

**Lectionary**  
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**Dear Friends**

About two or three times a week I watch an aerobatic display that is fast, precise and incredible. I'm enthralled every time. It's performed by a group of pigeons that live under the Melling bridge. Their performance reminds me of the Red Arrows squad of the RAF in England. As I watch questions tumble in my mind. Which bird starts the flights? Who takes the lead in the maneuvers? How do they do it at such speed without crashing into each other? These and other questions arise when you see thousands of starlings wheeling and performing a great ballet in the sky. Then we may see a TV documentary that presents the same issues among fish, vast herds of wildebeest, or bison, and other species.

Now let's turn our attention to people. In the centuries before telephones and 'snail mail' people experienced situations where they received messages that gave them the clear and convincing sense that something was happening to someone they knew well—it was 'out of the blue'. Again and again it was verified as an event that was at the exact same time as they received or sensed the message. No instrument was involved like a telephone, let alone all our modern facilities like iphones, or Skyping, or TXTing. Of course there are always folk who dismiss such experiences as the result of vivid imaginations or wishful thinking. To escape ridicule people often keep quiet. However the number of such experiences reported is so vast that they cannot be rubbished. Even more so when we hear of twins who grow up apart and years later discover that their lives have been mirrored as if they shared one mind.

Perhaps you are wondering where all this is leading. My hope is to widen our view on the wonder and significance of the inner aspects of our being. This inner being we all have in common—gifts and abilities more powerful, positive and peace promoting than the forces that try to paralyse us with fear and terror. I'm not a scientist but there are discoveries that have been made which truly excite me. I understand that nothing can go faster than the speed of light—the sun's rays only take something like about 6-7 minutes to reach earth. Is that right?

Now we know there's something faster!

**Sincerely - Lester**

	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Epistle/OT</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Monday 14 August:	147:13-end	Deut 10:12-end	Matt 17:22-end
Tuesday 15 August:	45:10-end	Isa 61:10-11	Luke 1:46-55
Wednesday 16 August:	66:14-end	Deut 34	Matt 18:15-20
Thursday 17 August:	114	Josh 3:7-11,13-17	Matt 18:21-19:1
Friday 18 August:	136:1-3, 16-22	Josh 24:1-13	Matt 19:3-12
Saturday 19 August:	16:5-end	Josh 24:14-29	Matt 19:13-15
Sunday 20 August <b>Pentecost 11</b> Ps 133; Gen 45:1-15; Rom 11:1-2a,29-32; Matt 15:(10-20),21-28			

	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Epistle/OT</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Monday 21 August:	106:34-42	Judg 2:11-19	Matt 19:16-22
Tuesday 22 August:	85:8-end	Judg 6:11-24	Matt 19:23-end
Wednesday 23 August:	21:1-6	Judg 9:6-15	Matt 20:1-16
Thursday 24 August:	145:1-7	Isa 43:8-13	Luke 22:24-30
Friday 25 August:	146	Ruth 1:1,3-6, 14-16,22	Matt 22:34-40
Saturday 26 August:	128	Ruth 2:1-3,8-11; 4:13-17	Matt 23:1-12
Sunday 27 August <b>Pentecost 12</b> Ps 124; Ex 1:8-2;10; Rom 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20			

	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Epistle/OT</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Monday 28 August:	149:1-5	1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-end	Matt 23:13-22
Tuesday 29 August:	139:1-9	1 Thess 2:1-8	Matt 23:23-26
Wednesday 30 August:	126	1 Thess 2:9-13	Matt 23:27-32
Thursday 31 August:	90:13-end	1 Thess 3:7-end	Matt 24:42-end
Friday 1 September:	126; 145	1 Cor 3:11-17	Matt 5:1-12
Saturday 2 September:	98:1-2, 8-end	1 Thess 4:9-12	Matt 25:14-30
Sunday 3 September <b>Pentecost 13</b> Ps 105:1-6,23-26,45b; Ex 1-15; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28			

## ENTANGLED BEINGS—ALL OF US!

In 1960 an Irish scientist named Bell, was able to show that sub-atomic particles— “once they have contact with other sub-atomic particles and then separated, then a change in one means a change in the other instantly, no matter how far apart.” So here is something happening faster than the speed of light. Nick Herbert expresses it in this way:-

These connections and links take place without (a) having to travel through space, no instrument is needed, no signal is sent; (b) the strength of the connection does not fade or weaken no matter how distant; (c) these connections and changes are instantaneous.

This sort of happening is not confined to sub-atomic particles but also to the world of biology—of living creatures including ourselves. It has often been called entanglement. This is the point where we can begin to “see” some important and exciting implications.

- \* It seems to imply we can no longer believe that we are limited to what is within our skin. There is a sense in which we extend beyond the boundary of our bodies. We experience this when someone enters a room of people and the atmosphere or ‘vibes’ change—more aliveness or greater dullness. We pour out from our heart love to friend a 1000 miles away.
- \* Imagine a group of people (not necessarily together physically) who are on the same wavelength seeking peace, harmony and love in the world. Their prayers, hopes and love go out instantly to touch the lives of people near and far. Many sages and saints have said we seldom realise how often such outreach from our hearts and minds has actually prevented wars, conflicts and crime in the world. But this is not without discrimination. Other minds and attitudes don’t dissolve into a bland sameness. For example a worried mother can connect with her child not with all children.
- \* This may seem bread and butter stuff to most Christians. However we shouldn’t make the mistake of imagining:
  - (a) that we are the only ones who have discovered the power of this approach in a divided, battered and bruised world;
  - (b) and we need to discover more widely that our thoughts and thinking patterns will never unite the world—and so far never looked likely to do it.
  - (c) We can however look and note that every human being can and does say “I AM” — on this we can all (and do) acknowledge our common individual ISness. This “isness” is the isness of God, the Absolute and IS an unchanging essence. At this point we are each one (one of the 7+ billion people) on common ground wrapped in a common undying love.

## IT IS POSSIBLE— ‘for this we have now’

Coleman Barks who translates much of Rumi’s poetry says that a sense of Majesty is ... “felt as a presence, dawn, a company of friends, a splendour that is prior to and source of the universe. Rumi says it is a state of awareness best spoken of in terms of what it is not.”

This we have now  
is NOT imagination.  
This is NOT grief or joy.  
Not a judging state,  
Not an elation  
or sadness.  
Those come and go.  
This is the presence that  
doesn’t.  
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Love brings us back  
to that which  
we always  
are.

The world famous palaeontologist and Christian saint and mystic says:-

“Being transformed by love is quite possible.

What paralyses life is failure to believe and failure to dare.

The day will come when, after harnessing space, the winds, the tides, and gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love.

And on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, we shall have discovered fire.”

- Teilhard de Chardin

A lighter footnote!

The Red Arrows aerobatic team was advertising a display in a geographical area. It read:-

**Red Arrows Display**

**Tues 10th July 12 noon—12.30 pm**

Underneath a graffiti wit wrote: **If wet—in the Town Hall!**