

SALISBURY CATENIANS NEWSLETTER

January 2025



Province 11 Circle 266
Founded 14th March 1972
Current membership 27

Circle Website: www.salisburycatenians.org



Happy New to one and all

Circle Officers Vacancies 2025

Two key posts are Vice President & Dinning Officer. Whilst both need to be filled, short term we have a number of Past Presidents who can stand in when required, the post of Dinning Officer however, urgently needs to be filled. Even if you don't feel able to take on either of these posts but wish to take on a more active role in the running of the Circle do come forward. Many posts have been held by the same individuals for many years and they would be content to pass them on.

Christmas Party



What's on in January 2025

Pub Lunch; No Pub Lunch this January

Tuesday 14th Council mtg; Zoom 7.00pm.

Thursday 23rd Circle Meeting; Ladies Invited, Registration from 11:45. Meeting starts at 12:00 & Lunch at 1.00pm.

Anniversaries

Enrolments:

Adrian Holloway 44yrs
Joe Falzon 22yrs
Tony Peters-Ennis 6yrs

Birthdays:

Charles Sultana de Maria

Ladies Birthdays:

Oltea Williams
Julie Holloway

Wedding Anniversaries:

Kevin & Heidi Lynn

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Brothers are reminded that photographs may be taken at our Circle functions for inclusion in the Newsletter and our website unless an objection has been notified. Please advise any of your visitors accordingly.

Circle Officers

President	Steve Carrivick	Vice President	Kevin Lynn
Imm. Past President	Michael Presley	Provincial Councillor	Joe Falzon
Secretary	Albert Rhodes	Treasurer	Allan Trowbridge
Presidents Marshall	Eric Williams	Registrar	David Gillen
Welfare	John Detain	Charities	Phil Jones
Dining Secretary	David Morehead	Benevolence Board Chairman	David Morehead
Newsletter & Website	Richard Verrian	Chamberlain	David Morehead
Press & Publicity	Eamon Duffin		

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Poets Corner

By Brother Eric

Ex Silentio

A lone fox stands still in the wide emptied road,
lit by the streetlamp. Its lifted head sniffs the cold
stir of air, saunters into the concealing shadow,
beyond the blazoned glare of the shop window's
bleak allure, its helpless pledge of festive joy.

The cathedral bell is silenced for the night.
The ancient gates shut tight against the light
hold its dead treasures safe in the close
gathering of what has been, composed,
the absent present in the darkness of the void;

the darkness that seizes everything, grasps
people and places, pulls them into its past,
pivots the spinning world; the darkness we
all come from to wait for time's return, re-
leased and received, within the empty space,
the empty silence where we hope for what
we cannot see or hear, on the edge of thought,
the margin of the 'via negativa' that leads us
to the great absence in our lives, in blind trust
hearkening on a deserted road, tapping for grace.

24 November 2020, Salisbury

Mass at St Osmund's, Christmas morning

It was there again yesterday
flickered up the aisle
passed over my shoulder
as I bowed in greeting
today I search this screen
hoping to see it pulsing
in an arc a cursor picked
out to open meaning
as it signalled to us
Christmas morning
describing a parabola
in silent rhapsody
above the chanting baby
over the searching homily
then arrowed determination
as it returned in straight aim
at the altar to alight on the
draped cover of the chalice
to come to rest as we have come
cupped in trusting alignment
wings shut like closed palms
pointing upwards in prayer.

27 December 2021

*Perhaps attracted by the light and warmth of the candle flames
on a mild morning, during the 11 am Mass a large peacock
butterfly emerged from the church tower to fly around the nave
as the Homily began, up towards the rafters, then circling the
nave till it flew in a straight line up the aisle to settle on the
covered chalice on the altar till the Offertory when it was taken
back to the sacristy. It felt like a small miracle. When I
mentioned it afterwards, people said, "Oh yes that often
happens."*