



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

20 July 2014: **Trinity 5**

Unintended consequence

The loss of 295 souls in the crash of Malaysian airliner MH17 has sent shockwaves around the world. We feel horror at the senseless waste of life and scenes of death and carnage amidst summer flowers; we feel compassion for those directly affected by loss standing weeping at airports; we recognise a shudder of fear that life at 33,000 ft is more fragile than we'd imagined it might be; and we sense a wave of anger at the reckless stupidity of some gung-ho paramilitary whose obsession with his cause and his thrill at having the ultimate boy's toy to play with led him to push a firing button without any sense of the chain of destruction and the ripples of misery he was unleashing.



One touch. One moment of madness. Waves of hurt. Ripples around the world.

A recent rewarding read has been 'The Butterfly Defect' by Ian Goldin and Mike Mariathan. Its title uses the powerful image of Edward Lorenz's so-called 'Butterfly effect' (in which small changes in one place lead to major differences in another) as a model for considering globalisation, interconnectedness and risk. As 21st century city-dwellers we take for granted the benefits of a turbo-charged globalised economy (strawberries in December, flights around the world from a global air hub, the transfer of wealth and knowledge from one side of the world to the other in a moment), without entirely grasping that the benefits come hand-in-hand with concomitant risk – and

even when we *do* notice risk in supply-chain, risk of pandemic, risk of ecology and climate change, economics and politics, we fail to grasp its thoroughgoing systemic nature or our failure to manage it imaginatively and to mitigate it energetically.

"The world is becoming more evil," said a friend this afternoon. It is easy to think so faced with intra-regional disputes such as Ukraine, Crimea and now MH17, the outrage of Gaza, the ongoing massacres of Syria, fundamentalism, trade-wars and sanctions. "Not more evil," I said, "but more interconnected."

For me this is no counsel of despair – but it is an invitation to do two things. The first involves taking an interest in complexity. Sticking one's head in the sand and imagining that what we see on the news has "nothing to do with me" is simply naïve in the modern world. John Donne's axiom 'No man is an island' has never been more true. If we are to be fully alive, we must be fully aware of our connectedness – looking outward, noticing, engaging.

The second has to do with our taking responsibility, for the small things we do which may seem insignificant to us but which may have all sorts of unintended consequences.

Life in a global village is like walking on eggshells. We need to do so with the greatest of care. And prayer. And godly wisdom.

Fr. Alan Gyle

PARISH NOTICES

SUMMER READING

Please have a look at the Bookstand at the back of church which has been replenished for stimulating summer reading.

TUESDAY MORNING: SILENT MEDITATION

Because of travels and absences during the coming summer months, the group will take a break from now until September when it will re-launch.

"BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MINDS." (Romans 12:2)



What would you like to learn about? What areas of the Faith would you like to explore? We are currently planning the opportunities we

shall offer here for Christian formation for adults during the next Academic Year, 2014-15. Please do let Fr. Andrew Sloane have your ideas, comments, requests, recommendations, and reviews for any aspect of how we grow in the Faith: topics, schedules, formats, special events etc. Please let Fr. Andrew have your ideas within the next month and **on or before Sunday 20 July** by mail, email or conversation.

PARISH TEA DANCE

Please keep the afternoon on the 27th September free for the parish Tea Dance. Ladies get your dance cards ready, and gentlemen start practising your moves!



More details to follow, but if you are a confident dancer and knowledgeable enough to instruct some of the younger members of the congregation, please get in touch with the parish office (or iagogriffith@hotmail.com).

AWARENESS AND TRANSFORMATION



As part of our emerging thinking about Mission (about which more after the summer), the Vicar, Fr Alan, is very keen to find some likeminded souls to explore affiliation to

CITIZENS UK involvement with two organisations: **London Citizens** (www.citizensuk.org) and **Amnesty International** (www.amnesty.org.uk/). Both organisations are committed to deep societal change and to leveraging the involvement of ordinary people in achieving that task. If that strikes a chord with you, please email him: alan@spkb.org

SUPPORT SHEEHAN!



Paul Sheehan in our choir is about to lose his hair. And the beard. On the 22nd July he is to be shorn in a sponsored event to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Paul writes: "Macmillan offer invaluable support to those fighting cancer and their nurses perform an amazing job. I am doing this in memory of my mum

and in support of my other half and all my friends who have also lost loved ones to this arbitrary assailant, for Willie and the wonderful friends I have lost and for those I know currently battling this disease – especially Susan."

You can find Paul's webpage at: www.shaveorstyle.org.uk/shavers/paul-sheehan

SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST – ADVANCED WARNING

A reminder that the Prudential RideLondon cycle event will be making travel in central London tricky on the 10th. Not impossible – but tricky! Please allow more time and check out www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR TRINITY 5

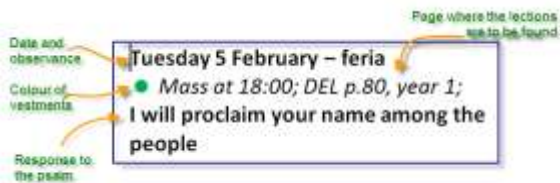
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve thee in holiness and truth, to the glory of thy name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION FOR TRINITY 5

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 20 July – Trinity 5

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 21 July – FERIA

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p.505 (year 2);

Let us offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving

Tuesday 22 July – The Feast of Mary Magdalen

- Mass at 18:00 Mass at 18:00 EH p. 231;

I come seeking my God, the one whom my soul truly loves.

Wednesday 23 July – feria

- Mass at 18:45; DEL p.511 (year 2);

O God make speed to save me

Thursday 24 July – feria

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p.514 (year 2);

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens.

Friday 25 July – the Feast of St James the Apostle

- Mass at 18:00 EH p. 235;

The Lord has done great things, indeed, whereof we rejoice and sing.

Saturday 26 July – Anne & Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Mass at noon EH p. 238;

Sing aloud to God, O daughter Zion.

Sunday 27 July – Trinity 6

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

We pray daily for:

- The renewal of the Church.
- All who are to be confirmed and baptised.
- 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:

Clifford Browne; Christopher Browne; 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 Cook; John King; Daphne Nugent; John Willmington; Alexandra Holesh; Penri Morgan; Malcolm Walsh; Jean Marc Lehut.

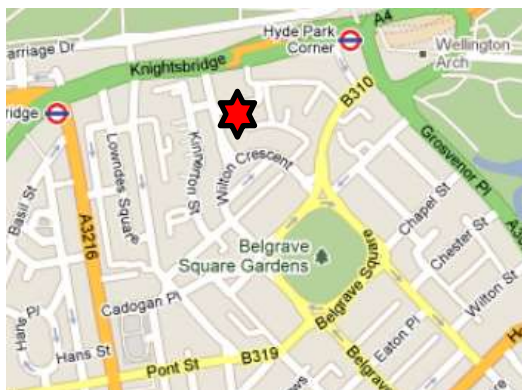
Our departed loved ones:

Gordon Gray; Ronald Ind.

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Roseleen Conlon	21 July
Walter Hussey	25 July
Leslie Truman	24 July
Gail Clymer	25 July
Patrick Allen	27 July

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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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