

23 September 2012 Trinity 16

Nosy Parker?

As those responsible for the choice of the next Archbishop of Canterbury continue the process of identifying a successor to Rowan Williams my thoughts turn to another closely guarded secret, the Parker Library, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. It is a treasure house of over 600 rare and unique manuscripts, particularly medieval texts, the majority of which were bequeathed to the College by Archbishop Matthew Parker. The library houses a significant proportion of all extant Anglo-Saxon manuscripts including the earliest copy of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle (c. 890), the Old English Bede, and King Alfred's translation of Pastoral Care. The collection also includes key Middle English texts, such as the Ancrene Wisse, the Brut Chronicle and Geoffrey Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde. Other items include medieval illuminated manuscripts, travelogues and maps, apocalypses, bestiaries, one of the oldest pieces of extant written music, and the thirteenth century Chronica Majora by Matthew Paris. The jewel in the crown of this collection is the St Augustine Gospels, believed to have been brought to England by the Augustinian mission, sent by Pope Gregory I to convert the people of Britain in AD 598. The Gospels



are still used in the enthronement of the Archbishops of Canterbury today and are transported to and from Canterbury for this occasion by the Master and college representatives. The library is a very special place for Anglicans, not only because we regard St Augustine's mission as the founding of the Church in England, but also because Matthew Parker, who salvaged many of the books from the libraries of dissolved monasteries, was one of the architects of the Elizabethan Settlement and the reformed Church of England. Archbishop of Canterbury from 1559–1575, he was an influential theologian and arguably the co-founder (with Thomas Cranmer and Richard Hooker) of a distinctive tradition of Anglican theological thought. A moderate Calvinist, Parker was one of the primary architects of the Thirty-Nine Articles, the defining statements of Anglican doctrine.

He held a high view of Episcopacy and his consecration at Lambeth Palace on 19th December 1559 continued the unbroken succession of bishops going back to the apostles. His desire to demonstrate the evidence of an ancient English-speaking church independent of Rome was the motivation for his collection of manuscripts from Anglo-Saxon England. As a conscientious Archbishop he became notorious for inquiring into the activities of the clergy. This, and his impressively prominent nose, is the origin of the phrase 'nosy Parker'. The

Library is open to the public on certain days, notably during the annual Open Cambridge event, and by private tour. This is an Anglican heritage worth looking into.

Fr Stephen Young.



REMINDER: PCC MEETING

The PCC Meets on Monday evening, 24th September 2012, at 7pm.

THE LONDON CENTRE FOR SPIRITUALITY

The London Centre for Spirituality (in The Church of St Edmund the King, Lombard Street, LONDON EC3V 9EA) has just published its programme of open events for this autumn and spring 2013. These include:

The Spirituality of Jesus

Saturday 13th October 2012 11am – 4pm
Paul Stevens. £40

“Musiking the Mystery”

Saturday 19th October 2012 11am – 4pm
June Boyce-Tillman. £40

Celtic Advent: Celebrate Advent

through music, poetry and stories
Saturday 1st December 2012 11am – 4pm
June Boyce-Tillman & Kenneth Boyd Browne
£40

“If Music be the Food of God’s Love”

Wednesday 5th December 2012 6.30 – 8.30pm
Lyndon van der Pump. £25

Spirituality through the eyes of poet Denise Levertov and artist Bill Viola

Saturday 9th March 2013 11am – 4pm
Anne Long. £40

The Centre also offers some longer courses and trainings in Christian Spirituality and Prayer: full details can be found online at www.spiritualitycentre.org – and you can book a place on any of the above courses by email: bookings@spiritualitycentre.org or by phone: 020 7621 1391

VOLUNTEERING



Basic Caring Communities is a project by which a group of volunteers motivated by their Christian faith form a

supportive community with a released prisoner who has determined that he wants to turn his life around and stay out of prison. Currently, three out of five released prisoners are back in prison within two years, and all the odds seem to be stacked against them – particularly if they have no social networks apart from those which got them into trouble in the first place.

At the moment, BaCC is based on Wandsworth and Brixton prisons, but there are plans to set it up in Pentonville too, and need to recruit a cohort of volunteers based in north London. Visit www.prisonadvice.org.uk/bacc for more information.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

You may care to know that memorial services are being held for:

Angharad Reese

on Thursday, 27th of September at 11:00;

The Marquess of Londonderry

on Wednesday, 3rd of October at 12:00;

Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge,

on Thursday, 1st of November at 11:30

TODAY, 23 September 2012

The 16th Sunday after Trinity

09:00 Family Mass

11:00 Solemn Eucharist

Preacher: Fr Stephen Young, Sr. Curate

Music by Rheinberger and Parry

THIS WEEK

Low Mass is said daily at 18:00

and on Saturday at noon.

The **Wednesday Evening Service** is at 18:45, followed by light refreshments.

NEXT SUNDAY, 30 September 2012

The 17th Sunday after Trinity

09:00 Family Mass

11:00 Solemn Eucharist

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle, Vicar

Music by Mozart, Taverner and Palestrina



Masses & Psalm Responses

this week

Monday 24 September – Our Lady of Walsingham Mass at 1800; Propers of Our Lady EH pp. 585 & 671; White; The Holy Spirit will come upon you

Tuesday 25 September – Lancelot Andrewes, bishop and spiritual writer Mass at 1800; EH p. 403; White; I will bless you, O God, as long as I live

Wednesday 26 September – Ember Day Mass at 1845; DEL Week 25 (year 2); Green; Your word, O Lord, is a lantern unto my feet

Thursday 27 September – Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists Mass at 1800; EH p.407; White; Your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing spring up for deliverance

Friday 28 September – Ember Day Mass at 1800; DEL Week 25 (year 2) p. 664 Green; Blessed be the Lord my rock, my stronghold and my deliverer

Saturday 29 September – St Michael and All Angels; Ember Day Mass at noon; EH p. 411; White; Give your angels charge over us, O God, to keep us in all our ways

Sunday 30 September – 17th Sunday after Trinity Masses at 0900 & 1100; Proper 21B (related readings); Green

In our prayers

- Our Bishop, Richard
- Our church and neighbourhood
- Our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- Those suffering famine in Africa
- The Middle East, especially the people of Syria, and for Christian minorities.
- Those on active service overseas
- The British and European economies

Among the sick and those in need, we pray for:

Kelsey Brockbank; Deirdre Powe;
Sal Allen; Peter Adcock; Peter Brook;
Michael Cook; Robin Higgs; Willy Humbert;
Kenneth James; John King; Daphne Nugent;
Nancy Seligman; Jean Steers; Richard
Thornton;
Katherine Davis; John Willmington.

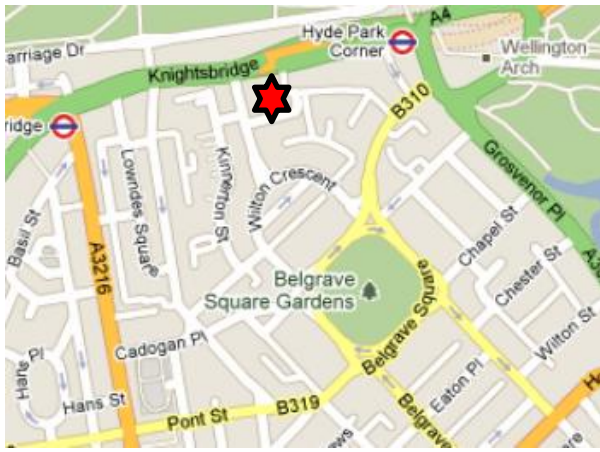
Among the recently departed:

Kate Arger; Richard Cook; Angharad Rees;
Alastair Vane-Tempest-Stewart; Colin
Marshall. Walter Prescott

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

William Haite	25 September
Joyce Eileen Magee	25 September
Hisako Bartle	25 September
Doris Palmer	29 September
Peter Edwards	29 September

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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, seven days a week; however, as a general rule, Fr Alan is unavailable on Fridays and Fr Stephen is unavailable on Tuesdays.

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