which are being released, *Joy and Peace in Believing*, and *Forty Days and Forty Nights*. Coming books will include *The Apostle Paul* and *Dear Ben* (for beginning university students). A mystery novel, *Death Knell*, is soon to be released. A series about a small-town vicar, "theological novels," will be ready a bit later.

Forthcoming books will include a commentary on the works of Bishop Jeremy Taylor, the great 17th century writer on the Christian life, and on highlights from the writings of Archbishop Cranmer.

A website will come later, with access to *Pay Pal*. Further information can be obtained by writing to the Editor, The Rev. Canon Stanley R. Sinclair, Anglican Heritage Press, 502-1157 Fairfield Road, Victoria, British Columbia, V8V 3A9, CANADA. Telephone 250-384-3268 during daytime hours. A good way of contacting is via e-mail: sonjastan1@shaw.ca ✕



A Fair Linen by Lynn Smith

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Report from St. Simeon Skete and Nazareth House Apostolate

Greetings,

Let me give you a quick update on Life at Nazareth House Apostolate. We continue to work towards expanding the school in Sierra Leone. 300 students packed into 4 tiny rooms is not as conducive to learning as we would like. We are doing quite well considering and the students are definitely learning. This is because of the great discipline of the teachers and students; however, we must build new classrooms to serve the expanding enrollment properly. We are praying for provision to make this a reality and ask you to join us in this venture.

We have provided the means for all students to have uniforms and the seamstresses are finishing up the last batch currently. Thank you for making this goal an accomplished reality.

The Lenten Season is upon us. But, at St. Simeon Skete, every Friday regardless of the Season of the Year, we say the Stations of the Cross. We use several different meditations.

There are many out there that are really good

Thanks again everyone and please keep spreading the word about Nazareth House Apostolate and St. Simeon Skete

Being absorbed into His mercy,
Vicki Hicks



Nazareth House Apostolate