



ST CYPRIAN'S NEWSLETTER

July 2016

Saturday 2nd July

3pm Evensong and Benediction

Plainsong responses

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis – Fauxbourdon: Morley

Anthem: Mendelssohn *O rest in the Lord*

Sunday 3rd July – St Thomas the Apostle

10.30am Mass Celebrant: Father Michael Fuller

Mass setting: Merbecke

Sunday 10th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Mass Celebrant: Father Gerald Beauchamp

Mass setting: Palestrina *Missa Aeterna Christi munera*

Motet: Duruflé *Ubi caritas*

Sunday 17th July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Mass Celebrant: Father John Barrie

Mass setting: Oldroyd *Mass of the Quiet Hour*

Motet: Parry *My soul there is a country*

Sunday 24th July – 9th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Mass Celebrant: Father Victor Stock

Mass setting: Lobo *Missa O Rex Gloriarum*

Motet: Tavener *The Lord's Prayer*

Sunday 31st July – 10th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Mass Celebrant: Father Michael Fuller

Mass setting: Britten *Missa Brevis*

Motet: Howells *My eyes for beauty pine*

Thursday 28th July

9pm – Compline

Weekday Mass – Thursday, 1.10pm,

Morning Prayer – Tuesday – Friday, 8am



James was the son of Zebedee and Salome and the (perhaps elder) brother of John, the beloved disciple. The Synoptic Gospels record that the sons of Zebedee, as well as Simon Peter and his brother Andrew with whom they were in partnership, were called by the Lord upon the Sea of Galilee, whereupon they "left their nets and father, and followed Him". The two brothers were evidently of fiery temperament, earning from the Lord the name "Boanerges" - sons of thunder. James was martyred in A.D. 44 by Herod Agrippa I, eager to curry favour with the Jews. "He killed James, the brother of John, with the sword." (Acts 12 : 1-2). A 9th Century tradition asserts that James preached the Gospel in Spain, and that his body was translated after his death in Jerusalem to Compostela. He is shown here on the Screen bearing a staff and a scallop shell, frequently used in Christian art as a symbol of pilgrimage.. [photo: David Peet]

Letter from Father Gerald

According to the Greek myth, Pandora was given a box. When she opened it all of the world's woes escaped. For the Greeks this explained why we live with such trial and tribulation. The Referendum Campaign has lifted the lid on British society and exposed its flaws. Many of us don't like what we have seen.

The Bishop of London writes:

"The referendum result has not changed the facts of geography. There will clearly be a period of turbulence and I am very conscious of the fact that the large majority of those under the age of 25 voted to Remain.

We shall have to work hard for national unity under these circumstances. Meanwhile, we in the Church will continue to cultivate our already-close relationships with Christians throughout Europe, and indeed throughout the whole world."

Myths play an important part in our lives. We live with and through the stories that we tell ourselves. They should give us a sense of belonging and wellbeing. But sometimes myths lead us astray. They aren't always true. We begin to blame others for our misfortunes. Europe and migrants are the latest victims.

When myths collide with reality the mood can turn sour. If the expectations of the referendum result are not met we will see an increase in scapegoating. So the church should come into its own at this time. We have a rich mythology which includes a version of Pandora's box: Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden.

More importantly, we give substance to the wistful ending of the Pandora myth. When all of the evils had gone, Pandora looked inside and saw one thing left: Hope. For us, hope is tangible. We see it in the risen Christ – a living, loving human being. We see it in lives graced by God. Our prayer now should be that God will raise up political leaders who as Abraham Lincoln said can speak to 'the better angels of our nature'.

Faith, Hope and Love are our cardinal virtues. They overcome those destructive myths that are rearing their ugly heads. This is our chance to put our faith into practice with such force that the potential dangers to our society are not realized. We will have better politics if we are better people. Many are feeling vulnerable at the moment especially those who have migrated to this country or whose forebears arrived on these shores. Those who are different are not aliens.

On Wednesday 29 June I have been invited to speak at the Regent's Park Mosque. The occasion is an Interfaith Ifthar, a dinner held during Ramadan after sunset when the fast is broken. It's a privilege to be asked to eat with and talk to local Muslims and people of other faiths. I hope that if you are given similar opportunities you will take them. Our future may depend on it.

Yours in Christ

Fr Gerald

Notices

Father Michael writes

Prayer & Worship.

We grow as Christians when our everyday prayer and our corporate worship deepens and spills over into each other. Jesus said, 'Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.' (Matthew 6:6a). He also said, 'God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.' (John 4:24)

I am hoping to introduce a series of open discussions on the question of prayer & worship. The aims of the discussions are:

i) To encourage each other in our personal prayer and everyday relationship with God, affirming what we already do and opening up new possibilities.

ii) To look at what happens in church services and how we engage with worship, with a view to deepening our understanding of what we do and why.

iii) To explore how our corporate worship can enrich our ongoing spiritual journey, and vice versa.

If you think that you might be interested in such a time together please let me know and we can set up informal sessions to explore these questions. There would probably be six initial sessions, held on alternate weeks either in my flat or here in church.

Events

Saturday 2nd July

12pm Low Mass

3pm Evensong & Benediction

Thursday 7th July, 7.30pm

Independent Learning Orchestra Concert

Chopin E minor Piano Concerto (2nd movement) and Berlioz Harold in Italy.

Sunday 10th July, 10.30am

High Mass & Baptism of Amelia McDonaugh

Wednesday 13th July, 1.10pm

Organ Recital

Claire Innes-Hopkins (Rochester Cathedral)

Thursday 14th July, 7pm

PCC meeting

Wednesday 27th July, 12pm

Concert - ChamberWorks from Dallas, Texas

Fr Alan Moses is currently on pilgrimage from Seville to Compostella to raise funds for Christians in Syria and Iraq. To sponsor him please go to <https://my.give.net/alanspilgrimage> Thank you.



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CHORAL EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION



SATURDAY 2nd July 2016

at 3pm

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With the S^t Cyprian's Singers

Directed by: Julian Collings