

Trinity Sunday, 31ST May 2015

INEFFABILITY

“Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent,” wrote one of the great philosophers of the twentieth century, Ludwig Wittgenstein in his *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. Silence before the ineffable mystery of God has always been one option for believers, and indeed one enjoined not only by philosophers but by Scripture: the silence of worship and deep contemplative prayer. There is a limitation in religious language, never felt more acutely than on this ‘Trinity Sunday’, one of the few Sundays in the Church’s year inspired not by the Scriptural account of Jesus Christ, but by a theological proposition about the nature of God. What can we say, even falteringly and partially, about the mysterious nature of the God whom we glimpse but never fully comprehend?

Well, here on this Trinity Sunday, are two attempts. The first is an image – the Icon of the Trinity, believed to be created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the 15th century. It is his most famous work and is regarded as one of the highest achievements of Russian art. ‘Trinity’ depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (Genesis 18:1-15), but the painting is full of symbolism and often interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity – three persons in relationship. Look. Think. Pray and respond.



The second is a ‘painting in words’, by American theologian C. Baxter Kruger: “The life that God lives as Father, Son and Spirit is not boring and sad and lonely. There is no emptiness in this circle, no depression or fear or angst. The Trinitarian life is a life of unchained fellowship and intimacy, fired by passionate, self-giving love and mutual delight. Such love, giving rise to such togetherness and fellowship, overflows in unbounded joy, in infinite creativity and unimaginable goodness. The gospel begins here with this God and with this divine life, for there is no other. Before time dawned and space was called to be, before the heavens were stretched out and filled with a sea of stars, before the earth was summoned and filled with people and life and endless beauty, before there was anything, there was

the Father, Son and Spirit and the great dance of Trinitarian life. The amazing truth is that this Triune God, in staggering and lavish love, determined to open the circle and share the Trinitarian life with others. This is the one, eternal and abiding reason for the existence of the universe and human life within it. There is no other God, no other will of God, no second plan, no hidden agenda for human beings. From the beginning, God is Father, Son and Spirit, and from the beginning, this God has determined not to exist without us.”

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.

PCC

There will be a meeting of the Parochial Church Council on Tuesday 9th June at 7:00pm in the Hall in Kinnerton Street. Papers will be circulated in due course. Apologies for absence, please, to Felicity Cranfield.

THE MUSIC OF FAITH



Timothy Radcliffe OP and Andrew Carwood

in conversation at St Paul's Cathedral, Ludgate Hill. Tuesday 16 June 2015 6.30 - 8pm Free tickets can be obtained online at the Cathedral's website.

Music parallels and illuminates the experience of God in its changeability and fleetingness, and is one of the best ways we have to find the stillness in which a experience the sense of God's presence. It can also provide a narrative for the cycle of life which allows our inexpressible feelings to be given voice at times of both sorrow and rejoicing. In reflection and conversation, renowned theologian Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP and award winning musician Andrew Carwood will explore together what music can teach us about faith beyond words.

Timothy Radcliffe is a Dominican Friar, a former Master of the Order of Preachers, and one of the best-loved Christian spiritual teachers of our times. His bestselling books include *Sing a New Song: The Christian Vocation*, *What's the Point of Being a Christian?* and *Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation*. Andrew Carwood is Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral. An internationally regarded singer and conductor, he is also the Founder Director of *The Cardinal's Musick*, with which he has won numerous awards including the

prestigious Gramophone award for Recording of the Year.

VISIT TO CHICHESTER

The parish visit to Chichester is on Saturday 13th June. Those who have booked should raise any queries with Fr Andrew Sloane.

SILENT RETREAT

Please pray for those from the parish on silent retreat this weekend at West Malling Abbey, and for Fr Andrew Norwood who is leading them.

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

COME AND SING

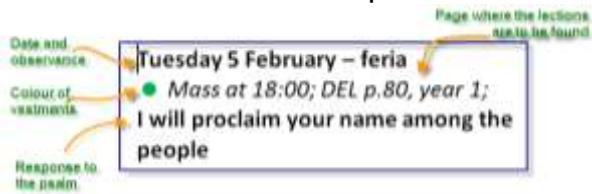
A reminder of the gathering at Methodist Central Hall this evening from 6:30pm to celebrate the 19th century revivalist hymns of Moody and Sankey – entrance is free and light refreshments are available. A collection will be taken.



The poster features a background image of a grand, ornate church interior with purple and gold lighting. At the top right, it says "METHODIST CENTRAL HALL" with a logo. Below that, the word "Gathering" is written in a cursive font. A row of five small portraits of the performers is shown. The main text reads "Moody & Sankey The Revival Years 6.30pm Sun 31st May 2015". Below this, it says "Devised by Tony Jasper Hosted by Tony Miles & Gerard Brooks with the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster Choir & Choral Quintet." The word "Featuring:" is followed by a list of names and roles: "Tony Jasper as DL Moody, Ruth James as Lady Serena, Soloist Tam Colman as Ira D Sankey, Organist Andrew Furnas". At the bottom, it provides the venue "Methodist Central Hall, Storey's Gate, Westminster, SW1H 8N1", the start time "Music from 6.10pm Formal start 6.30pm", and contact information "Free Admission with an offering Light refreshments available. For further information 020 7654 3809 church.methodist-central-hall.org.uk". There are also social media icons for Facebook and Twitter.

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 SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity: we beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; who livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, who hast revealed thyself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and dost ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know thee in all thy ways and evermore rejoice in thy eternal glory; who art three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

TRINITY SUNDAY & THE 9th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B; DEL YEAR 1)

Sunday 31 May – Trinity Sunday

☉ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 1 June – The Visitation

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 171

Sing aloud to God, O daughter Zion!

Tuesday 2 June – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 381 (year 1)

Blessed are those who delight in the commandments of God

Wednesday 3 June – feria

Commemoration of the martyrs of Uganda

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 384 (year 1)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Thursday 4 June – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 387 (year 1)

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Friday 5 June – Boniface

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 179

I will give you as a light to the nations, says God

Saturday 6 June – feria

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 394 (year 1);

Bless the Lord, O my soul

Sunday 7 June – Corpus Christi Sunday

☉ 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:

Bishop Michael Colclough; Vivienne Mallinson; Margot Stewart; Michael Pate; 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

We pray for all the recently departed,

John Hollamby; Derek Walker

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

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| Dyan Elizabeth Wade | 31 May |
| Hugh Leggatt | 1 June |
| Eric Symes Abbott | 6 June |
| Patricia Farr | 7 June |

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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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