

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity • 2nd August 2015

8 THINGS TO NOTICE THIS SUMMER:

No. 4 'URGENCY & IMPORTANCE'

A clergy colleague of mine in a previous job had the floor of his study divided into four quadrants by means of a big cross of gaffer-tape stuck to the floor. Four squares, with his desk in the middle. He was one of those people who 'filed' things in piles, never quite getting as far as populating his filing cabinets, and he'd elaborated a clever system for reminding himself which things he *ought* to be looking at. For many months I simply put the cross on the floor down to eccentricity, but eventually my curiosity got the better of me; "What is it 'for'?", I asked, "how does it work?"

He explained to me that on one side of the cross on his study floor, on the right of the horizontal line was 'urgency'. Some things which arrived in the post or the internal mail (or by emails, which he printed out) were urgent; they needed to be dealt with quickly because they had a time-limit on them. When these arrived, he'd place them *above* the line. Things *below* it he'd 'get round to' when he had time – but they weren't classified as urgent.

"Ah, I see," I said, slightly bewildered that the cross was necessary. "And what about the vertical axis?"

That, he explained to me, was not to do with 'urgency' but rather 'importance'. Some

things that arrived he assessed as 'important', and these he'd place on the left of the vertical axis. Things that were unimportant he'd place on the right.

"That means," I said, suddenly realising what he was doing, "that some things are urgent but not important, while others are important but not urgent!" "Yes," he continued, "and I always find myself prioritising the things that are urgent. It's silly, because the urgency is often created by other people. What I should be giving my time to is the stuff that is important."

He'd learned that it was important to deal with the top left hand corner first, and then, instead of moving to the right, instead to move down... And only when the

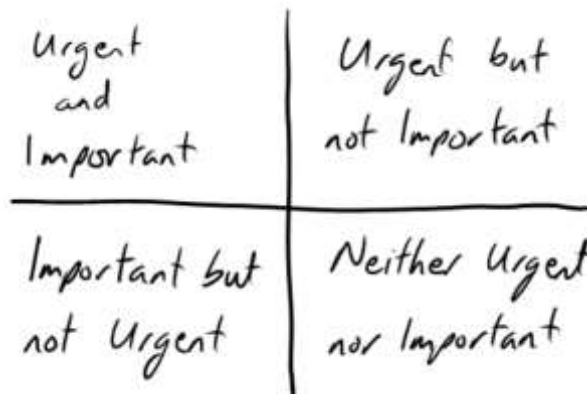
important but not urgent things were done, to turn to the *urgent but unimportant* things. "And the bottom right corner?" I asked. "Oh, that's the wastepaper bin! Why would you spend time on things that are neither urgent nor important??!"

It's a good exercise for us to undertake this summer. How do we choose to use the time and energy God has given us in creation? Often, I fear, chasing apparent urgency at the cost of accomplishing things that might be really important for us, and for others.

Fr Alan Gyle

Next week: "No.5: Head or heart?"

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.

SERVICES IN AUGUST

Visiting St Paul's & Ringing the Parish Office

In August, although the daily masses continue every day at St Paul's, resident members of the clergy team are on holiday, as are some key lay staff. As a consequence, the church is opened as possible on weekdays – though visitors may occasionally find it locked because of staff absence. If you plan to visit, please call the Parish Office on 020 7201 9999 (the phone will continue to be answered and urgent messages passed on) to ensure access.

Sundays

On Sundays at 11:00, although the choir is on holiday, the Family Mass and the Sung Eucharist at 11:00 continue with a cantor singing at 11:00.

Weekday Masses

On weekdays, masses are as usual, except that on Wednesdays at 18:45 there is a low mass in the Chapel with no singing. Please also note that on August Bank Holiday Monday (31st August) the daily mass will be at noon.

Morning Prayer

The Morning Office is said privately in August and the church will usually (when possible) open at 09:15 for private prayer.

GARDEN PARTY

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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.

The Parish Autumn Garden Party will take place in the

For your diary...

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**.

For your diary...

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.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The St Paul's Institute programme for the Autumn of 2015 is available in print and online.

For your diary...

Being Human: How to Become the Person You Were Meant to Be (29/9/15)

Steve Chalke says that God calls each one of us to play our part in his plan for a just and loving world, and it's finding our place in that story that will shape us and our lives into everything we were meant to be.

The Kingdom of God: Getting to the Heart of the Gospels (20/10/15)

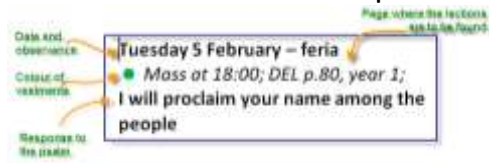
Tom Wright challenges us to read what the Gospel writers are actually saying and find Jesus larger and more compelling than we ever imagined.

Light in the Darkness: A Good Christmas

(08/12/15) Rowan Williams will explore the meanings of Christmas, the darkness and strangeness of the story at the beginning of our faith as well as its message of eternal joy and hope.

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 9

Almighty God, who didst send thy Holy Spirit to be the life and light of thy Church: open our hearts to the riches of thy grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Holy Father, who didst gather us around the table of thy Son that we, with all thy household, might partake of this holy food: in that new world wherein the fullness of thy peace is revealed, gather people of every race and tongue to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY & THE 18th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 2 August – Ninth after Trinity

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 3 August – feria

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 539 year 1
- Sing merrily to God our strength.***

Tuesday 4 August – The Curé d’Ars

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 247 (p. 483)
- Delight in the law of the Lord.***

Wednesday 5 August – Oswald, king & martyr

- Mass at 18:45; EH p. 247

Blessed be the Lord my rock!

Thursday 6 August – Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 250

To the Lord be given dominion and glory.

Friday 7 August – John Mason Neale

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 253 (483)

Delight in the law of the Lord.

Saturday 8 August – Dominic

- Mass at noon; EH p. 253

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Sunday 9 August – Tenth 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.
- Pray for all travelling and on holiday at this time of year.

Among the sick and those in need:

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,

Lane Davenport, priest; Pamela Smith.

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

Glenn Brown	3 August
Eleri Davies	6 August
Robert William Haines Moline	8 August

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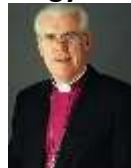
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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour,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