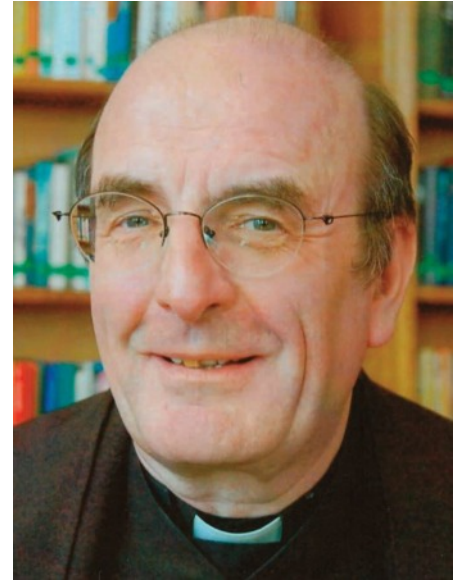


FR BERNARD GREEN

1953-2013

FR BERNARD was born Edward Green in Liverpool in 1953. He was an intellectually gifted boy, going on from St Edward's College, run by the Christian Brothers, to Oriel College, Oxford where he read History. He got to know Ampleforth and some of the younger monks through contact with St Benet's Hall, and spent a year resident in the Hall when Fr James Forbes was beginning to open the Hall to lay students.



In 1974 he came to Ampleforth as a postulant, being clothed in the habit in January 1975. His first book, a short history of the English Benedictine Congregation, dates from this period. Abbot Ambrose's policy was for young monks to study here in the monastery for some years under Fr David Morland and Fr Placid Spearritt, and then to complete their formal theological education in a variety of different universities. Bernard was sent to Cambridge where he was perhaps the last young monk to live with Fr Adrian Morey at Downside's house of studies, Benet House.

Returning to Ampleforth, Bernard was ordained deacon, and then priest in 1981. He went to Lourdes often, becoming Director of the Ampleforth Pilgrimage in 1987 and a Titulaire Member of the *Hospitalité de Notre Dame de Lourdes* four years later. Subsequently he was asked to put together the published history of the Ampleforth pilgrimage. He taught history and Religious Studies in the school, was a Housemaster and ran the debating society until 1995. He subsequently returned to Oxford and took up a new career as an academic, publishing books on the Soteriology of St Leo the Great and Christianity in Ancient Rome. He died suddenly of a heart attack in Oxford on 22 March 2013.

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