

The Third Week of Advent  
14 - 20 December 2014  
**RISK-TAKING**

**ON THIS DAY: 14<sup>th</sup> December 1911** – Roald Amundsen's team, comprising himself, Olav Bjaaland, Helmer Hanssen, Sverre Hassel, and Oscar Wisting, becomes the first to reach the South Pole.

No, you're right, it isn't a photograph of Roald Amundsen and his team! The Union flag is a give-away. Amundsen was Norwegian – and it was his team that vanquished Scott's team in the race to the South Pole. This is a picture of the losers.

On 13<sup>th</sup> December in these daily reflections for Advent (available from the church) we thought about Sir Francis Drake.

Scott's link with Drake is interesting: both were based in Plymouth (Scott's home town) and both were naval men. Both were adventurers and both travelled extensively by sea to the world's farthest flung corners. If it was Amundsen who is known as the first to traverse the Northwest Passage (1903–06), Scott was just as much an adventurer – and just as much a hero. Indeed he was *the* iconic British hero, a status maintained without serious question for more than 50 years after his death and reflected by the many permanent memorials erected across the nation. In the closing decades of the 20th century, the legend was reassessed as attention focused on the causes of the disaster that ended his and his comrades' lives. From a

previously unassailable position, Scott became a figure of controversy, with questions raised about his competence and character. Commentators in the 21st century have on the whole regarded Scott more positively, emphasising his personal bravery and stoicism while acknowledging his errors and, more recently, errors by his team members, but ascribing his expedition's fate primarily to misfortune.



To be an explorer and an adventurer is to embrace risk. It is, above all, to risk losing. Perhaps it is to embark in the spirit articulated by Tennyson: *'Tis better to have loved and lost*

*than never to have loved at all.*

As a human being I'm pretty risk-averse. I don't always think this is my best attribute. I wonder whether I could – creatively – risk a bit more: confront my fears and contain my instinct for self-preservation and perhaps challenge or stretch or reach a little more?

Such an experiment could risk ridicule; but it would be a good Advent experiment.

**Fr Alan Gyle**

**THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

**THIS SUNDAY'S REFLECTION IS ONE OF TWENTY FIVE REFLECTIONS FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT FOR HOME USE— AVAILABLE IN A BOOKLET FORM WITH AN ADVENT CANDLE FOR £10.**



### BOOKS FOR ADVENT



*New books are now available in the book stand at the entrance to the church for your Advent enjoyment and enrichment.*

## THE COMING WEEK

**SILENT MEDITATION** Aidan Hawkes and Fr Andrew Sloane invite you to join the group, which in December meets only once a week on **Tuesday at 08:00**

**THIS WEEK**

### DAILY MASSES

Throughout the month of December – in order to accommodate the many charity events taking place in the church – **there will be a single daily mass at noon, Monday to Saturday.** This arrangement will continue up to and including Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, New year's Day. Thereafter things will immediately return to normal. Thank you for your support of the December pattern – and for your attendance on weekdays.

**THIS WEEK**

**PLEASE NOTE: TO ACCOMMODATE A BBC LIVE BROADCAST FROM ST PAUL'S, MASS THIS WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER WILL BE AT 09:00**

## NEWS

**OFFICE STAFF** Dimitrios Dalageorgos, who has been our part-time administrator in the Parish Office, has now left. We wish him well as he looks for full-time employment and extend our thanks for his friendship and the fun and energy he brought to the role.

**MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES** Do you speak Portuguese? Are you involved with the life and work of a school in any capacity? Do you have a love for or interest in Africa? If so Bishop Michael or Fr. Andrew Sloane would like to hear from you soon please. Can you see to what exciting opportunity this heading?!

## CHURCH SERVICES

### ADVENT 3

**TODAY**

At **09:00** Fr Nick Mercer preaches at 09:00 and 11:00. Every Sunday at 09:00 there is a 'Godly Play' activity for children – and afterwards refreshments for all. At **11:00** the celebrant is Fr Alan Gyle.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES



*A spectacular photograph of the Macmillan Cancer Care Carol Service on Thursday evening of last week. During this month, St Paul's helps to raise almost £1M for charity in partnership with national Charities.*

**THIS WEEK**

**THE PARISH CAROL SERVICE – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

– 19:00, (free event followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

**CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 17:00**

**MIDNIGHT MASS OF CHRISTMAS – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 23:00**

**MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY – 25<sup>th</sup> December at 09:00 and 11:00**

# IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

## THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT 3 :

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO AT THY FIRST COMING DIDST SEND THY MESSENGER TO PREPARE THY WAY BEFORE THEE: GRANT THAT THE MINISTERS AND STEWARDS OF THY MYSTERIES MAY LIKEWISE SO PREPARE AND MAKE READY THY WAY BY TURNING THE HEARTS OF THE DISOBEDIENT TO THE WISDOM OF THE JUST, THAT AT THY SECOND COMING TO JUDGE THE WORLD WE MAY BE FOUND AN ACCEPTABLE PEOPLE IN THY SIGHT; WHO LIVEST AND REIGNEST WITH THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

## POST COMMUNION

WE GIVE THEE THANKS, O LORD, FOR THESE THY HEAVENLY GIFTS; KINDLE IN US THE FIRE OF THY SPIRIT THAT WHEN OUR SAVIOUR, CHRIST, SHALL COME AGAIN WE MAY SHINE AS LIGHTS BEFORE HIS FACE; WHO LIVETH AND REIGNETH NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

## 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.



## THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

### Sunday 14 – Advent 3

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### Monday 15 – feria

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 42;

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul**

### Tuesday 16 – feria

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 44;

**Taste and see that the Lord is good**

### Wednesday 17 – feria; *O Sapientia*

● **Mass at 09:00**; DEL p. 52 ;

**Righteousness and peace shall flourish**

### Thursday 18 – feria

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 54;

**Righteousness and peace shall flourish**

### Friday 19 – feria

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 55;

**Deliver me, O Lord, and set me free**

### Saturday 20 – feria

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 57;

**The Lord of hosts is the king of glory**

### We pray daily for:

- The keeping of a good Advent
- Peace in the Middle East, an easing of tension between warring groups and the eradication of religious fundamentalism.
- The renewal of the Church.
- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- those on active service overseas
- the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and for the unity and health of the Anglican Communion
- our sisters and brothers of the Roman Catholic Church and for Pope Francis I, and for the Eastern Orthodox churches and Bartholomew the Ecumenical Patriarch.

### Among the sick and those in need:

Maggie Milbourn; Tim Touhey; Catherine Anne Lally; Fr.Richard Martin; Eric Maidment; Rosemary Powell; Ian McDonald; Ian Frazer; Elizabeth Gordon; Fr.Lane Davenport; Carole Taylor; Sara Carroll-Parker; Peter Brook; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Penri Morgan; Jean Marc Lehut.

### The departed:

Betty Jackaman

### Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Francis Leith Boyd	13 December
Hannah Coke	13 December
William King	13 December
Maud King	14 December
Jimmy Newton	15 December
Eric Day	15 December
James Elstub	20 December



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## Honorary Assistant Clergy



(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood; Fr Graham Palmer; Bishop Michael Colclough  
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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