

The Third Sunday of Eastertide
19th April 2015
SENSORY DEPRIVATION

I've lost the hearing in my right ear. Nothing permanent, I hope – and perhaps sometime to do with the tail end of my traditional Holy Week cold, swimming or hayfever. Extensive research on Google has not yet resulted in the final cure – but I'm ticking off the options one by one and am certain that it will probably right itself anyway.

What have I noticed? Well, I've become aware of how impactful even the *partial*

loss of *one* of my senses is. It is not just that I can't *hear* as well as I could. I realise that I am a complex system of inter-related somatic functions, and the diminution in my capacity to *hear* has a much



more widely felt impact on the 'whole' of me. I'm not just a little deaf: I've become scratchy and anxious, and I feel slightly vulnerable. I sense my anxiety that this *tiny* loss is making me less of the person I am, less able to function over-all in a disproportionate way. Perhaps you recognise what I'm talking about. Our five senses are critical to us being ourselves – and when they fail, even partially and temporarily, we compensate in ways that aren't always the best. I notice in myself, these past couple of days, an irritability and an inattention that is stopping me being able to read; I find myself being

anxious and that anxiety is perceivable by my colleagues.

In his allegory of the five senses, Pieter Claesz illustrates the senses through a musical instrument, a compass, a book, food and drink, a mirror, incense and an open perfume bottle. The tortoise could be a possible illustration of touch or an allusion to the opposite, the screening of or shielding of the senses (the tortoise isolating in its shell). This week I feel a bit

like a tortoise!

Three simple points. First: we take the five senses for granted. And we shouldn't. We should be astonishingly grateful to God. Second: we sometimes fail

notice that their gradual failing in us as we age has unintended and disproportionate consequences in our behaviour. We need to be more self-aware.

And third: perhaps we also need to think of that 'sixth' sense that is our spiritual perception – and to notice that if we don't cherish and exercise it, it too may diminish – with who knows what unintended consequence for our ability to be the 'whole' people God has created us to be.

Fr. Alan Gyle

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.

THE PIANO CONCERT

We are now only £3.5k short of our target – and many who've said they'll come have yet to 'click and buy'! A final push is needed!! Will you join us? On Saturday, 25th April 2015 at 7:30pm in St Paul's Knightsbridge, Fliers available in church. Booking available online at <http://bookitbee.com/e/nt22e>

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 26th April 2015 after the Solemn Eucharist, at 12:30. The Electoral Roll has been revised and is available for inspection in the narthex.

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 understanding of our Faith, and 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. 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 April 21st at 7.00pm**, with coffee from 6.30pm.

VISIT TO CHICHESTER

On Saturday 13 June 2015. Non-refundable deposits of £65 per person are due to Fr. Andrew Sloane by Wednesday, 13 May along with a completed Invoice slip (found at the back of the church). There are some names of the sign-up sheet that are not clear so currently there is no record of your reservation if yours is one such name. Please check if your name is one of those highlighted and if so please be in touch with Fr. Andrew (andrewsloane@spkb.org) as soon as possible to secure your place.

TONY WISE

It was with sadness that we learned this week of the death of Tony Wise, longtime member of this church and former altar-server. His funeral requiem will take place at Holy Trinity Sloane Street on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30pm. We extend our sympathies to John Tubb.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...

In the first chapter of the Acts of the



Apostles, the Apostles are commissioned: "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." If you think about it 'spatially', the commission describes a

series of concentric circles of witness, each pushing further out from the centre. That move from the centre out is – Christians have traditionally understood – part of the calling of God. It sits, though, uncomfortably, with our centripetal instinct to move anxiously from the outside back to the centre. One of the things that maddens many people about the Church is its parochialism and its obsession with its own life. God, by contrast, calls the Church away from self-obsession to healthy engagement with the world 'out there'. This coming term, we will be thinking about the move 'from the centre'. You will be welcome to join us.

EVENTS:

Wednesday 6th May at 18:45:

Eucharist & Study Group: 'A Theology of Mission'

Wednesday 13th May at 18:45: **Eucharist & Study Group:** 'Mission at Home Mission. Why? How?'

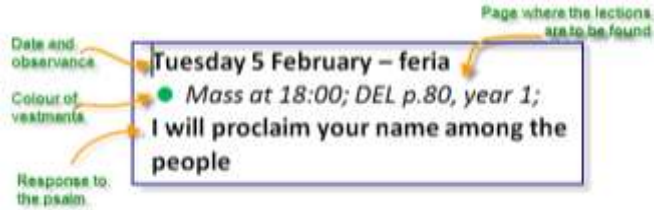
Sunday 24th May at 13:00 – 'Plus-1

Outreach Community Lunch': In the Vicarage. Please speak to Fr Andrew Sloane or the Vicar to secure an invitation for you and your invitee!

20th & 27th May at 18:45: **Eucharist & Study Group:** 'Mission Abroad'

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 LOW SUNDAY

Almighty Father, who in thy great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve thee continually in righteousness and truth; 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 PRAYER

O living God, whose Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday 19 April – Easter 3

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 20 April – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 203;

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

Tuesday 21 April – St Anselm

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 118;

You have given wisdom and understanding, O Lord.

Wednesday 22 April – feria of Eastertide

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 206;

Be joyful in God, all the earth.

Thursday 23 April – St George's Day

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 121;

Rejoice then, you heavens.

Friday 24 April – St Mellitus, First Bishop at St Paul's

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 483; Common of Bishops **Delight in the law of the Lord.**

Saturday 25 April – St Mark the Evangelist

● Mass at noon; EH p. 124;

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart

Sunday 26 April – 4th Sunday of Easter

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

We pray daily for:

- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- 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:

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

All the faithful departed,

Tony Wise

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

Francis Lyall Francis	21 April
Walter Clarke	24 April

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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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