

ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

EPIPHANY SUNDAY
4th - 10th January 2015

CHANCE, CHOICE & FAITH

I'm glad I don't work as the PR spokesman for a health promotion organization. Friday's breaking headline news, culled and part-digested from a report in the pages of the journal Science, that "two thirds of cancer types are just bad luck caused by chance mutations rather than by lifestyle choice" must have cast a gloom over their breakfast tables. Their 'stock in trade' message, that we should live better and take responsibility for healthier living, seems to be dealt a death blow by the news that much of what afflicts us is down to the randomness of chance. And it feels like unwelcome news, doesn't it? We'd much rather have the sense that there are things we can do and choices we can make to mitigate the onset of fatal diseases, even if – paradoxically – we then often choose not to make them or do them.

The issue is broader than merely the mitigation of illness. In this season of New Year's Resolutions, in which – annually – we seize the post-holiday moment of clarity and notice what we could and probably should change in our lives, it is no bad thing to have the balloon of our sense of omnipotence punctured by this sharp reminder that we are not in control of everything! In this coming year 'stuff will happen'. It just will. We cannot second-guess it. We can't do anything to prevent it. No end of resolutions, however

satisfactorily translated from insights into actions, will entirely direct our futures.

But this is not to be fatalistic, because from this apparently fatalistic realization flow two other things. First, the realization that while we cannot control the future we can shape it; there are things we can do and choices we can make 'for good', and not



least for the good of others. We may not be in control, but we can be part of a force that seeks to shape the shapeable parts of life through intentional action and attitude. What small but consistent things will you do in

this coming year to shape the community for good and what attitude will you change or challenge? Second, there is the question of how we will live in the midst of all this uncertainty. Fatalistically and negatively, accepting what comes along? Or faithfully and optimistically, doing what we can to shape life for the better? The answer – as the followers of Jesus Christ we seek to be – is the latter. For all its chance and randomness, we live in a world created by a God whose purpose is good and whose nature is love. Orientation towards this truth is our fundamental and non-negotiable commitment – and it is this commitment that will give us energy, strength and staying-power in the uncertain year ahead.

Fr Alan Gyle

WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE: SPRING TERM



'HOLY LAND?' – an exploration of the Middle East in history and the present day

The Bible tells a story of God's people occupying God's 'Holy Land' – and draws our attention to the most contested and fought-over region of the earth: the Middle East. By the end of this (short) term participants in the programme will have a better sense of the history of the Holy Land (through an exploration of the story of travel, conquest and settlement in the Old Testament) – but perhaps more importantly we will engage with the later story too. What is going on now? What are the disputes between Jews and Arabs about and how do Christians fit into the story? What is happening to Islam in the 21st century? And what does this mean for the future shape of the Middle East?

INTRODUCTORY STUDY SESSIONS:

Wednesdays 14th & 21st
January 2015 after the
18:45 mass

FREE EVENT
NO NEED TO BOOK
JUST COME ALONG

SPECIAL EVENT NO: 1
Wednesday 28th
January 2015 after the
18:45 mass – a special
Holy Land Seminar

SIGN UP NOW:
020 7201 9999 or
SIGN THE SHEET
IN CHURCH

SPECIAL EVENT NO: 2
Saturday 31st January
2015 at 10:00 - a visit to
see the Middle Eastern
treasures in the British
Museum £20 – limited to 18 places

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CONFIRMATION SERVICE & PATRONAL FESTIVAL

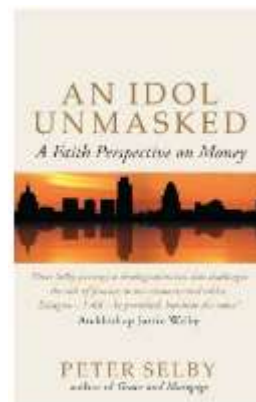
Sunday 25th January 2015 at 11:00am.
Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Michael Colclough. Any wishing to be baptised or confirmed please speak to Fr Andrew Sloane or any of the clergy.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

St PAUL'S SUNDAY FORUM CATHEDRAL AT THE CATHEDRAL

AN IDOL UNMASKED: A FAITH PERSPECTIVE ON MONEY by Peter Selby.

Sunday 1st February
2015 (in the Wren
Suite, 13:00-14:00, free
and unticketed)



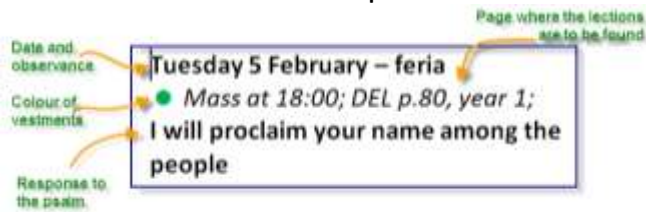
Our society's attitude to money has become reminiscent of the ancient religions that worshipped idols. 'It - money, mammon - has encouraged us to believe that a sophisticated game of second guessing is the only sensible response to its fearful power, and that having more and more of it is the only wise ambition and the only security against a life of penury and misery. Money doesn't just talk, it rules.' Peter Selby's new book, *An Idol Unmasked: A Faith Perspective on Money* was published in 2014. In this talk he will reflect on this modern phenomenon, and ask how we can be freed from the tyranny of money's power over us. Peter Selby has since 2011 been one of the Directing Team at St Paul's Institute, and was until 2007 Bishop of Worcester and Bishop to HM Prisons. His previous book, *Grace and Mortgage: The Language of Debt and the Faith of the World*, foreshadowed many aspects of the financial crisis of 2007/8.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY Founded 960

A SERVICE TO MARK THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ will be held at Westminster Abbey at 6.30 pm on Sunday 1st February 2015. Those considering taking part in the Parish Pilgrimage to Kraków ('THEOLOGY AFTER AUSCHWITZ' with Fr Alan Gyle, 17 - 20 September 2015) may like to consider attending. Tickets are available free online from the Abbey website.

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 EPIPHANY

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; 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

O Lord our God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: grant that we, who with the wise men have been drawn by thy light, may discern the glory of thy presence in thy Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EPIPHANYTIDE

Sunday 4 – Epiphany

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 5 – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 74

Be joyful in the Lord all the earth.

Tuesday 6 – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 82

(The Tuesday after Epiphany Sunday);

Righteousness and peace shall flourish.

Wednesday 7 – feria

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 83 ;

(The Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday);

Righteousness and peace shall flourish.

Thursday 8 – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.84

(The Thursday after Epiphany Sunday);

Righteousness and peace shall flourish.

Friday 9 – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 86

(The Friday after Epiphany Sunday);

Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem

Saturday 10 – feria; *commem. William Laud, Archbishop*

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 87

(The Saturday after Epiphany Sunday);

O sing to the Lord a new song.

We pray daily for:

- Peace in the Middle East, an easing of tension between warring groups and the eradication of religious fundamentalism.
- The renewal of the Church.
- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- those on active service overseas
- 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:

Clariette Wilmot; Maggie Milbourn; Tim Touhey; Catherine Anne Lally; Fr.Richard Martin; Eric Maidment; Rosemary Powell; 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.

The departed:

Andrew Dreverman; Betty Jackaman; John Cambridge

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Valerie Maurice 5 January

Irene Dawson 8 January

Isabel Llewellyn 8 January

Julia Candlish 8 January

and also

Theodore Gulliford; Derek Howard Budd;

Max Sammon

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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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