

VIOLET ALEXANDER R.I.P.



Violet in Germany – May 2005

It was with great sadness that I learnt of the death of Violet Alexander. It was also a real shock as the Sunday before she died we had long chat about a variety of things including the forthcoming Caribbean Evening. Vi was travelling out of London but said she would try to get back in time to come to the event. Sadly by the next Saturday, Vi was dead. I can't remember the first time I met Violet Alexander. I vaguely remember her joining Holy Cross Choir. I got to know her better on the various parish visits, to Germany, to Oxford, to Cambridge.....

As a former nurse perhaps Vi reminded me a little of my mother. I remember the last time that I went to a concert with her that she really did remind me of my mother as she sang along to all the songs sung by the soloist and the choir - I have to admit that this wasn't necessarily in a good way! However I was only slightly irritated – you couldn't really stay annoyed with Vi for very long!

Violet was very kind to me, even though I knew through various conversations – usually on the way to one of Beth Morris' concerts – that money was sometimes very tight for her. Vi was an inveterate traveller and she would often bring me back a gift from her travels. I especially treasure the anointing oil that she brought me back from Jerusalem. I also have two lots of holy water from Lourdes given to me by Vi. I was hoping to persuade her to come with me to South West France possibly next year and we had spoken of perhaps visiting Lourdes together when we were there.

I will really miss Vi. We used often to go together to Beth Morris' concerts at the Stanmore Choral Society and she often came to my Ealing Choral Society concerts. Vi loved music and singing and now she can sing in a much grander choir than the one at Holy Cross.

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