

Cantique de Jean Francine by Fauré (translation)

Word of God, one with the Most High,
in Whom alone we have our hope,
Eternal Day of heaven and earth,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!

O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts

One for your diary!

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In Memory of Archdeacon Frank Lowe

d. 14th August 2014



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At St Paul's we were rather apprehensive about the new incumbent. Was the Melbourne Diocese merely placing a disgruntled vicar with nowhere else to go? Would he be tired and just waiting for his retirement?

My family and I were away on holidays when Frank was inducted at St Paul's, so our first meeting was several weeks later. We were warmly greeted and welcomed at the door by Frank. As we introduced ourselves he suggested, that with a name like Cecelia, our daughter should be singing in the choir. We responded that she would love to but it was boys only. Oh, all that has changed he said and thus began a very happy twelve years for Cecelia singing in the choir - the first girl chorister.

Far from being tired, Frank approached his new appointment with great enthusiasm. He became very well known around Canterbury as he rode his bike to local appointments and for exercise. More young families started coming to church and the Sunday School flourished. During his incumbency there were several tragic deaths in the church community and his care and support was greatly valued. Frank had been involved in setting up a grief counselling service following the Granville train disaster. He also wrote a monthly newsletter which was delivered to all the parishioners.

He was very well supported in his ministry by his wife Gill, who was the old style vicar's wife – president of the MU, sharing recipes in the monthly newsletter and cooking for the church fete. A great joy to both of them was Katie, the surprise baby born when Gill was well over forty.

Frank's tragic car accident and resulting brain damage cut short a wonderful ministry here and left a grieving parish. The raised garden at the south end of the car park was created in his memory by a grateful parish.

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