

Some Oblate News

We were grateful to Fr. Stephen Horton OSB for leading our annual Paschaltide Retreat. The theme was "Art and Meditation". Some of us attempted some sketching while others preferred to just meditate! We look forward to continuing the theme next year with Fr Stephen and Isabel Glover, an oblate of Ealing Abbey, who is an experienced teacher of meditation.



New Oblates

It was a real joy to welcome Frances Clare Bailess, Lesley Lucy Goldsmith, Maud Felicity Matley and Vincent Basil Matley as Oblates. We have come to know all our new Oblates over the years and each one brings a special gift. Our little Oblate Community is truly an extension of the monastic family, living the Rule of St Benedict in a unique way.



In October, Christine Michael and I were invited to join part of the Oblate Retreat at Ealing Abbey. It was a blessing for us to share our Benedictine life and to meet another Oblate Community. Whilst in London Christine Michael and I were able to attend the Chaldean Catholic Mass celebrated by Fr Habib; we then went on to share a meal with a local Syrian community. We always feel very welcomed by these vibrant yet suffering Christians of the Middle East. Recently our Oblate Lesley Lucy, her friend Sarah Titchener and the Parish raised a large sum at St Lucy's Fayre here at the Abbey for a community of Catholic Coptic nuns near Alexandria.

Sr. Benedict