

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity • 19th July 2015

8 THINGS TO NOTICE THIS SUMMER:

No. 2 'TIME SPENT WITH PEOPLE'

A wise priest of pastoral instinct once said, "Time spent with people is never wasted." What rubbish! We all waste huge amounts of time in the company of others. That just being in the same place as other people is, in and of itself, a good thing is an assumption that deserves to be examined.

Of course time 'wasted' can have its place. Not everything has to have a metric attached; the idea that everything has to be immediately and demonstrably productive in terms of clear outcome is equally false. Time spent with others can be simply companionable and comforting, can't it? We don't have to *do* anything together to justify being with each other, but that doesn't necessarily catapult the experience of being with others into the realms its feeling useful.

This summer, for many of us, the pressure of our daily preoccupation with work recedes for a week or so and we are thrown into the company of friends or family. Holiday time is upon us. It can be great, of course - but, for all our fantasies about how wonderful holiday times *should* feel, they can turn out to be a time of extra stress and conflict. Worse still, they can turn out to be flat and empty: surely time spent with those we live should feel good. What if it doesn't?

Well, part of the answer may lie in being more intentional. Connections don't just *happen*. Attention and care for others, and the capacity to receive care from others, aren't necessarily our default settings, especially when we're tired. Just being together doesn't guarantee anything, other than the opportunity to make that time together into something creative, engaged and engaging. In the end it is more about *quality* of time we spend together than simply the quantity.

What will you do this summer to take the opportunities you have of time spent with others and ensure that it is not time wasted?

At its heart, the Christian view of life is one with communion and community at its heart. Other than for the few who feel called

to solitude (and there are very few true hermits), being *with* God and being *with* others are – for Christians – intrinsically connected. Communion, though, demands more than just being in the same place as others; it is about actively making connection and sharing in that live which flows from God. This can turn time spent with others into something truly sacramental.

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.

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 21st July** at 7:00pm (with coffee from 6:30pm). **There will be NO meeting in August.**

MEDITATION

The Tuesday morning Silent Meditation/Centering Prayer group will **not** meet in the months of June, July or August.

GARDEN PARTY

The Parish Autumn Garden Party will take place in the Vicarage Garden on **Thursday 10th September 2015 from 6:30pm**. Please note the date now and plan to be with us. Invitations are available in church this morning – please take one and invite a friend who might enjoy getting to know St Paul's and its community.



WALSINGHAM



Fr. Andrew Sloane will be leading another Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk on **Saturday 3**



October 2015. Please sign the sign up sheet at the back of the church if you are interested. Full details later.

A GOOD READ...

With the long days of the summer months comes an opportunity to indulge our passion for reading. The book stall at the entrance to the church has been refreshed with some



new books which will set you up for the coming term's Christian Formation Programme: 'We Are Theologians'. Why not dip into David Ford's excellent 'Theology: a very short introduction', or the classic 'Theology for Beginners' by Frank Sheed? And for those planning to come to Poland (see below), copies of Elie Wiesel's 'Night'. Payment for books in the red wall safe above the visitors' table on the left at the back of church.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN-UP:



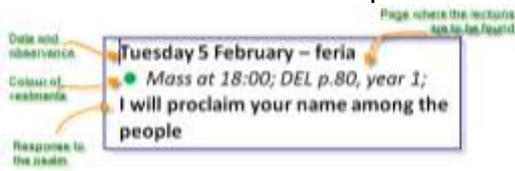
PARISH TRIP TO KRAKOW, POLAND, 17th - 20th September 2015: THEOLOGY AFTER AUSCHWITZ



The central theme of our forthcoming visit to Krakow is that we need to explore – as thinking, believing people – the reality of evil and the collective potential of humanity for evil as well as good, if we are to be mature in our theological outlook. None of us wants to confront evil – and perhaps we instinctively reach for the remote control when the latest images of human atrocity flash onto our screens on the daily news. But for many of us, confronting truth is ultimately more creative than denying it or avoiding it, however briefly painful that may seem. And if we *are* to do so, and to engage this dimension of our human experience, where better to do it than in good and prayerful company among friends – and with thoughtful guidance along the way. Fuller information about the planned trip to Kraków and Auschwitz ('Theology after Auschwitz' with Fr Alan Gyle) is available at the back of church.

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 TRINITY 7

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine, the source of life, who ever giveth himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that in his cup of salvation we may partake of his glory and also be made perfect in his love; who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY & THE 16th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19 July – Seventh after Trinity

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 20 July – feria

COMMEMORATION OF ST MARGARET OF ANTIOCH

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 504 year 1

I will sing to the Lord: glorious his triumph.

Tuesday 21 July – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 507 year 1

I will sing to the Lord: glorious his triumph.

Wednesday 22 July – **Mary Magdalen**

● Mass at 18:45; EH p. 231

I come seeking my God.

Thursday 23 July – feria

COMMEMORATION OF ST BRIDGET

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 513 year 1

You are worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Friday 24 July – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 516 year 1

The law of the Lord is perfect.

Saturday 25 July – **St James**

● Mass at noon; EH p. 235

The Lord has done great things, indeed.

Sunday 26 July – Eighth after Trinity

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

We pray daily for:

- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street and its new Rector
- 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:

Fr.Lane Davenport; Jean Marc Lehut; Anne Marie Fratani; Julie Hardman; Jamie Britten; Matthew Hardman; Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; Vivienne Mallinson; Margot Stewart; Ian Powe; Bernard Gordon-Lennox; Jane Elstub; Sal Allen; Clariette Wilmot; Tim Touhey; Ian Frazer; Elizabeth Gordon; Carole Taylor; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Cath Dunkley

We pray for all the recently departed,

Philip Missfelder; Owen Chadwick

And for those whose year's mind falls at this time:

Kenneth James	19 July
Robert Freestone	19 July
Peter Adcock	21 July
Roseleen Conlon	21 July
Walter Hussey	25 July
Leslie Truman	24 July
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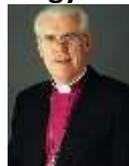
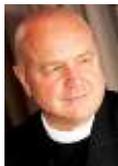


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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, 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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