

The Third Sunday after Trinity 21st June 2015

FEAR

King's College Aberdeen was founded in 1495, the UK's fifth oldest University (after Oxford, Cambridge, St Andrews and Glasgow, and before Edinburgh – what was it about those Scots?!). Old Aberdeen's is a most beautiful campus and, despite the weather, well worth a visit, not least to see the chapel there with its distinctive Scottish crown spire. In the early 1980s, long before I went somewhere much more ancient to study theology, I was privileged to be an undergraduate there and I used to walk daily through a rather fine stone gate with the motto of the University carved on it: *Initium sapientiae timor domini*. The quotation is from Psalm 111: *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*. It is one of those sayings that always lingered in my mind – and which I carried with me when I quit Aberdeen for Oxford to think in a more focussed way about God. Why fear? Surely fear is a negative emotion. Life constraining. Dulling. The last thing I felt I wanted to be as a student was fearful. Aechylus, I learned in Aberdeen, thought that 'fear makes us weak'. How could fear be desirable, still less in any way godly? Yet that was the psalmist's claim.

Fear stalks the protagonists in today's readings in church. In the gospel, the story is of Jesus calming the stormy sea and setting at ease the troubled hearts of the disciples in

the little boat. St Mark's primary point is in response to the implicit question in this part of his gospel, 'Who is Jesus?' – and his answer here is that Jesus is the Son of God, that God who, in the dawn of time, drew order out of chaos and whose Spirit moved over the waters of the deep. But his secondary point is about fear. Interestingly the fear St Mark wants to draw our attention to is not the fear of drowning, but the fear (*phobon* in the Greek – as in 'phobia') experienced by the disciples *after* Jesus calms the waters. In some older translations into English this word *phobon* is translated literally: 'the disciples *feared* and said, who is this that even the sea and the winds obey him?' But most modern translations use a different word: 'awe'; the disciples

were filled with awe... This move from fear [of life] to awe [in the face of God] is neatly caught by today's post-communion prayer:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us thy glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon thee without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Somewhere in this shift from fear to awe is, I think, the psalmist's meaning and, indeed, the beginning of wisdom.

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Hollamby will be held at St Paul's Knightsbridge on **Tuesday 30th June at 11:00**

MOTCOMB STREET PARTY

The annual community Motcomb Street Party will take place on **Wednesday 24th June, starting at 5.30pm**. This local community event is not for those who are afraid of crowds. Last year it attracted some 5,500 people. However, it does raise lots of money for charity (this year The Lullaby Trust and The Household Cavalry Foundation Fund) and is a great chance to catch up with local friends.



PIANO

A call from Edinburgh ten days ago from John Sunderland and Howard Shelley began with the words, "you know that £37,000 piano fund? We've spent it!" This morning you can admire the newest arrival in St Paul's – a fine Model D Steinway Concert Grand of very distinguished provenance: it was, until this week, the no.1 instrument in the Queen's Hall Edinburgh, originally the choice of Alfred Brendel. The even better news is that you will have a chance to hear an inaugural recital on it by Howard Shelley on the evening of **Saturday 17th October**. Thanks to John Sunderland for being the catalyst for this acquisition – and to all whose generosity has made this purchase possible.



PCC

The Parochial Church Council will meet on **Tuesday 14th July at 19:00**.



INFORMATION EVENTS: BUILDING FOR MISSION



Members of the congregation and members of the local community are warmly invited to one of two information events at which they will be able to engage with the emerging plans for the development of St Paul's and its fundraising strategy. These will take place on **Saturday 18th July at 10:30am** and **Wednesday 22nd July at 5:00pm**. Each will last for up to one hour. Refreshments will be available.



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.



JOIN US IN KRAKOW



Information about the planned trip to Kraków and Auschwitz ('Theology after Auschwitz' with Fr Alan Gyle) is available at the back of church. **17th – 20th September 2015**

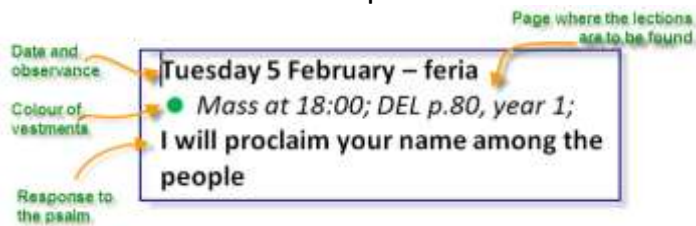


MEDITATION

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

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 3

Almighty God, who hast broken the tyranny of sin and hast sent the Spirit of thy Son into our hearts, whereby we call thee Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to thy service, that the whole world may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us thy glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon thee without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY & THE 12th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B; DEL YEAR 1)

Sunday 21 June – Third after Trinity

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 22 June – St Alban

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 198

Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God

Tuesday 23 June – St Etheldreda

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 200

Look upon God and be radiant

Wednesday 24 June – Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

● Mass at 18:45; EH p. 203

Righteousness shall go before our God

Thursday 25 June – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 440 (year 1)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious.

Friday 26 June – Ember Day

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 443 (year 1)

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Saturday 27 June – St Cyril

○ Mass at noon; EH p. 473

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. [Psalm 34]

Sunday 28 June – Fourth 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 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:

Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; Vivienne Mallinson; Margot Stewart; Ian Powe; Bernard Gordon-Lennox; Jane Elstub; Heidi Hoell; Sal Allen; Clariette Wilmot; Tim Touhey; Fr. Richard Martin; Ian Frazer; Elizabeth Gordon; Fr. Lane Davenport; Carole Taylor; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Cath Dunkley

We pray for all the recently departed,

Charles Kennedy; John Hollamby

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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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