



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

19 October 2014: **Trinity 18**

NATURE OR NURTURE?

Though the distinction was first made by Shakespeare, it was Francis Galton, the Victorian writer, who posed the question in its modern form: is it nature or nurture that makes us who we are? I wonder...

What were the formative influences in your life? Perhaps you take the view that it is our genetics, our DNA, and not our experiences that make us into the people we become? Most, I suspect acknowledge that the binary distinction in the question is an oversimplification – and that what nature makes is gently (and sometimes not so gently) shaped by what we experience in relationships and by the cultural forces around us.

A delightful discovery this week has been the **BBC Genome Project** – an online listing of what, literally, was 'in the ether' from 1923 to 2009. The project makes available online in a very searchable format all the listings from Radio Times – and so with the click of the mouse you can find out what was being broadcast on television and radio when you were born and while you were growing up.

On the 27th June 1965 (a propitious day, dear reader) I see that my father probably listened to "Chapel in the Valley", a 'compilation of sacred songs and old favourites from the hymn book introduced by Sandy Macpherson' on his car radio as drove to the maternity ward to meet his son – or perhaps, switching to the Light

Programme from the Home Service (it was another world!), he listened to 'Ronnie Aldridge playing his own jazz arrangement for two pianos with the strings of the New Radio Orchestra.' That's what calmed him; and scrolling down from the mid 60s into the 70s, I can see mentioned programmes on both television and radio which I'd long forgotten – but which were 'in the background' of my growing up, subliminally shaping my mind and informing my thinking from my earliest days. Have a look! It is a fascinating trip down memory lane.



Broadcast media may have a lot to answer for in making us who we are, but there's more. Christians take a particular view on the nature-nurture debate. What is the most formative influence in shaping your growing up? Well, your

baptism, of course – which is a way of saying that growing up and being formed is not *just* about DNA and background noise, but has to do both with the quiet shaping of our lives by God's grace and by the intentional working out in our life choices and commitments of our baptismal promises.

Today we pray for Florence, first child of Richard and Lucia Cawdron, who is baptized at the High Mass.

What we she become? As we witness today's sacrament, and recall our own baptism, let us pray that a large part of the answer to this riddle of life flows, for her and for us, from this central action of the church.



Fr Alan Gyle

FORMATION & LEARNING

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW: A SEVEN WEEK SERIES



Our 7 week series with Fr. Andrew Sloane continues on Wednesday evenings, "**Discovering St. Matthew's Gospel**". Mass at 6:45pm, followed by bible study. All welcome (and though you will gain more from coming along to all the sessions, you are welcome to dip in and out from week to week as your availability makes it possible). More details in the Christian Formation Programme.

THIS WEEK

SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER

20 MINUTES TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE: SILENT MEDITATION. Aidan Hawkes

THIS WEEK

invites you to join the group, which meets twice a week (you need only come once!) on **Tuesday at 08:00** and then again on **Thursday at 17:30**.

PLEASE PRAY for the members of our congregation on silent retreat this weekend at Malling Abbey – and for Fr Andrew Norwood who is leading them

PRAYER BRANCH By coming together on a regular (monthly) basis as members of St. Paul's we aim to deepen our prayer lives, knowledge of the bible, and overall understanding of our Faith. Through creating a sense of peace and quietness away from our normal pressures we are able to feel at ease with each other and discuss and share thoughts on biblical passages and the complexities of trying in a meaningful way to live the Christian life, with time too for silence and reflection. Finally as members of the congregation we meet as a committed

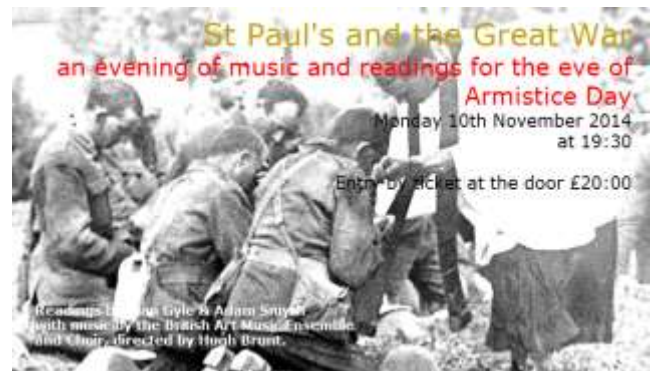
nucleus for specific and general intercessory prayers. For details please contact Caroline Docker: 020 7384 1165 or Cecily Worrall on 020 7352 7844.

The next meeting of the Prayer Branch will be on **Tuesday October 21st at 7.00pm**, with coffee from 6.30pm.

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

THE AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE takes place on the 1st November in the Church Hall. Anyone willing may bring contributions, bricabrac, books, etc. either to the church on a Sunday, or to the Hall on the evening of Friday the 31st of October. There will be a preview sale for the parishioners, doors open at 18:30 Friday 31st of October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



REMEMBRANCETIDE EVENING: During the war years, the Vicar of St Paul's Knightsbridge kept a journal and wrote in the parish magazine. Fr Alan Gyle and Ben Fleetwood Smyth have assembled the story of **St Paul's and the Great War**, and invite you to 'save the date' for an evening of music and remembrance on **Monday 10th November 2014**. Music will be provided by the British Art Music Series Ensemble and Choir. Admission will be by £20 donation at the door. Please join us for a unique evening that promises to be memorable!

>THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS REQUIEM

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church upon which we invite you to note the names of all those departed friends and family members you would like us to pray for All Souls Day at the Solemn Requiem: **18:00 on Sunday 2nd November**.

>MUSIC DINNER: please note the date for the hugely popular Music Dinner at The Berkeley Hotel – **Monday 2nd February 2015**.

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 18

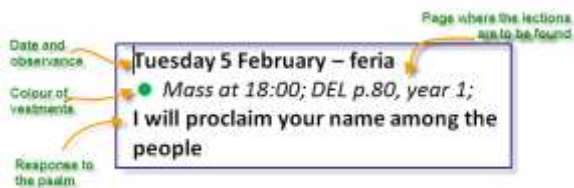
Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us thy gift of faith that, forsaking that which is behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of thy commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION FOR TRINITY 18

We give thee praise and thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive thee, here the memory of thy passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here we are given a pledge of the glory to come, when we shall feast at that table where thou reignest with all thy saints 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.



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 19 October – Trinity 18

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 20 October – feria

(DEL week 29)

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 718 (year 2);

Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth.

Tuesday 21 October – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 721 (year 2);

The Lord was gracious to his land; and restored the fortunes of Jacob.

Wednesday 22 October – feria

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 723 (year 2);

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth.

Thursday 23 October – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 725 (year 2);

Rejoice in the Lord, O your righteous.

Friday 24 October – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 728 (year 2);

The earth is the Lord's, and all who dwell therein.

Saturday 25 October – feria

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 730 (year 2);

I was glad then they said to me: Let us go to the house of the Lord.

We pray daily for:

- 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:

Dick Martin (priest); Maureen Gyle; Eric Maidment; Rosemary Powell; Ian McDonald; Ian Frazer; Clifford Browne; Christopher Browne; Paule and Bernard Bedford; Jessica Macdonald Johnston; Elizabeth Gordon; Clariette Wilmot; Lane Davenport; Janet Sturdy; John Soderquist; Carole Taylor; Sara Carroll-Parker; Maggie Millbourn; John Millbourn; Christiane Dupont Nangle; Peter Brook; Michael Cooke; John King; Daphne Nugent; John Willmington; Alexandra Holesh; Penri Morgan; Malcolm Walsh; Jean Marc Lehut; baby Harry (Fitzgerald).

The departed:

Ian Steers; Alex Wood; Norman Webb; Lucienne Phillips; John Andrew (priest).

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Mac Showers	19 October
Kay Bonham-Carter	20 October
Robert Dean	21 October
Emily Rose Welsh	22 October
Valerie Middleton	24 October
Nadine Killearn	24 October
Esme MacDonald	25 October
Sarah Hoexter	25 October

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(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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