



ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE

24 February 2013: The Second Sunday of Lent

Tensing up

Keith Chen at the Yale School of Management, is an 'edgy' thinker. He likes, as an economist, to work 'in the gaps' between different disciplines such as economics, biology and psychology and the fun, for him, is in making connections between them! In one early piece of work he studied the impact of imprisonment, trying to assess what prisoners would have looked if they'd been imprisoned more (or less) harshly. He has worked on monkeys, showing that when it comes to economic choices, many of our behavioural hallmarks are evolutionarily ancient. And now, Professor Chen has studied the impact the language we use has on our attitude to future events. Sound odd? Read on!

Different languages treat time differently – at least in terms of verbs and syntax. "If I wanted to explain to an English-speaking colleague why I can't attend a meeting later today, I could not say 'I go to a seminar', English grammar would oblige me to say 'I will go, am going, or have to go to a seminar'. "If, on the other hand, I were speaking Mandarin, it would be quite natural for me to omit any marker of future time and say 'I go listen

seminar' since the context leaves little room for misunderstanding," says Prof Chen. This difference in the way present and future are spoken of seems – Chen claims – to influence the way we come fundamentally to think about the future – and in economic terms explains (to take just one example) why British people are less likely to connect the 'now' and the 'then' and to save for their retirement than are their Chinese peers. So speaking English can make you poor in your old age! If it sounds a bit speculative, his paper is actually quite convincing.

I'd love to build on Professor Chen's research! Christians, of course, speak *every* language under the sun, from Abysinian to Zulu – and so in (Chen's) theory their attitude to future events *should* be statistically varied depending simply on whether their native language is a strong future-time reference languages (strong FTR) or weak FTR. But of course deeply embedded in Christianity is a philosophical engagement with the concept of time which sets huge store on '*what will be*'. As St Paul's wrote, '*we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*' In theory at least, Christians live with an eye always on what *will be* in what we might call 'God's future': we yearn for what will be, groaning in eager anticipation of what will be revealed (again to use Pauline language) and set at naught present struggle and suffering. This should – I'd guess – skew the outcomes of Professor Chen's research, whether you're a Mandarin-speaking or an English-speaking Christian! I'd certainly be prepared to go to Yale to try to argue the toss (any excuse for a holiday in Boston!).

Frivolity apart, the question of how intentional we are in our attitude to the future is an important spiritual question. If pressure of life and world-weariness (quite apart from syntax) has you stuck in the here and now, Lent is a good season to raise your eyes – and to look anew at life, in the perspective of eternity.

Fr Alan Gyle



PARISH NOTICES

MUSIC & PREACHERS

February 24 : The Second Sunday of Lent

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns & Lenten Reflection – Fr Alan Gyle

11:00 Solemn High Mass & Sermon

Messe cum jubilo - Durufle; Beati mortui - Mendelssohn; Lassus - Adoramus

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

March 3 : The Third Sunday of Lent

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns & Lenten Reflection – Fr Alan Gyle

11:00 Solemn High Mass & Sermon

Mass in Eb – Janacek; Lassus, O Herr - Mendelssohn
O for a closer walk – Stanford

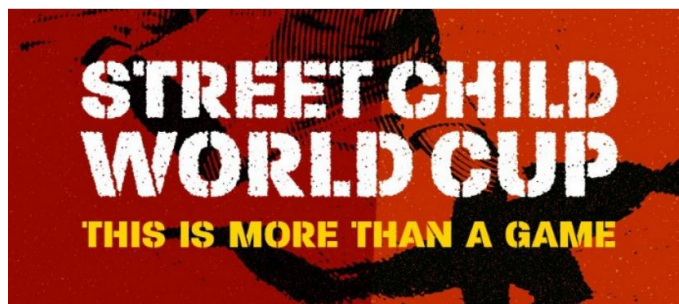
Preacher: Fr Andrew Sloane

PARISH LUNCH

Once a month we sit down and eat together on a Sunday after the 11 o'clock mass. Next Sunday (3rd March) is the March Parish lunch and all are warmly invited to come to the hall. There is a modest charge (£8 for food and a glass of wine) for this great opportunity to meet parishioners new and old. The mechanism for coming? Simply write your name in the Blue Book on the shelf at the back of church or ring the Parish Office to let us know (020 7201 9999). Please consider coming along!

THIS WEEK

In addition to the regular daily services for Lent:
Monday 25th February at 13:00: A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Michael Watson.
Friday 1st March at 11:30: A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Justin Lewelyn.



The diocesan Lent Appeal 2013 is for the Amos Trust and the Street Child World Cup.

Amos has been working for many years with a partner organisation in Durban, South Africa to assist street children in the city and to challenge the brutal way they were often treated.

This Lent Appeal provides an opportunity to show that we believe that millions of street children, should have a future free from fear, neglect and abuse.

Your contributions will raise the financial support needed to let these children's voices be heard.

LENT AT ST PAUL'S a season for centring

During the forty days of Lent we centre ourselves and place God at the centre of our lives. To this end a number of resources and opportunities are available:

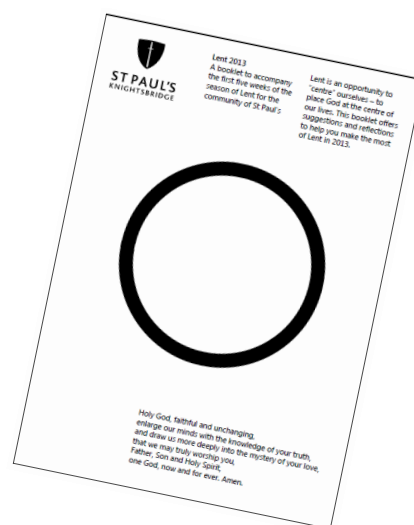
Saturday morning reflections on 2, 9 & 16 March

From 10am till 11:45am (followed by mass at noon) – in which Fr Alan explores the remaining Lenten themes in preparation for the Sunday masses: Dehydration, Prodigality and Perfume

The Sunday Masses on 3, 10 & 17 March: with (at 09:00am) a series of Lenten Reflections for adults and children on the Lenten Themes (led by Fr Alan), and (at 11:00am) sermons by Fr Andrew Sloane, Fr Alan Gyle and Fr Nick Mercer

Reflections & Daily Devotions (available in the Lent Booklet or online at our dedicated Lenten microsite)

Reading a **Lent Book** from the Book Stall in church



PLEASE VISIT

www.lentstpauls.weebly.com



Masses & Psalm Responses

There is a mass daily at St Paul's and all are welcome to attend. Service papers are available outside the Chapel or Chancel.

Diagram illustrating the structure of a service paper entry:

- Date and observance:** Tuesday 5 February – feria
- Colour of vestments:** ● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;
- Response to the psalm:** I will proclaim your name among the people
- Page where the lections are to be found:** (indicated by an arrow pointing to the right)

Sunday 24 February – 2nd Sunday of Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 25 February – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 104 (year 1);

Righteousness is on your side, O Lord.

Tuesday 26 February – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 105 (year 1);

I will show my salvation to those who keep my way.

Wednesday 27 February – George Herbert

○ Mass at 18:45; EH p. 78;

The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Thursday 28 February – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 108 (year 1);

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

Friday 1 March – David, bishop

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 81;

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, says the Lord.

Saturday 2 March – Chad, bishop

○ Mass at noon; EH p. 83;

Great is the might of the Lord.

Sunday 3 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

In our daily prayers

We pray daily for:

- The keeping of a good Lent
- Our Bishop, Richard
- Our church and neighbourhood
- Our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- Peace, especially for the Middle East, the people of Syria, and for Christian minorities.
- Those on active service overseas

We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury and for the unity and health of the Anglican Communion

(the daily cycle of prayer for the Anglican Communion is to be found at:

www.anglicancommunion.org/acp)

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

Roland Brunner; Brian Fuller; Matthew; Rosemary Powell; Tim Dally; Ruth Stevens; Annelise Bowser; Alyson Coney; Kelsey Brockbank; Sal Allen; Peter Adcock; Peter Brook; Michael Cook; Kenneth James; John King; Daphne Nugent; Jean Steers; Katherine Davis; John Willmington.

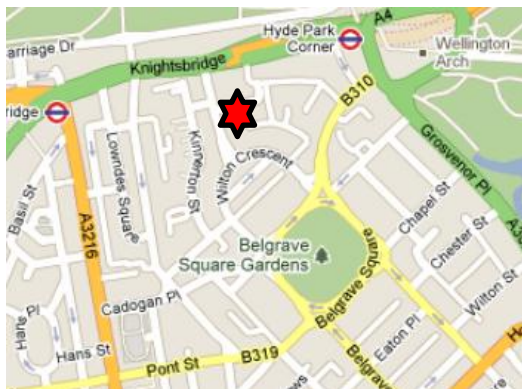
Among the recently departed:

Richard Thornton; Mark Humbert; Gerlinde Brunner; Michael Watson; Justin Llewellyn

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Hector Dowd	23 February
David Pilton	26 February
Charles Ashton James	28 February
David Woolley	1 March

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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 Mondays and Fr Andrew Sloane on Fridays.

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