

Trinity 5  
26<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Whatever things are true

It's going to be a while before the consequences of the EU referendum result can be fully digested and processed. Column inches will be written in the days to come not to mention the welter of opinion shared through social media. Much of it helpful, some of it less so. I'm not going to add to the welter of words in this column, suffice to say that I want to sketch out something of what the Church's vocation should be at such a time as this. Three callings to consider.

The calling to be prayerful. It's not an evasion of the issues or a simple act of piety to say we should be prayerful. The minute's silence to pay respect at times of tragedy and remembrance is a well-established public ritual. That minute of silence is charged with so much power. It has the potential to draw us back to our true centre and hold fast to the things which really matter in the midst of so much noise. People of faith recognise this and the practise of silence will come as no surprise. Imagine how different a TV debate might unfold if all participants committed to shared five minutes of silence before the questions and answers began? Not great television perhaps, but the quality of debate would have the potential to be immeasurably different. What other situations could benefit by this practice of silence before the exchange of opinions began?

The calling to be reflective. The Church isn't the only place where you will encounter people of all ages and backgrounds, but it's a different experience from belonging, for example, to a sailing club. We're bound by a set of shared practices and listen to the same scriptures. When it works well the

Church's ability to be an instrument of increased understanding and reconciliation is unparalleled. As part of the Church I have the opportunity to be shaped by the wisdom and experience of others as well as knowing that my presence will shape others in turn. None of us have the false luxury of being able to draw our own boundaries. Our lives are committed to each other in love through baptism and sustained through the sharing of the Eucharist.

The calling to be committed. One of the five Anglican principles of mission is the call to transform the unjust structures of the world.

'Thy kingdom come', we pray, 'on earth as it is in heaven'. We can draw upon a wealth of teaching and experience. Two principles from Catholic Social Teaching are very timely in the days ahead: solidarity and subsidiarity. Solidarity is the

commitment to share our life together in good times and bad. Subsidiarity is the commitment to making decisions at the local level wherever possible and recognising when other forms of decision-making at the macro level are required.

St Paul knew about communities seeking a reconciled way forward. We would do well to ponder his words in our country in the days ahead: *'Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.'* (Philippians 4:8)

Fr Louis Darrant



# News & Events

## PARISH LUNCH

Join us for the July Parish lunch on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July which will – weather permitting – take place in the Vicarage Garden. Please sign the blue book at the back of church as an indication to those catering – and feel free to use the opportunity to invite a friend or two along.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

A Christian Meditation group meets every Monday in the chancel of the church at 6.30pm. This form of silent, imageless prayer using a mantra or prayer word is rooted in the Gospel, the letters of St Paul and originated with the early Desert Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> century. A Benedictine monk, Fr John Main (1926-1982) has rediscovered this ancient prayer tradition for contemporary men and women. Newcomers are welcome to share in this space which includes quiet music, a short talk on meditation by Fr John Main followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation.

## BOOK LAUNCH

You are invited to an evening with Bishop Michael Marshall and author Philip Pegler at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served and the evening will be introduced by The Reverend Mark Dean. *Meeting Evil With Mercy* is a theological reflection on atrocity and a celebration of the life and ministry of Fr Martin Israel. Full details at [www.christian-alternative.com](http://www.christian-alternative.com)

## BOOKSTALL

The bookstall in the narthex of the church has been replenished with good reading for early summer! Please take a moment to browse the available titles. Payment for books may be made either to the Parish Office or in the red wallsafe at the back.

## LECTURE: PROF KATHRYN TANNER

You are warmly invited to a free lecture by the eminent American theologian, Kathryn Tanner, Marqand Professor of Systematic Theology at Yale Divinity School. Her subject:



*Christianity and the New Spirit of Capitalism*. The lecture will begin at 7:15pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at St Mellitus College, Collingham Road SW5.

## JOIN US IN LINCOLN



We are now in the final stages of planning our summer **Cathedral Visit** – this year to Lincoln on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The coach will depart from church at 07:45 and returns to church about 19:30. The day will include a pilgrims tour, the Eucharist and plenty of time for exploring and shopping.

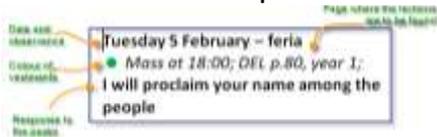
There will be a preparatory talk on **'The Glories of Lincoln'** on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July at 19:30 by Dr Serenhedd James, columnist for the Church Times and Honorary Research Fellow at St Stephen's House, Oxford. Please will you sign the sheet at the back of church.

## ST MARK'S GOSPEL

Advance notice of a dramatic retelling of St Mark's Gospel with Canon Gerald Osborne in the neighbouring parish of St Michael's Chester Square on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7pm (pre-event canapés at 6:30pm). The event is in support of the charity Send A Cow (registered charity no.: 299717). Tickets are £10 in advance – available on 01225 874222.

# The Ordo & Intercessions

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 5

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve thee in holiness and truth, to the glory of thy name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SERVICES TIMES

### Sunday 26 June: Trinity 5

◇ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### Monday 27 June: feria; commem. Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 444

◇ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 452, year 2

**R: The Lord will show salvation to those who keep his way.**

### Tuesday 28 June: Irenaeus, bishop, teacher of the faith, c.200

◇ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 207

**R: Come, children, and listen to me, says God.**

### Wednesday 29 June: The Feast of Peter & Paul the Apostles

◇ Mass at 18:45; Mass with Gloria; EH p. 210

**R: Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good.**

### Thursday 30 June: feria

◇ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 461, year 2

**R: The judgements of the Lord are true: more to be desired than gold.**

### Friday 1 July: feria; Henry, John and Henry Venn, evangelical divines, 1797, 1813 & 1873

◇ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 464, year 2

**R: Blessed are they who fear the Lord, and walk in the way of God.**

### Saturday 2 July: feria

◇ Mass at 18:45;

Votive Mass of Our Lady; EH p. 457 (mass with Gloria)

**R: The Holy Spirit will come upon you** [Psalm 45 – p. 459]

### Sunday 3 July: The Feast of St Thomas the Apostle

◇ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

## We pray daily for:

- For our Bishop, Richard
- All preparing for ordination this Petertide
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street in Washington DC
- All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- the work and witness of this parish
- the unity of the Church
- Peace and justice in God's world
- All prisoners and refugees
- growth in faith & understanding

## Among the sick and those in need:

John Watson; Stephen Allen; Jean Marc Lehut; Michelle Trauman; Geoffrey Wilcox; Jamie Britten; Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; Margot Stewart; Jane Elstub; Sal Allen; Elizabeth Gordon; Carole Taylor; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Vivienne Mallinson.

## We pray for all the recently departed

Fabienne Frichot; Ed Clymer.

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

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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 Louis is unavailable on Fridays.*

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