

## The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

17<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### WHO AM I?

Who am I?

I am a mystery. I wake up in the morning. I find myself the sole occupant of a complex, sensitive, and extremely useful body.

I am also the proud owner of an intricate, imaginative and highly resourceful brain.

Everything about me is unique:

Face – fingerprints – 'self'.

I am alive: I develop: I grow. So does a vegetable... but I am more than a vegetable. Vegetables don't fall in love, or read the paper, or go on holiday...

I am a body with a brain: an animal. But I am more than an animal... Animals don't peer through telescopes, or send birthday cards, or play chess, or cook.

The chemist tells me I am composed mostly of water, and contain quantities of carbon, calcium and salt.

The biologist classifies me a 'homo sapiens' - a sub-species of the hominids – filed among the primates...

The astronomer tells me I am a speck on the face of a medium-sized planet spinning round a middle-aged star. That star is one of 1000 million, million, million stars in a universe 17, 000 million years old.

Who am I? Am I really a coincidence, adrift in a cosmic accident, meaning nothing, going nowhere? Surely I have a dimension that animals and vegetables lack? After all a carrot is oblivious to the size of Jupiter! A cow cares nothing for the speed of light...

I am in a different class.

I observe and appreciate.

I create and choose.

I am aware.

I criticize.

Sometimes I even criticise myself.

I am different. I am 'mankind'...

Mankind? The Bible says I am Godkind: I am like God; That I exist in something of the way that God exists; that I am aware in something of the way the God is aware.

And though I cannot prove it, the idea that I am made in

the image of God makes more sense than all the other views put together.

Indeed it helps me to put the other views together, and see them, and myself, as a whole.

I am a person, created by God. Unique in the whole universe and in the whole of history: and I know it.



## WELCOME

You will find in the pews, in addition to the yellow envelopes, blue and gold "Visitor Cards". We invite visitors who would like to keep in touch with us, to complete one of these and to hand it to one of the clergy.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May the study group meets for a home Eucharist and to explore Mission Abroad **IN THE VICARAGE AT 18:45** Members who may wish to learn more about our emerging mission link with All Saints Nahmavila in Mozambique are encouraged to attend.

## PENTECOST '+ ONE' LUNCH

You are warmly invited to lunch in the Vicarage and Vicarage Garden next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, at 12:45 after the Solemn Eucharist. Requirement for entry is *only* that you bring with you a guest, a visitor to St Paul's who is not a regular! Please sign your name in the Blue Book at the back of church or email [felicity@spkb.org](mailto:felicity@spkb.org) to confirm your invitation.

## VISIT TO CHICHESTER

Fr Andrew Sloane has received deposits from 21 people who have completed the invoice form/ sent deposits. There are still some uncertain names on the sign-up sheet. If you think you have signed up but have NOT completed such a form or sent a deposit please email Fr. Andrew at [andrewsloane@spkb.org](mailto:andrewsloane@spkb.org) as soon as possible.

## CIARA HENDRICK



We are pleased to welcome Ciara Hendrick to the ranks of the choir, in succession to Marie Degodet. Ciara studied at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, with piano as a second study, graduating with distinction

and a finalist of the Gold Medal. In 2007 she joined the opera studio of L'Opéra National du Rhin (Les Jennes Voix du Rhin) and was a member of the ENO Opera Works

programme. During her time in France, Ciara honed her dramatic skills, working intensively with actors and directors including Yves Lenoir, Lionel Parlier and Matthew Jocelyn. She took the lead role of Lazuli in Chabrier's L'Étoile in the programme's major production and the roles of Hermia, Cherubino, Rosina and Charlotte in scenes and was fortunate to work with Francoise Pollet, Felice Venanzoni, Alessandro Misciasci and Antoine Palloc.

Upon returning to England, Ciara joined the Glyndebourne Chorus in 2008 and was invited to participate in the Jerwood Young Artist Programme the following year, creating the role of Margarida in Julian Philips' The Yellow Sofa in the 2009 festival. Recent engagements include the title role in Handel's Susanna for the Early Opera Company with Christian Curnyn (Iford Arts), Frasquinella, La Perichole at Garsington with Jeremy Sams, Dorinda, Il Pastor Fido with La Nuova Musica at the London Handel Festival, Hansel for Iford Festival Opera and Phoebe in Yeomen of the Guard for Buxton, directed by Jeff Clarke. Specialising in early and contemporary works, roles include Irene (Theodora, Handel) at St Martin in the Fields, David (Saul, Handel) at St James, Piccadilly, Annio (La Clemenza di Tito, Mozart); Popova (The Bear, Walton) directed by Stuart Barker. A regular soloist at St Martin in the Fields, Ciara's oratorio engagements include Handel's Messiah and Dixit Dominus, Vivaldi's Gloria, Bach's Magnificat and Christmas Oratorio, Monteverdi's Vespers, the St John's Passion at the Royal Hospital Chelsea and Beethoven's 9th Symphony at St John's Smith Square.

## BBC SINGERS

### LIVE FROM ST PAUL'S

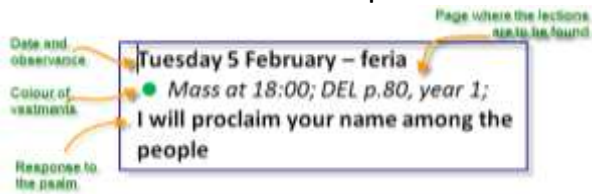
Tickets are still available online from the BBC Singers website to enable you to form part

of the audience for a live broadcast from St Paul's Knightsbridge on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May: Live from St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. Presented by Sara Mohr-Pietsch, the programme is one of modern sacred choral music - from Britten to the brand new. BBC Singers with James McVinnie (organ) & Nicholas Kok (conductor)



## 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.



### COLLECT FOR THE EASTER 7

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Spirit to comfort us and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, giver of love and power, whose Son Jesus Christ hath sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: so confirm us in this mission that our lives may show forth the good news which we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

### Sunday 17 May – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### Monday 18 May – feria of Ascensiointide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 238

***Sing to God, sing praises to his name.***

### Tuesday 19 May – St Dunstan

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 150

***Behold God's faithful and wise servant***

### Wednesday 20 May – Alcuin

○ Mass in the Vicarage at 18:45; EH p. 153;

***To you, O God, I lift up my eyes***

### Thursday 21 May – feria of Ascensiointide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 242

***Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge***

### Friday 22 May – feria of Ascensiointide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 244

***Bless the Lord, O my soul***

### Saturday 23 May – feria of Ascensiointide

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 245;

***The upright shall behold the face of the Lord.***

### Sunday 24 May – The Feast of Pentecost

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### We pray daily for:

- The people of Nepal in the wake of the natural disaster there
- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street and its Rector Designate
- our emerging mission link with All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- 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:

Michael Pate; Ian Powe; Bernard Gordon-Lennox; Jane Elstub; Heidi Hoell; Sal Allen; John Roberts; Marjorie Isabel Wilcox; Piers Leonard; Mary Sykes-Wright; Ronald Bartle; Clariette Wilmot; Kooky Fallah; Maggie Milbourn; Tim Touhey; Catherine Anne Lally; Fr. Richard Martin; 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; Steven Davis; Margaret Beatrice Cocking; Heather;

### We pray for all the recently departed,

John Hollamby;

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

Cecilia Lawson	17 May
Eileen Goode	18 May
Sally Windham	20 May
Averill Sloane	21 May
Eric Hamilton, bishop	21 May
Gerard Doyle	22 May
Dudley Middleton	23 May
Herbert Robinson	24 May

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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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