



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

27 July 2014: **Trinity 6**

Colour blindness

Change happens slowly. When, on Wednesday (30th July), the Church of England commemorates William Wilberforce, the social reformer and abolitionist, it will do so in conjunction with two other names, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson. They've only just been added to the Calendar.

You have probably heard Wilberforce's name, and you probably know his story. Born in 1759, he underwent a conversion experience in his mid-twenties, became an Evangelical Christian and devoted his life to the transformation of society as a politician and philanthropist. He headed the parliamentary campaign against the British slave trade for twenty-six years until the passage of the Slave Trade Act of 1807 and though he made numerous contributions to the improvement of British society, it is for this anti-slavery work that he is most often remembered. Most of us grew up at school, learning about the appalling trade in human cargo – and most of us associated it with William Wilberforce.

Thomas Clarkson is almost as well-known. While at Cambridge in 1785, Clarkson entered a Latin essay competition that was to set him on the course for most of the remainder of his life. The topic of the essay was *Anne liceat invitos in servitutum dare* (Is it lawful to enslave the unconsenting?) and it led him to consider the question of the slave trade. Appalled and challenged by what he discovered, Clarkson left Cambridge, became a notable co-worker with the leading Abolitionists, a speaker and a writer – and he too could proudly claim close

association with the passage of the Slave Trade Act in 1807.

And Olaudah Equiano? His is a fascinating – but, for the most part, unknown story. An almost exact contemporary of the other two, he was enslaved, as a child, in his village of Essaka in what is now southern Nigeria, and shipped to the West Indies, being sold in Virginia. With his master, an officer in the Royal Navy, he eventually moved to England, where he purchased his freedom. His autobiography, *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano*, depicted the horrors of slavery and its influence was felt in the powerful debate that fed into the passing of the Act in 1807. His name has never quite achieved the notability of the other two, and has only just made it into the Calendar of the Church of England.



Our 'colour-blindness' is a weakness that is to our impoverishment. As a church we have been good at noticing the contributions of those who are white, middle- or upper-class, male and problem-solving – less quick to notice and celebrate the place and real contribution of others and the plight of those we readily forget. It feels easier to pray about abolition than to pray about the agony of slavery, to celebrate white victors over evil rather than black victims of it. We are not alone in this, of course, but at our mass at 18:45 on Wednesday evening, it will be good to have the chance not just to celebrate the 19th century victory over slavery, but to note *our* tendency to turn a blind eye to injustice and evil closer to home. **Fr. Alan Gyle**

PARISH NOTICES

SOME THANK YOUS...

Though the calendar year runs from January to December, and the liturgical year from Advent to Christ the King, many of us still – instinctively – think in university or school ‘terms’. By that reckoning, this is the last Sunday before the long vacation... and from next Sunday we enter our period of ‘simpler’ liturgy, a few weeks to allow servers, clergy and musicians to have a well-earned break. I’d like, therefore, to take this opportunity to thank all those whose efforts have made the last 47 or so Sundays such a success. The apparently effortless action on a Sunday depends upon the commitment and generosity of so many individuals and teams – servers, musicians, readers, intercessors, flower ladies, office staff, preachers, celebrants, deacons, churchwardens, their deputies and sidesmen, welcomers, greeters, coffee-makers and wine-servers... Thank you all. It is a tremendous team effort – and as Vicar I’m proud to be the leader of such a great team! **FR ALAN GYLE**

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.

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 and 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**



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YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT SHEEHAN!

Paul Sheehan in our choir was shorn on the 22nd July in a sponsored event to raise money for



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.” Though the deed is now done, it is not too late to support Paul and this worthy charity. 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 6

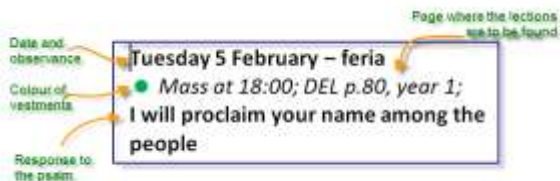
O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward thee that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION FOR TRINITY 6

O God of our pilgrimage,
who hast led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of 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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 27 July – Trinity 6

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 28 July – FERIA

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p.523 (year 2);
Arise O God and judge the earth.

Tuesday 29 July – Martha, Mary and Lazarus

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

Wednesday 30 July – William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson

- Mass at 18:45; EH p. 243;
O God make speed to save me

Thursday 31 July – Ignatius Loyola

- Mass at 18:00 EH p. 494, Common of Religious;
Look upon God and be radiant.

Friday 1 August – FERIA

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p.535 (year 2);
To you, O Lord, I make my prayer.

Saturday 2 August – FERIA

- Mass at 12:00 DEL p.537 (year 2);
To you, O Lord, I make my prayer.

Sunday 3 August – Trinity 7

- 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.

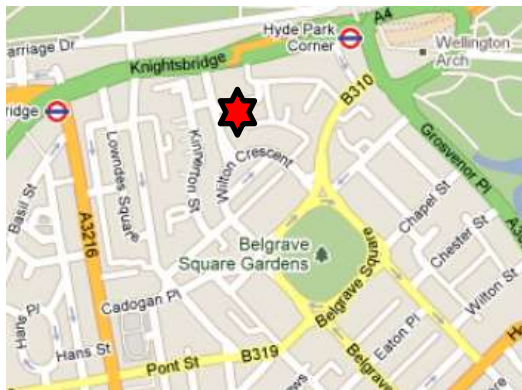
Our departed loved ones:

Gordon Gray; Ronald Ind.

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Ian Davies	28 July
Selwyn Powell	28 July
Keith Turbayne	28 July
David Jordan	29 July
Peter Adcock	21 July
Celia Ball	31 July
Ted Sheehan	1 August
Farah Russell	1 August
Glenn Brown	3 August

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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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