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AN EAGLE'S EYE VIEW

Some clergymen can be an awful lot of fun

I'VE KNOWN more than a few clergymen in my time and not all of them have been dry old sticks. Some of them, in fact, have been the epitome of civilized and convivial company. One such was Henry Aldrich (1647-1710), a philosopher and theologian who was Vice Chancellor of Oxford University and Rector of Wem in the county of Shropshire, England.

I never met Henry – he was after all about 100 years before my time – but, aside from being an outstanding academic, he was an absolute hoot at the dinner table. He wrote a book on logic – in Latin, naturally – that was still being used in the mid-19th Century. No doubt it would still be in use today if modern students weren't such terrible slouches at languages.

In addition to composing a number of fine anthems and church services, he set much of the music of Palestrina and Carissimi to English. He also wrote the well-known catch, *Hark, the bonny Christ Church bells* as well as some side-splitting poems. My personal favorite is one giving five reasons for drinking alcohol:

*Si bene quid memini, causae sunt
quinque bibendi;*

*Hospitis adventus, praesens sitis atque futura,
Aut vini bonitas, aut quaelibet altera causa.*

A rough translation for those unversed in Latin:

*If all be true that I do think,
There are five reasons we should drink;
Good wine — a friend — or being dry —
Or lest we should be by and by —
Or any other reason why.*

From this you can see that our new Cookie Walk 2011 Cook Book – a comprehensive guide to the art of making and mixing beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic – is solidly within the Anglican tradition. So please answer our call for your recipes for punches, teas, shrubs, smoothies, malts, shakes, hot and cold drinks, and flavored alcoholic drinks. Anything you love that is potable.

Please bring your favorite recipes to church or email our editor Peter Threadgill (the best way) his address is petrus@ststeve.com. All recipes must be in no later than Sunday November 6th. Thanks awfully! **ISAAC EAGLE**

FROM THE RECTOR

Sic transit gloria mundi -- Apple's Steve Jobs

IT IS LIKELY that the passing of Steve Jobs – founder of Apple, makers of the Macintosh computer, the iMac, the iPod, the iPad and the iPhone – has generated even more in the way of national and international attention than the death of Mother Teresa.

Condolences have poured in from folks ranging from the mightiest of world leaders to the most obscure computer geek – tributes to a visionary genius who wrought major changes in the ways in which we communicate, calculate and entertain ourselves.

Incongruously perhaps – in view of Mr. Jobs utilitarian

design philosophy – vigils spontaneously sprang up outside Apple stores, complete with candles and eclectic collections of odd votives, ranging from apples (the fruit not the product), through iPod earphones to the more mundane photographs and messages.

Mr. Jobs' died tragically young and at the height of his success. He was just 56 years old – far short of his scripturally allotted three score years and ten.

The outpouring of emotion was in part an acknowledgement of feelings that like other iconic heroes and heroines of the recent past – the names Rudolph Valentino, Amelia Earhart, James Dean, Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley spring to mind – he died without having reached his full potential.

Many of those paying tribute to Mr. Jobs seemed particularly admiring of a 2005 commencement address he delivered at Stamford University and commended the advice he offered to the students.

He told them, for example: “Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking . . . have the courage to follow your heart and intuition . . .”

Certainly this advice is in keeping with the spirit of the times, and one cannot deny the value of occasionally “thinking outside the box.” But to dismiss

dogma as “a trap” and to be contemptuous of “living with the results of other people's thinking” is merely a verbose endorsement Henry Ford's culturally and economically suicidal assertion: “History is bunk.”

To be sure, in free and open societies, innovation is both essential (and inevitable). But today's innovations are built upon the innovations of yesteryear. History – which can be rightly defined as “the results of other people's thinking” – is a vitally important text book for living. Indeed, as the Harvard philosopher George Santayana observed: Those who will not learn from [it] are doomed to repeat it.

Similarly, Mr. Jobs' musings on death in the same commencement address seemed wistful rather than inspiring – an unspoken acceptance of the inevitability of losing his desperate, years-long battle with pancreatic cancer, as well as a reflection of his utilitarian view of death as the “clearing away of old things” rather than the gateway to a larger life.

But, then, if Mr. Jobs could at all be described as “a man of faith” it was faith in himself not faith in a loving and merciful Creator. Indeed, from his obituaries, he comes across as a curiously self-absorbed and not wholly pleasant character.

He was certainly far from generous at least in any conventional sense of word. His first coup as a teenage businessman was to chisel his partner out all but \$300 of his 50 percent share in a \$5,000 fee from the game maker Atari. As a young millionaire, for two years he refused to acknowledge the paternity of a daughter born out of wedlock, condemning the child and her mother to life on welfare and food stamps.

Things did not greatly improve with age, success and rapidly accumulating wealth. One of his first acts on returning to Apple in 1997 was to terminate all of its corporate philanthropy programs. He also habitually parked in the company's handicapped parking slot.

Nor was he a kindly employer. According to insiders he

St. Stephen's Church
come to our
**20th Annual
Cookie Walk**
on Saturday,
December 4th, 2011
from 8.30 AM to 1.00 PM

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

being Sunday, October 23rd, 2011

8.00 AM 9.15 AM

HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: I Corinthians 1:4-8

The Gospel: St. Matthew 22:34-46

11.15AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 119:89-104

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 5:1-21

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 22:34-46

managed with a mixture of “withering scorn and carefully judged flattery.” It is claimed that employees were often reluctant to enter an elevator with Jobs for fear of being fired in the course of the ride. Yet, paradoxically, among his inner circle, he inspired admiration bordering on hero-worship.

All human beings are desperately flawed and a mass of contradictions. It is as mistaken to judge a person by the word of his rivals as it is by the flattery of his admirers. Indeed, it is a rare person who does not have a kinder and gentler side.

Yet I can't help thinking how much more evident that side of his character would have been if he had had a little more faith in God and a little less faith in himself. What's more, it seems a trifle odd that a person whose generosity of spirit was so rarely on display should receive accolades on a similar scale to that of a great soul like Mother Teresa. *Sic transit gloria mundi.* **GUY HAWTIN**✠

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

Join us on October 19th

THE LADIES Who Lunch will be meeting at the Bluestone Restaurant, 11 West Aylesbury Road, Timonium, at 12 noon, Wednesday, October 19th. Join us for fellowship and very good food. To reserve, call Joyce Perlberg: 410-252-2680

✠ **PARISH PRAYER LIST** ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Deborah, Thelma, Mary, Adele, Reta, Sara, Michael, Tammy Sophie, Gracie, Paula, Blair, Jim, Melvin, Noah, Mavis, Heather, Laurie, Diane, Don, Lynn, Helen, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Edithann, Doris, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erline, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Lelliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, Bryan, Jason, Jane, Joan, Frances, Pat, Michael, Ray, Leslie, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Robert, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Alma, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Gloria, Lee Emily, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Sister Catherine-Grace, Maxine, Ann Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Rebecca, Dorothy, Joanne, ✠Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian and Carol.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Rosa, June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Ned, & Stephen, Rachel, Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Doris, Drake, Bobby, Kay & Emma, Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, David, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Tom, Susan, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, Jo Anne, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Stephen, Carol, Sandra, John, Mary, Michael and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: LTC R.J. Lytle, PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Charles Watts, USN; Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt. Col. Harry Hughes, USAF.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am -- Holy Communion

9.15am -- Holy Communion

(Nursery & Church School)

11.15am -- Morning Prayer

(1st. Sun. of the month: Holy Communion at 11.15am)

(1st Sun. of the month: Choral Evensong at 6.00pm)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday: Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday: 5.00 PM Family Eucharist.

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ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN*

ALMIGHTY God, who didst inspire thy servant Saint Luke the Physician, to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son; Manifest in thy Church the like power and love, to the healing of our bodies and our souls; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN*

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 213 & 253

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