

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
18th January 2015

FIXED POINTS

“St Paul’s Church?” “Yes please. It’s next to the Berkeley.” “Ah, yes!”... All things are relative. In another more pious age, men might¹ have jumped into a hansom cab and said to the driver: “The Berkeley, please, it’s next to St Paul’s Knightsbridge!” But times change. Our focus on what (and who) is considered central shifts from age to age.

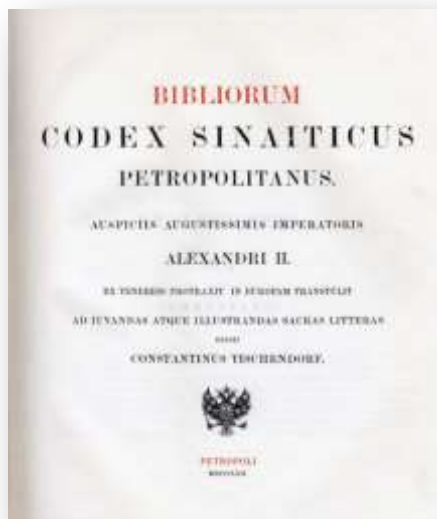
Born exactly two hundred years ago today, the name and reputation of Constantin von Tischendorf dwarfed those of most of his contemporaries in the mid-19th century, among whom were Robert Schumann (with whom he corresponded) and Felix Mendelssohn (who dedicated a song to him); nowadays he is scarcely known but to a few, whereas those then less-well-known musicians have achieved worldwide fame. Tischendorf was a biblical scholar, and one from that agreeable age gentlemanly generalism in which scholars of *all* disciplines thought it absolutely essential to speak to *other* scholars, across the boundaries of subject or specialism. Tischendorf knew everyone. And everyone knew of Tischendorf!

Tischendorf is, in many ways, the father of modern biblical scholarship. From ancient fragments (reputedly saved from the monks of St Catherine’s Monastery on Mount Sinai

where they were being used to kindle fires – a wonderful if probably apocryphal story), he compiled and translated the *Codex Sinaiticus*, one of the earliest versions of the Greek text of the New Testament - and using this as *one* source, he then completed his magnum opus, the ‘*Critical Edition of the New Testament*’, published in the early 1870s. The text he edited and the hermeneutical rules he established are among of the cornerstones of modern biblical study. He worked from the principle that even the holy Scriptures were subject to the malign influences of careless copying, thoughtless transmission and human error – his desire: through careful study, to make available, in a world of relativity and changing commitments, that which that be viewed as a reliable fixed point.

What are the fixed points in your life? What are the cornerstones? And 200 years on from Tischendorf’s birth and later pioneering work, if knowledge of God’s Word as we know it in the Scriptures is not one of them, is it not time to re-engage?

Fr Alan Gyle



¹ ...and yes, I know, the Berkeley only came here from Piccadilly in 1972 – and that the last Hansom Cab worked in 1947... but rhetoric trumps historicity every time...

BIBLE STUDY, IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, IS A REGULAR PART OF OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY SESSIONS IN WHICH WE SEEK TO LEARN AND TO MAKE SENSE OF MODERN LIVING. THEY TAKE PLACE AFTER THE EVENING MASS AT 6:45PM EACH WEDNESDAY. WHY NOT COME ALONG? DETAILS FROM INFO@SPKB.ORG

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; also we invite regular members of the congregation to become more aware of visitors around them and to offer a card for completion by way of introduction and welcome.

WHAT'S ON?

TODAY: UNCTION In the course of the High Mass at 11:00, we invite those who wish to receive the ministry of prayer and the laying-on of hands for healing, to make their way to the Chapel after communion where a priest is available.

DAILY: MORNING PRAYER at 09:00 and a mass (see the porch notice for times)

ON TUESDAY: SILENT MEDITATION Please join us for half an hour's guided silent meditation with Aidan Hawkes on Tuesday morning at 08:00

ON TUESDAY: PRAYER BRANCH MEETING By coming together on a regular monthly basis we aim to deepen our prayer lives, our knowledge of the Bible and our overall understanding of our faith. We welcome new members. For details of where and when we meet, please contact Caroline Docker (020 7384 1165) or Cecily (020 7352 7844). Next meeting in Chelsea on Tuesday 20th from 19:00-20:00

ON WEDNESDAY: STUDY COURSE CONTINUES (see opposite) after the 18:45 mass.

NEXT SUNDAY: CONFIRMATION SERVICE & PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 25th January 2015 at 11:00am.
Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Michael Colclough.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

A SERVICE TO MARK THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ will be held at Westminster Abbey at 6.30 pm on Sunday 1st February 2015. Those considering taking part in the Parish Pilgrimage to Kraków ('THEOLOGY AFTER AUSCHWITZ' with Fr Alan Gyle, 17 - 20 September 2015) may like to consider attending. Tickets are available free online from the Abbey website.

CONTINUING THIS WEEK: CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE: SPRING TERM



'HOLY LAND?' – an exploration of the Middle East in history and the present day

The Bible tells a story of God's people occupying God's 'Holy Land' – and draws our attention to the most contested and fought-over region of the earth: the Middle East. By the end of this (short) term participants in the programme will have a better sense of the history of the Holy Land (through an exploration of the story of travel, conquest and settlement in the Old Testament) – but perhaps more importantly we will engage with the later story too. What is going on now? What are the disputes between Jews and Arabs about and how do Christians fit into the story? What is happening to Islam in the 21st century? And what does this mean for the future shape of the Middle East?

INTRODUCTORY STUDY SESSIONS:

Wednesdays 14th & 21st

January 2015 after the 18:45 mass

SPECIAL EVENT NO: 1

Wednesday 28th January 2015 after the 18:45 mass

– a special Holy Land Seminar

SPECIAL EVENT NO: 2 Saturday 31st

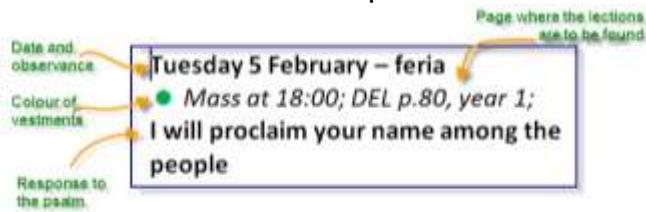
January 2015 at 10:00 - a visit to see the Middle Eastern treasures in the British Museum £20 – limited to 18 places

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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 EPIPHANY 2

Almighty God, who in Christ makest all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of thy grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known thy heavenly glory; 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

God of glory, as thou dost nourish us with thy Word who is the bread of life: fill us with thy Holy Spirit that through us the light of thy glory may shine in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **Amen.**

EPIPHANYTIDE

Sunday 18 – Epiphany 2

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 19 – Wulfstan

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 55

Blessed is the servant of the Lord

Tuesday 20 – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL Week 2, year 1 p. 265

The works of God are truth and justice

Wednesday 21 – Agnes

● Mass at 18:45; EH p. 58;

Your name, O God, will be remembered

Thursday 22 – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL Week 2, year 1 p. 270

Great are the wonders you have done, O God.

Friday 23 – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL Week 2, year 1 p. 273

The Lord was gracious to his land.

Saturday 24 – Frances de Sales

● Mass at noon; EH p. 62

The heavens declare the glory of God.

We pray daily for:

- Unity within the Body of Christ – during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th-15th January 2015
- 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:

Clariette Wilmot; Kooky Fallah; Maggie Milbourn; Tim Touhey; Catherine Anne Lally; Fr. Richard Martin; Eric Maidment; 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:

Lance Percival; Brian Fuller

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Julia Candlish	8 January
Kurt Hoxter	11 January
Dick Bilborough	11 January
Christopher Courtauld	11 January
James Longcroft	13 January
Marjorie Garrett	13 January
Arthur Stuart Duncan-Jones	19 January
Donald Harris	20 January
Stan Sherrington	20 January
Richard Thornton	21 January
Thomas Robinson	22 January
Elisabeth Moorwood	23 January

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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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