



28 JULY 2013: TRINITY 9

LIKE AS THE HART

It was when an irascible parishioner exploded down the phone on Tuesday of this week, “well Father Alan and Father Andrew can just get stuffed then...” that I realised something was wrong! Not with her, precisely (although it takes levels of rudeness – even by her standards – to new heights!), and certainly not with the long-suffering member of office staff who received the telephonic blast (well done – you know who you are). No, something is wrong with the temperature! It has been a week of people being scratchy, angry and argumentative – and it has, I think, *everything* to do with this weather! We complain all winter about the cold, wet and darkness – and then when we finally get what we’ve apparently been longing for, we can’t cope. People aren’t sleeping. Our buildings aren’t equipped with air conditioning to cope. And we lack the continental nous which sees the pace of life slow and stop for cool siestas in the heat of the day. And so tempers are quick to surface. So, advice: if you find yourself locked in unexpected conflict with someone who has irritated you – or whom you have irritated – it *may* just be the heat. Cool off. Apologise. Make up. Move on.



One of my favourite psalms is Psalm 42. It speaks of the the longing of the dear ‘panting’ in the heat of the day as an image of the desire for God: “Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God...”. Herbert Howells set the words in the most sublime anthem.

If, in the heat, our bodies crave water (and ice cream), what our hearts and souls crave is that deep peace and calm amidst-noise that alone flows from communion with God. There is no substitute, and nothing else will slake our metaphorical thirst. God alone. The psalmist understood that craving and made the connection.

By curious – and convenient – coincidence, Psalm 42 was set for Morning Prayer on Saturday morning. Helpfully, the new psalter includes a short prayer to be said after each psalm. Before you bawl someone out on the phone, perhaps you could make it your prayer for hot and trying times:

Come, creator Spirit, source of life; sustain us when our hearts are heavy and our wells have run dry, for you are the Father’s gift, with him who is our living water, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr Alan Gyle

LAST CHORAL SERVICE – AND FAREWELLS

Today we say farewell – temporarily – to the choir and organists before their summer break, and we will also say farewell to Christian Wilson (Assistant Director of Music) who has been appointed to the same role at The Tower of London - and to Helen Swift who is retiring as one of our two regular sopranos. After the 11:00 mass we will say a sad farewell.

On the Sundays of August there will be a cantor mass at 11:00.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY – NOTE THE DATE NOW!!

On **Thursday 12th September** we will hold our annual Garden Party in the Vicarage Garden, from 6.30pm till 9.30pm. The Garden Party is a great occasion on which to welcome in neighbours and guests from the parish and further afield – and we hope that you will use it as a chance to expend hospitality to any who might enjoy an encounter with the life of St Paul's Knightsbridge. Drinks, music, food and some stalls – and all in the best company! Please note the date now.



MINI-SERIES OLD AND NEW

This past Wednesday saw the final session in our five week series on St Benedict. Many thanks to all who attended so faithfully, who helped with our offering of hospitality and who contributed in the lively and edifying discussions. Father Andrew is going to use this mini-series format as a basis for a programme of five four-to-five week mini-series to run on Wednesday evenings on and off, between September 2013 and May 2014. Thus, Wednesdays evenings will continue to provide us all with the golden opportunity for transformative discipleship through Word and Sacrament, fellowship and study. Watch out for more details over the summer. Wednesday evenings will be just one part of a new, comprehensive and methodical approach to Christian formation for adults here at St Paul's. *Fr Andrew Sloane.*

News: BEYOND SUNDAYS

The Diocese of London has released new research assessing for the first time the impact of churches' voluntary and community activities in the Diocese of London. The analysis finds that activities, staff and volunteer time amount to an estimated total contribution of £33 million annually across London, even without taking into account that churches also supply their own buildings and spaces to host 89% of projects. In the Diocese of London, there are 1,000 community projects with 10,000 volunteers that benefit an estimated 200,000 Londoners annually. In addition, churches raise

£17million per year in order to carry out these initiatives. The Church of England, once described by William Temple as "the only organisation exists for the sake of its non-members", a long-standing tradition of providing welfare and working to bring about change in society. A recent report by the thinktank ResPublica found that 79% of Anglican churchgoers regularly volunteer.



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The 'Beyond Sundays' report provides a glimpse of the many individual ways in which churches in London are already working with their communities to put into practice Capital Vision 2020, the Diocese of London's strategic plan for serving London by committing to be more 'confident, compassionate and creative'.

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

O almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws and in the works of thy commandments, that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray daily for:

- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- those on active service overseas, especially Robin Lindsay and the men he commands in Afghanistan
- the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, 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 bereaved, the sick and those in any kind of need:

Maggie Millbourn; Stephen Humbert; Robert Trory; June Poland; John Soderquist; Christiane Dupont Nangle; Tessa Murphy; Annelise Bowser; Kelsey Brockbank; Sal Allen; Peter Brook; Michael Cook; John King; Daphne Nugent; Jean Steers; Katherine Davis; John Willmington; Andrew Westwood; Alexandra Holesh; John Millbourn.

We pray for the bereaved, and all the faithful departed, among them especially:

Peter Adcock; Katherine Flowers Gerke; Kenneth James; Barbara Eaton.

and those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Patrick Allen	27 July
Ian Davies	28 July
Selwyn Powell	28 July
Keith Turbayne	28 July
Ted Sheehan	1 August
Farah Russell	1 August
Glenn Brown	3 August

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 page. A box contains the following text:

Tuesday 5 February – feria
● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;
I will proclaim your name among the people

Labels with arrows pointing to the box:

- Date and observance
- Colour of vestments
- Response to the psalm
- Page where the lections are to be found

Sunday 28 July – 9th Sunday after Trinity

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 29 July – Mary, Martha & Lazarus

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 240;
I love to do your will, O my God.

Tuesday 30 July – William Wilberforce

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 243;
Stand in awe of the Lord,
O offspring of Israel.

Wednesday 31 July – feria

- Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 528 (year 1);
Exalt the Lord our God:
for holy is his name.

Thursday 1 August – feria

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 531 (year 1);
*How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!*

Friday 2 August – feria

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 533 (year 1);
Sing merrily to God our strength.

Saturday 3 August – feria

- Mass at noon; DEL p. 536 (year 1);
Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Sunday 4 August – 10 Sunday after Trinity

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

Anyone who is interested in or who may have any questions about being baptized and/or confirmed in the coming months is asked to please contact Fr. Andrew Sloane (AndrewSloane@spkb.org - or by phone: **0207201 9999**) at your earliest convenience so we can organize some appropriate and enjoyable preparation!

Many thanks.

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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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