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Thoughts on Lent, mission and the homeless

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' " (Matthew 25:40)

By the time you are reading this, we will be a few weeks into Lent and (hopefully) there will be signs of Spring outside, as we move through the changing seasons of both the church calendar and the British climate.

This Lent we are theming our Sundays sermons and Thursday evening Lent discussion groups around the "five marks of mission" adopted by the Anglican Church throughout the world (listed in the box).

Each week during Lent, we will be focusing on one of these to encourage reflection on their implications for us, both as individuals and as a community.

In keeping with our focus on supporting mission, we will also be collecting for the Diocese of London's Lent Appeal, which this year is "tackling homelessness together". As you will be aware, homelessness is a real issue in London, with the number of homeless people having doubled over the last ten years. The Diocese has therefore chosen to partner with 15 London-based charities working at a local level to help those experiencing homelessness. Many of these organisations offer services such as advice and practical support, but it is the safety and security of night shelters along with the love of Christ, and the support and acceptance provided by the volunteers that is often most important.

I had the privilege of volunteering in the medical centre at the Crisis Christmas shelter for the homeless during the 1990s. While sorting out medication for the shelter's guests, it struck me that what seemed of most value was the human interaction: taking an interest, sharing a joke and connecting with guests in between writing out their medication labels.

So as signs of Spring start to appear, this Lent may we look at how we can best serve Christ on this beautiful planet. As Teresa of Avila (1515–1582) so clearly put it:

*"Christ has no body but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
yours are the eyes with which he looks
with compassion on this world..."*

Bryony Franklin

Election of the 133rd Bishop of London

I have just returned from St Paul's Cathedral, where the College of Canons elected the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally as the 133rd Bishop of London. The official notice is available online.

I thought it might be helpful to give you a brief outline of what is happening over the next few months. Bishop Sarah's Confirmation of Election is on 8th March at 5.00 pm at St Mary le Bow. That's the point at which she legally becomes our Diocesan Bishop. There are, however, some outstanding engagements for her to fulfil in the Diocese of Exeter, as well as the small question of moving house and getting a bit of a break! So, although there are some things she will be doing here in London, she will not be taking up her full responsibilities until May.

At the beginning of May, Bishop Sarah is hoping to spend a day in each of the Areas and to pray with clergy and laity, with different events during the day to meet a range of people. Details of what is arranged will be circulated by the Area Bishops. Bishop Sarah will be installed in the Cathedral on 12th May. The Cathedral will provide more information in due course.

In the meantime, we approach Candlemas and the ending of the Christmas Season. Let me again remind you of the Homelessness Appeal - the crucial importance of which is highlighted by a report from the Jesuit Refugee Service on patterns of homelessness among destitute refugees in London. This will be available on their website in the next

24 hours, and is being released in readiness for Homelessness Sunday. With Robert Herrick on Candlemas Eve:

*Down with the rosemary and bays,
Down with the mistletow;
Instead of holly now upraise
The greener box for show.*

*The holly hitherto did sway,
Let box now domineer,
Until the dancing Easter day,
Or Easter's Eve appear.*

*Thus times do shift;
Each thing his turn doth hold;
New things succeed,
As former things grow old.*

We pray for our Diocese in this time of transition, for Bishop Sarah and Eamonn and the practicalities of moving to a temporary house, and for our spiritual preparation for all that is in store.

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour.

Pete Broadbent
Acting Bishop of London

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St Martin's West Acton
You are invited to Nick's
Farewell Service



Dear friends,

After 33 happy years at St Martin's, Nick is retiring.

Nick's final service will be on Sunday 4th March 10am, followed by a lunch in the church.

We would love it if you could come and join us to say a final fond farewell.

Please let us know if you would like to join us so we can make adequate arrangements for catering - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3SGCV76>

We have got a keepsake book for everyone to sign and leave a message for Nick, which will be in church before the service and on the day itself for your messages and photos if you wish

If you cannot join us, but would like to leave a message for Nick to include in the book, please leave it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3SGCV76>

We are also arranging a leaving gift for Nick as well. He has requested money towards renovations on his house. Any contributions can be given in cash to the Churchwardens, or the Parish Office, or by cheque, payable to E Ambridge, (NOT St Martin's Church)

If BACS transfer is preferred, please contact Liza who will provide the relevant information.

*from Liza Ambridge, John Wilson (Churchwardens)
and Shelley Merrick on behalf of the PCC*

Vicar in the House of Commons

The vicar was invited to be a speaker in the House of Commons at an inter-faith meeting of all the faiths in Ealing on the evening of Monday 29th January. He is pictured here after the meeting with participants and audience.



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The Great War – 100 years on

Continuing to tell the story behind the names on our War Memorial.

Edmund Meadows Montgomery was born in 1875. His parents, Edmund senior and Elizabeth lived in Ealing and Acton throughout their married life. Edmund junior was the fifth of seven children and the family were living at 3 Bonchurch Villa, The Grove, Ealing. He had four elder siblings: Ethel, Clarence, Arthur and Winifred. Soon came younger siblings, Hugh and Martha. The 1891 census shows the family had moved to 32 The Grove. Edmund's father was now a Registrar at the Indian Railway Company and his brother, Clarence, after spending three months in the Rifle Brigade in 1888 was now an Assistant Master in Corsham School. By 1901 Edmund was working as a clerk with the Indian Railway Company. 1905 saw the marriage of his brother Arthur.

The census of April 1911 saw the Montgomery family living at 12 Birch Grove. All but Edmund with sisters Ethel and Winifred had moved away. Winifred was now a Head Teacher and Ethel a teacher of domestic subjects. His brother Clarence had married and was living in South Africa, returning in 1913. Hugh had married in 1909 and was now living in Richmond. Martha married in 1910 and set up home in Birkbeck Avenue.

Little is known of Edmund's military service. He served with the 6th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). The War Diaries do not contain very much detail for March 1918. It tells us that each night the "No mans" land was patrolled by one officer and 9 "other ranks".

March 5th was recorded as having mild weather. During the night of March 7th (at 12.15am) a small enemy patrol attempted

to raid the trenches. It doesn't name casualties. However, it must have been during this skirmish that Edmund was killed. The Army records simply state that he was "killed in action" on Thursday March 7th.

Private Edmund Montgomery (aged 42) was buried at the ANZAC Cemetery, Sailly-Sur-La-Lys, France (Grave IIIA4). This cemetery was used for Front Line burials. Probate records of September 1918 show he left £2,175 15s 6d – a considerable sum in those days. The Register of Soldiers' Effects shows that monies forwarded to his father in October 1918 was £11 13s. The War Gratuity paid to his father in November 1919 was £6. Soon after the War ended Edmund's parents moved to 31 Warwick Road. His mother died in 1922 and his father in 1925. His sisters Ethel and Winifred moved to Webster Gardens, Ealing after their parents died. They never married and lived as two spinsters until their deaths. Winifred died in 1943 and Ethel in 1949.

In 1919 his brother, Clarence, and family moved to South Africa. They returned in 1923 and lived in St Austell, Cornwall. He died in 1952. By 1939 Arthur and his family had moved to Twyford Avenue, later moving to Twyford Crescent where he died in 1949. Hugh and his family had moved to Ferring in Sussex and he died in 1966. Martha and her family moved to Woodbridge, Suffolk where she died in 1969.

100 years after his sacrifice:
We remember him.

Christopher - Patron of Travellers



Saint Christopher is venerated by several Christian denominations as a martyr killed in the reign of the 3rd-century Roman Emperor Decius. However his veneration only appears late in Christian tradition, and did not become widespread in the Western Church until the Late Middle Ages, although churches and monasteries were named after him by the 7th century.

It is disputed whether Christopher existed, and if so whether the name applied to a specific person or was a general title meaning "Christ-bearer" which was applied to several different real or legendary people.

His most famous legend, which is mainly known from the West, tells that he carried a child, who was unknown to him, across a river before the child revealed himself as Christ. Therefore, he is the patron saint of travellers, and small images of him are often worn around the neck, on a bracelet, carried in a pocket, or placed in vehicles by Christians.

A PRAYER FOR TRAVELLERS:

O God, our heavenly Father,
whose glory fills the whole creation,
and whose presence we find wherever we go:
preserve those who travel;
surround them with your loving care;
protect them from every danger;
and bring them in safety to their journey's end;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LENT AT ST. MARTIN'S

Lent starts on February 14th – so coming soon, as we are putting together sermons and a Lent group and Project.

5 MARKS OF MISSION – LENT GROUP

Thursdays at 8pm in the Parish Room

with Lent Supper – (contributions to Lent charity)

Feb 22nd

TELL – To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

March 1st

TEACH – To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

March 8th

TEND – To respond to human need by loving service

March 15th

TRANSFORM – To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation

March 22nd

TREASURE – To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

5 MARKS OF MISSION - SUNDAY SERMONS

Feb 18th - TELL – To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom -

Feb 25th – before APCM - TEACH – To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

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(March 4th – NICK’S FAREWELL)

March 11th – Mothering Sunday (All Age Service) – TEND – To respond to human need by loving service

March 18th – TREASURE - To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth - *Preacher: Bryony*

March 25th – Palm Sunday – TRANSFORM – To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation - *Preacher:*

5 MARKS OF MISSION – LENT PROJECT

To encourage the people of St Martin’s to look at one another and out into the parish and beyond, in terms of the 5 Marks of Mission, to discover where the congregation might be able to engage in outreach.

Editorial

As we enter the spring season, we look through Lent and into Easter. Temperatures begin to rise, and holiday plans are formulated. Often, the spring is merely regarded as the gateway to summer, and not as a season in its own right.

It is this attitude which I wish to address; while the rain showers and the gentle breezes may not be for everyone, spring is the time to appreciate the wonder of creation and new life as it is brought into our world. If you do one thing this day, look around you, and ask if this is a world you can enjoy.

Alex Chan



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The Kitchen Refurbishment

The long awaited hall kitchen refurbishment has finally started as planned during the school half-term week. The units and appliances turned up on time the week prior and the fitters were able to start straight away on 12 February 2018.

Out with the old...



In with the new!



3 days later...



To be continued...

Quiz Page

Below are the 10 highest grossing films in 2017. Rearrange into the correct order, starting with the most common.

1. Thor: Ragnarok
2. It
3. Despicable Me 3
4. Star Wars: The Last Jedi
5. Wonder Woman
6. Fate of the Furious
7. Logan
8. Spiderman: Homecoming
9. Guardians of the Galaxy
10. Beauty and the Beast

Please write answers below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Last Week's Answers

1. France
2. USA
3. Spain
4. China
5. Italy
6. UK
7. Germany
8. Thailand
9. Malaysia
10. Russia

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8am: Holy Communion
10am: Parish Communion
6.30pm: Evensong

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except when there is an All-Age or Parade Service.

Japanese Anglican Church UK

meets every third Sunday of the month:
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