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From the dawn of civilization, the great centers of cultural, economic, and political power were around the river valleys of the Middle East, India, and China; and for thousands of years that is where they stayed, slowly expanding into neighbouring territories. But gradually, very gradually, the center of gravity in the Middle East shifted on a trajectory through the Mediterranean towards the northwestern coasts of the Eurasian landmass, to Portugal, Spain, France, the Low Countries, and the British Isles – regions utterly peripheral to the ancient world view. (The Roman conquest of Britain was analogous to the American landing of men on the moon – it was a boast of imperial power.) And when those ancient empires stagnated, it was these peripheral countries that leapt beyond the confines of the ancient world around the Mediterranean to global empires, with outposts and realms in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and the Americas, out of which came our present global community. In the race for global empire, Portugal, the first out of the box, was overtaken by Spain and the Netherlands; Spain in turn overtaken by France, France finally overtaken by Britain; Britain in turn overtaken by its independent offspring, the USA. With the revival of China and India, we may well be seeing a

further shift of power, back to ancient centers of empire; although it will take much before the USA loses its economic or military dominance. The irony is that the Middle East, the cradle of our own civilization and religion is now a bleak crucible of wraths and sorrows.

For Americans (or Canadians) to visit the British Isles, therefore, is to retrace, as it were, our steps, not all the way, but just to the previous point of origin; for though Americans and Canadians are comprised of peoples from all over the world, we were brought together in societies incubated under British rule, speaking the English language, and developing the British tradition of law and liberty under the influence of British Protestantism (Episcopalian, Presbyterian, or Congregationalist). Of course we do not return to England as it was; yet the traces of that history remain, and the commonalities are deep.

It was these commonalities that struck me last month, when an invitation to speak at a theological conference at Pusey House in Oxford took me to England, where cool summer temperatures were an agreeable change from Savannah's. By chance I arrived the morning after the thunderclap of the Brexit vote, and to the ensuing consternation, exultation and deep uncertainty about the future. Circumstances are not the same, and yet the similarity was striking. In Britain as in America, the political landscape has

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. David C. Barrow III

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. John D. Riley

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Howell III and Kathryne H. Koritz by Jeanne, Caroline, and Claire McMillan; And in honor of Mr. Ross Hunter Philbrick by Dr. Thomas Philbrick;

And in honor of the anniversary of the ordination of the Reverend Gavin G. Dunbar on July 18, 1992.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

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ACOLYTES

8:30 a.m. Mikel Kelly
10:30 a.m. Jamie McClellan Hawkins Pindar
Turner Stevens Jackson McClellan
Patrick Perrie

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Richard W. Adams

SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. ADULT CLASSES

READING ROOM: The Book of Samuel with Father Dunbar
THIRD FLOOR CORNER CLASSROOM: The discussion of Tim Keller's *Prayer* continues.

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Tuesday- Men's Breakfast
6:45 a.m., Parish House
Thursday- *Romans* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., CH Reading Room

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION

Wednesday- C. S. Lewis Women's Fellowship
11:00 a.m. CH Reading Room
Next meeting is July 27.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

We wish to thank Angela Fisher, Guest Organist, and Wes Perkins, Guest Conductor, for serving today while Steven Branyon is away.

JANE'S CANNERS

...are at work 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday. All are welcome to join them! Donations needed: half-pint jars, sugar, bell peppers, GOLDEN raisins, figs, pears, apples, peaches, onions, etc. Call Jane Pressly at 912-233-6551.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

changed suddenly by a populist and 'anti-globalist' revolt against the elites, and as with all revolutions, no one really knows where it will take us.

If the near future for English-speaking peoples is problematic, yet the legacy of our common past in Britain indicates the richness of the resources we have with which to meet its challenges. And in London (big, noisy, congested, often ugly) and in Oxford (small, serene, often beautiful) the monuments and the evidences of that legacy are all around. Two places in particular stuck with me. The first is St. James Park in London – a place of verdant serenity at the heart of the city, artfully disposed in the great English landscape tradition, and ringed by an astonishing constellation of historic national monuments, religious, political, cultural – the abbey and palace of Westminster, the government offices in Whitehall (including the Churchill War Rooms and the Great War Cenotaph), the aristocratic and royal palaces of St. James and Buckingham House, the National Gallery and the Tate. The other is Radcliffe Square, an ensemble of colleges (cloistered residential quadrangles centered on hall and chapel) and university buildings (library, church, ceremonial halls) that evolved slowly from the 13th to the early-18th century, yet revolve in exquisite harmony around the English baroque rotunda of the Radcliffe Camera. These eye-catching places are not just photo-ops for casual tourists, they are keys to knowing what we are, and what has been given us in our shared history. May we prove wise and grateful stewards of this legacy. GGD

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday to Thursday

8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Morning and Evening Prayer

In addition, on Monday, July 18

ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

5:30 p.m. *Evening Prayer*

& Holy Communion

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *The Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Friday, July 22

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Morning and Evening Prayer

with Holy Communion

SAVANNAH VOICE FESTIVAL

AT ST. JOHN'S

FROM ARGENTINA WITH LOVE:

SANTIAGO BALLERINI

Thursday, August 11

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Church

Tenor Santiago Ballerini in recital with Justina Lee on piano. Tickets: \$45 in advance

SALON SERIES:

OPERA IN THE BAROQUE

Friday, August 12

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Green-Meldrim House

An intimate concert of early music featuring Handel, Purcell, and others.

Salon Concert & Meet-the-Artist Champagne

Reception - Tickets: \$75 all inclusive

VOICE Society Member Only Event

SALON SERIES:

GOODNIGHT, MY LOVE

LULLABIES AND CRADLE SONGS

Friday, August 19

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Green-Meldrim House

With this parlor concert of lullabies old and new, VOICE Society members can end their week with this lovely and charming evening. .

Salon Concert &

Meet the Artist Champagne Reception

Tickets: \$75 all inclusive

VOICE Society Member Only Event

All tickets are available at Savannahfestival.org.

8:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

COLLECT, EPISTLE, and GOSPEL..... Prayer Book, page 199
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS (Cranmer Hall)

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - **Nursery (Cranmer Hall)**

10:30 A.M. - JOYFUL NOISE, JOYFUL HEARTS (Cranmer Hall)

Music, Teaching, and Active Fun for Pre-School through Kindergarten.

10:30 A.M. - MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

HYMN: #158 *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* Puer Nobis
 Sentences, Confession, Absolution and Lord's Prayer Prayer Book, pages 3-7
 Versicles and Responses 7-8
 VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO: #609 9
 Psalm #31 375
 First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:9-32 *Against the false prophets*.....*Insert*
 BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE #626..... 11
 Second Lesson: Romans 8:12; St. Matthew 7:15..... 200
 BENEDICTUS #634 14
Children may exit following the cross for PSALM PSINGERS (Grades 1-5).
 Apostles' Creed 15
 Versicles and Responses 16
 Collect for the Day..... 199
 Other Collects, Prayers and the Grace 17-20
 HYMN: #304 *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* Beecher
 THE SERMON Father Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences
 Anthem: *O How Amiable Are Thy Dwellings* R. Vaughan Williams
 Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139
 General Thanksgiving (*said by all*) and Aaronic Blessing..... 19
 HYMN: #463 *O Thou That Camest from Above* Mendon #218
 VOLUNTARY: *Fanfare* Kenneth Leighton

Everyone is invited to attend Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

****Join us at Coffee Hour today as we honor the anniversary of Father Gavin G. Dunbar's ordination!***

12:00 P.M. (Noon) HOLY COMMUNION in the Chapel (Collect, Epistle, Gospel as at 8:00 a.m.)