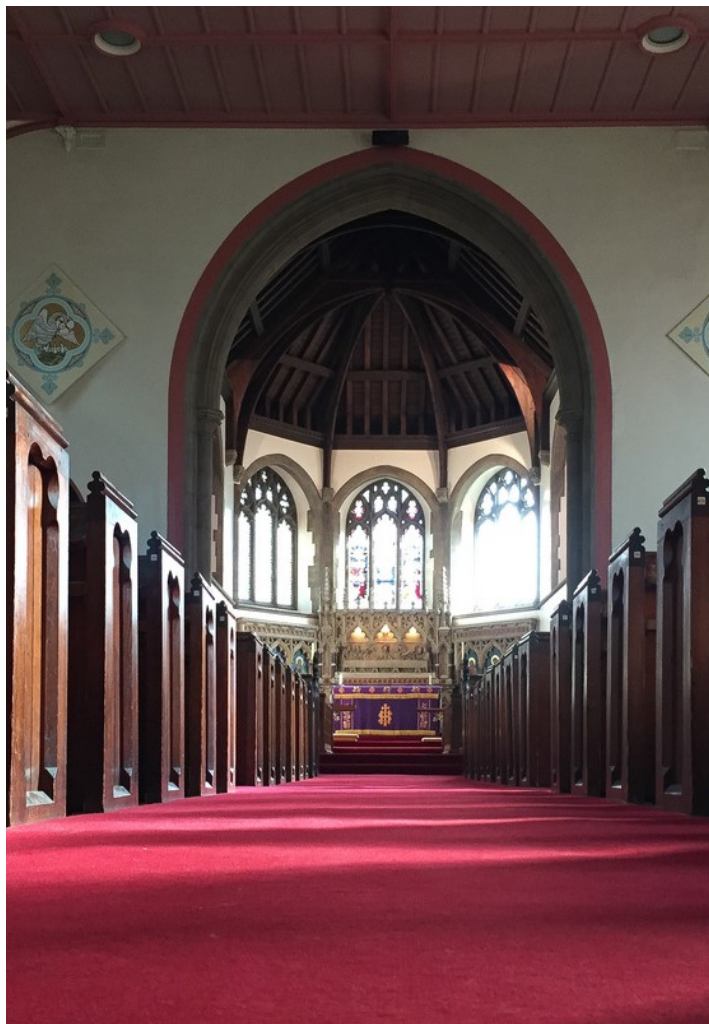




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Dear Friends

Since I last penned a letter for the Parish Magazine the world has mourned the death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who God called to himself on Boxing Day.

In my lifetime he is the only great hero of the Christian faith I can think of who has been an Anglican. We don't really have a process for canonising saints in the Anglican Communion, but, if we did, he would surely be worthy of the title.

Much has been written and reproduced since his death. One article which struck a chord with me was by another archbishop, Rowan Williams. Bishop Rowan wrote:

'There are two kinds of egotists in this world. There are egotists that are so in love with themselves that they have no room for anybody else. And there are egotists that are so in love with themselves that they make it possible for everybody else to be in love with themselves. They are at home in their skins. It doesn't mean that they are arrogant or self-obsessed or think they are faultless. They have learned to sense some of the joy that God takes in them. And in that sense, Desmond Tutu manifestly loves being Desmond Tutu; there's no doubt about that. But the effect of that is not to make me feel frozen or shrunk; it makes me feel that possibly, by God's infinite grace, I could one day love being Rowan Williams in the way that Desmond loves being Desmond Tutu.'

Desmond Tutu's love for Desmond Tutu found its source in his love for God, and God's love for him. And this love meant that he also had an incredible capacity to love others - including, noticeably, his enemies. That's why he was not only an activist for peace and justice, but also a natural reconciler. That comfortable-ness in his own skin meant he was able to engage with the perpetrators of apartheid, and bring about change.

When great people die it's easy for us lesser mortals to think that we can't possible emulate them. Very few of us can be Desmond Tutus. But, if we learnt to self-love a bit more, we might just become better versions of ourselves. And, as better versions of ourselves, agents of change in the world; not perhaps on the scale of Desmond Tutu, but each in our own way.

With my love and prayers

Fr Daniel

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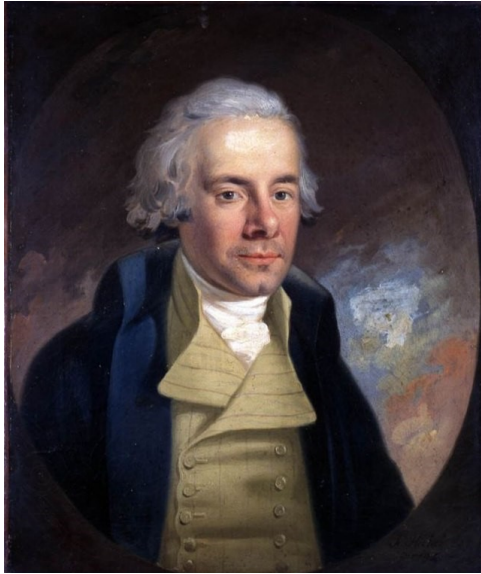
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Day	Date	Observance	Time	Services	Prayer Intention
T	1				Those training for the sacred ministry
W	2	THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (CANDLEMAS)	6pm	Eucharist for all ages	Grace to allow the light of Christ to shine through us
T	3	St Blaise			Those suffering from Covid
F	4				Our annual charity, CALM
S	5				Our churchwardens
S	6	THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Accession Day)	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	7				HM The Queen
T	8				Enfield Council
W	9		11am	Holy Communion	Refugees and migrants
T	10				The United Nations
F	11				Victims of modern day slavery
S	12				The emergency services
S	13	THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12noon	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
M	14	Ss Cyril and Methodius			The Orthodox Churches
T	15				Racial equality
W	16		11am	Holy Communion	Those who work in finance
T	17				The unemployed
F	18				Those who live with disability
S	19				Local shops and businesses
S	20	THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Eucharist Sung Eucharist	Our parish and its people
M	21				Gender equality
T	22				The elderly
W	23	St Polycarp	11am	Holy Communion	The persecuted Church
T	24				Foodbanks
F	25				Our neighbours
S	26				Those preparing for baptism
S	27	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	8am 9.15am 10.30am 12noon	Said Eucharist Joyful Noise Sung Eucharist Holy Baptism	Our parish and its people
M	28				Our children and young people

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Contact the clergy if you would like to speak to someone regarding your spiritual life, or to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)



William Wilberforce
1759 - 1833

William Wilberforce is best known for pursuing the cause of abolishing the slave trade over twenty long and turbulent years in Parliament as a backbench MP.

The achievement, and the horror that was the slave trade, are both brought home by the opening legalistic words of *The Act for the Abolition of the Slave Trade* which was passed in 1807:

'Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty ... That from and after the First Day of May 1807, the African Slave Trade, and all manner of dealing and trading in the Purchase, Sale, Barter, or Transfer of Slaves, or of Persons intended to be sold, transferred, used, or dealt with as Slaves, practiced or carried on, in, at, to or from any Part of the Coast or Countries of Africa, shall be, and the same is hereby utterly abolished, prohibited, and declared to be unlawful ...'

Wilberforce saw the abolition of the slave trade as a vital first step on the road to the abolition of slavery itself, and this was achieved by an Act of 1833 which abolished the diabolical practice in the British Empire. Wilberforce died just days after learning that this Act would be passed, his life's work done.

There are some good biographies of William Wilberforce (one written by William Hague¹) and there is a recent film featuring Benedict Cumberbatch as Prime Minister Pitt². There is not space to do any justice to Wilberforce's life and the many causes for which he campaigned,

Footnote

- 1 William Wilberforce, the life of the Great Anti-Slavery Trade Campaigner
- 2 *Amazing Grace* (2007)

including prison reform, Sunday School education (the precursor to universal education), as well as the foundation of the RSPCA.

Instead, I will summarise Rowan Williams' discussion of William Wilberforce in his book *Luminaries*, which focuses on the duty of a Christian when faced with a practice such as the slave trade. Assuming that an individual is not personally involved in the practice, is it right to stand back and to leave it to politicians to decide? Should religion keep out of politics?

Rowan Williams starts by pointing out that it was only Christian belief and ethics which provided effective opposition to slavery and the slave trade. Left to their own devices, civil society and other religions did not offer any substantial opposition, and this included revolutionary movements such as that in France, which whilst proclaiming *liberté* and *égalité* did not see those concepts as applying to slavery.

So what, in Wilberforce's mind, moved egalitarianism from being a theory held by a powerless minority, to being the motive for serious political action? The answer is very simple: Wilberforce's conviction of responsibility before God. Wilberforce and his circle were bound by that conviction; they believed that if a sinful system existed and its sinfulness implicated them as well as others, they were under an obligation to end it. God cannot wish for sin, so if there is sin in society, it must be God's will that it should be eradicated.

Wilberforce believed, as had St Augustine many centuries before him, that injustice, as well as damaging its victims, also damages the perpetrator spiritually, and this extends to those living in a society which permits injustice, even if an individual is not directly involved. This is not, however, to say that Wilberforce was motivated by some form of enlightened self-interest – the duty to oppose evil is independent of the damage it causes to everyone involved.

This led Wilberforce to conclude that personal and public morality cannot be kept separate, and Christian morality is not about (to use Wilberforce's words) "keeping yourself unspotted from the world" by withdrawing or ignoring public wrongs. In a democratic state – even one as imperfectly democratic as the Britain of his time (and our time too) - a citizen is morally involved in what the state actively enables or supports.

This does not mean that every moral question should become a political question, but rather it means that where the state enacts or perpetuates in the collective life of the nation something that is directly contrary to the Christian understanding of God's purpose for humanity – for example, slavery – a Christian is duty bound to protest and argue in the public sphere for change, through whatever channels are possible. So Christian activism in respect of changing the law is justified primarily when the state is responsible for – so to speak – compromising the morality of all citizens. In such a situation the state is in effect limiting the freedom of its own citizens by involving them in the consequences of behaviour which is wrong.

Wilberforce did not advocate breaking the law in order to change the law. Where the boundaries of acceptable behaviour are when protesting against injustice is for another debate, but Wilberforce was tireless in working within the system to change the system.

Rowan Williams concludes with a question which he puts into the mouth of Wilberforce: *"If Christians, committed to personal responsibility and social justice, cannot keep before the eyes of the state and its legislators issues that are greater than security and profit, who can?"*

As we sit here in 2022, we might ask ourselves what issues we might be being called to care and campaign for. And as Wilberforce's life teaches us not to be reticent about calling out those causes, and as I write this on the Kent coast, I will admit that I feel very uneasy about how we are treating those who arrive on our shore fleeing evil abroad, sometimes akin to slavery.

Mark Ashworth



You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know.

~ William Wilberforce

Wednesday 2 February 2022, 6pm



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**BERT REMEMBERED BY HIS WIFE JOAN**

Bert Davis was born on the 22nd April 1924, a much loved only child brought up in Edmonton, North London. He earned a place at Latymer Grammar School where he soon began to collect school prizes, one of which was John Buchan's book, 'The 39 Steps', a thriller concerning spies, espionage and secrets. This well-thumbed book really captured his imagination.

Fireworks also became a great interest and he was always looking at ways to increase the power and noise of them. Much excitement followed when a whole box of fireworks, that he had painstakingly collected with his pocket

money, was accidentally ignited by a spark in the back garden of his home creating mayhem when one of the rockets smashed through a window.

In 1939, war began and Latymer was evacuated first to Clacton and then to Tonypany in Wales, where the school was made very welcome by the locals who remembered the food parcels sent by the people of Edmonton during the Depression, when money was very short. He maintained contact with the family he stayed for many years and he became a kindred spirit with the Welsh. He warmly remembered the kindly welcome, suddenly vibrant social life free of parental controls and how the locals turned out to watch the classes of displaced boys march through the streets.

A university education was not usually considered for a boy from his background. On leaving school in 1942 he started work as an apprentice in the Royal Small Arms Factory at Enfield Lock, where his father was a skilled Barrel Setter. Bert worked by day in the factory, attended evening classes for his engineering course and also took his turn at fire watching at night, maintaining vigil for any incendiary bombs dropped by German bombers.

Bert studied for eight years at night school to obtain his engineering qualifications. He then became a chartered engineer and a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and the Institute of Engineering and Technology. Throughout this time, he cycled back and forth to work – pleasant enough during the warm summers but bitterly cold in winter snow and ice.

His work at Enfield was recognised and soon he transferred to the Royal Gunpowder Factory in Waltham Abbey where he continued in the drawing office. Working life proved varied, interesting and occasionally exciting.

One day, Bert was sent to a different building. He walked in, popping his lunch box down on top of a tall metal drum, only for his boss to raise a wry eyebrow, “Please be careful where you put your lunch box, as it could cause a hell of a bang.” The drum was full of infamously unstable nitro-glycerine, which could have flattened the whole building! This was one of several misadventures, not least the time during a site visit when an errant bullet suddenly tore through a brick wall, just missing his head!

His qualifications progressed; Bert began working on cutting edge projects such as the remote control and mixing of explosives and fuels, meeting many renowned engineers, scientists and weapon specialists, including Sir Barnes Wallis. In 1950, Bert became a chartered production engineer. The height of the Cold War saw promotion out of Waltham to the Ministry of Defence in Lacon House, Holborn, taking him from an Edmonton boy to a rising Civil Servant in Central London. His family’s strong trade union background prepared him for overseeing the welfare of thousands of ministry engineers. Being piped aboard to inspect Royal Navy ships, in his best suit, with the rank of Acting Commander, was a new and pleasant experience, as was providing ministers with answers for question time in the House of Commons. After a remarkable career working with some of the greats of British defence, the pinnacle was overseeing graduate recruitment, travelling the country seeking the next generation of engineers.

After work in Waltham Abbey, Bert popped in to see his mother every day, before driving home to his family in Southgate. Following his parents’ divorce his mother relied on him totally. Bert was unfailingly kind and patient in some very difficult circumstances. In 1974 she came to live with the family until she died.



On St Valentine's Day in 1953, Bert met Joan at a social at Waltham Abbey. His favourite photo was taken at their first date, a picnic in Hadley Wood. Following Joan's return from her round the world trip, they married in July 1955. They went on to have three children, twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In 1984, at the age 60, Bert retired and then directed his energies to putting the house in order. This included a complete rewiring and modernising the plumbing, in addition to designing and fitting a new kitchen! He remained active at home doing all sorts of odd jobs, including running 80ft of post fencing in the garden, before finally re-roofing the shed at 94!

During retirement he became a highly regarded and popular Church Warden at St Paul's Church, Winchmore Hill, from 1995 to 2001, always offering a warm "Hallo" to visitors, helping wherever he could, diligently note taking at meetings, editing the parish magazine and much more besides. His service was very much appreciated and he found great comfort in the church.

More recently his health deteriorated and his hearing and sight suffered. He could no longer enjoy books, music, television and radio. But nevertheless, whilst attending a family party just three years ago, upon hearing the jazz band play, he was first up on his feet and danced as he did in his younger years.

He was a very kind and thoughtful man - he loved his family and is sadly missed by all.

A MESSAGE FROM JOAN DAVIS

I wish to thank you all for your kindness, consideration, sympathy cards, letters and flowers, plus offers of help, during the past few weeks following the death of my dear husband Bert on 10th December 2021. They have all helped to make a sad time easier to bear and have been very much appreciated.

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

(This prayer was read at the funeral of Bert Davis.)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is error, the truth;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled, as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

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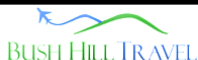
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