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# ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

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## WITH UNVEILED FACES

Parents, childminders and frustrated arty DIY geeks – my gift to you this week is WINTERCROFT MASKS. Just Google it. You'll be blown away!

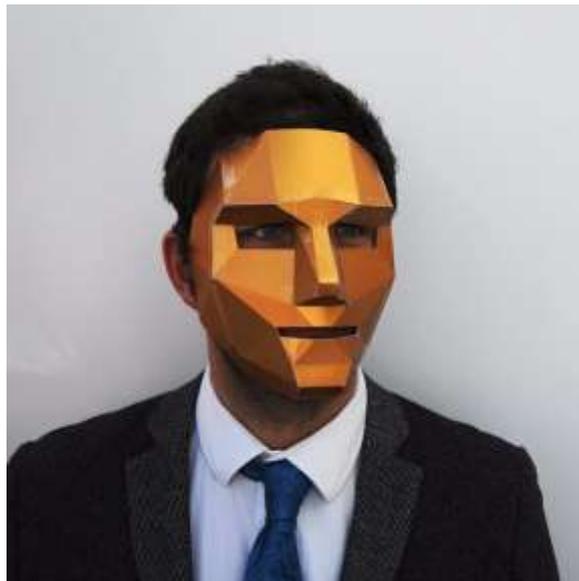
Since 2013, Steve Wintercroft and his wife have been designing polygonal DIY mask kits for home assembly. Human faces. Animals. Weird and wonderful creatures. All are available. The trick is simply this: you go online and order the mask you want; you pay online (£4.50 each) and download the template; then you find some scrap cardboard, some tape and glue and a ruler and craft knife – and the world of dressing-up is, as they say, your oyster! Hours of fun – and endless ideas for those seasonal fancy dress parties we all dread.

Why did I stumble upon this life-changing concept?

Next week I am working again with a leadership team. We've come a long way in the past year in terms of thinking about strategy, behaviours, individual styles and team alignment. It hasn't always been easy, but in truth, comparing where they *were* to where they *are* is like comparing night and day. One thing remains. Mask-removal.

We all wear masks. Not of the cardboard variety. I mean, we all go through life in our families, in our communities, our churches and in our workplaces either hiding behind a front we put on – or, just as frequently, putting on a front (or a mask) as a piece of combative strategy. We are seldom, truly, ourselves.

My team has moved a long way. The next step is the really big one. Can they now, having worked out what they're *meant* to be doing, and having established a good deal of trust, risk removing their 'masks' and being themselves. For some this will mean being bolder; for others, it will mean risking being vulnerable. For all of them, it is – I suspect – the step that will move them from being 'effective' to being 'transformative' and 'high-performing'. We are only truly transformative when we are ourselves, masks off.



St Paul – long before the term 'high-performing team' had been coined – used this same image. "All we," he said, "with unveiled faces beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed..." It begins, he said, with the grace of God and our glimpse of his glory.

It's a beguiling idea, isn't it. Could we, as a Church, become a community in which nobody needed to hide, in which each could – comfortably or uncomfortably – be him or herself and find acceptance? Could we unmask ourselves? Could we gently unmask each other? And more, could we be a community in which, being ourselves, we are both transformed and transformative?

What mask do you wear? What, I wonder, would it take for you to remove it?

Fr Alan Gyle

# Parish News & Events

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## FAREWELL & THANK YOU

It is with real sadness that we bid farewell this Sunday to two of the musical team at St Paul's: Andrew Westwood (left) from among the basses and Jeremy Cole (right) from the organ console. In both cases we are delighted that for them life has simply moved on. Andrew and Clementine were married last year and now move from London out into the country for a more civilized life and better-quality Sunday mornings without the rush to SW1! Jeremy has taken the role of Assistant Organist at St Martins in the Fields in Trafalgar Square where he is part of a newly-configured team sustaining the musical life of



one of the nation's busiest parish churches. Both, privately, have said that they will miss us; what I'm certain about is that we will miss them, their consummate musical professionalism undergirded by their easy-going good humour. Two nicer men it's seldom been our pleasure to work with.

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## WALSINGHAM TRIP

With regret, we have cancelled the proposed trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in October. Many have expressed a real desire to visit 'England's Nazareth', and we will hope to rearrange something in 2016.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 18:45**

You're warmly invited to join us on Wednesday evening for our midweek mass and a reflection, by Fr Alan Gyle, on the Book of Jonah – one of the Bible's greatest and fishiest tales, and one with a timeless message about forgiveness and hardness of heart! Refreshments afterwards.



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## GALA PIANO CONCERT

**Saturday 17th October 2015 at 7.30pm**

Following the fund raising birthday concert in April, we have raised over £36,000 which has enabled us to buy a magnificent 1990 Steinway concert grand piano. For the inaugural concert at St Paul's Knightsbridge, we are very fortunate that Howard Shelley has agreed to direct and play the Emperor piano concerto by Beethoven – a great work to showcase the instrument. The programme will commence with Mozart's Figaro overture



with the Thames Chamber Orchestra under their principal conductor, Keith Marshall, and the concert will end with Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony. **Ticket prices £15 / £20 / £35 - available online at [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)**

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## PROJECT 'O' – latest videos online now



Between now and Advent Sunday, we're going on a creative journey. Members of the congregation – Thomas Hyde, composer, and Clare McCaldin, mezzo-soprano – along with Stevie Farr, Director of Music, and the St Paul's choir and choreographer Hubert Essakow are creating a work of music, song and dance in an interpretation of The O Antiphons of Advent. O will be performed at St Paul's Knightsbridge on **Advent Sunday at 6.00pm on 29 November 2015**. A series of films, under the title O – The O

Antiphons, will record the creation of the work. All are welcome to the service. You can become part of the creative journey by following its progress online. Visit [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)

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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Two 'must-attend' dates for your diaries for this coming Advent and Christmastide. The **FOUNDATION CAROL SERVICE** will take place on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 18:30** with a line up of celebrity readers led by Alexander Armstrong, music by the Choir of St Paul's, the Knightsbridge School and this year for the first time, Francis Holland School too. Afterwards, a sparkling reception in the marquee outside the church – and then on to bless the Christmas Tree in Wilton Crescent Gardens. Tickets are available online from [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)

The **PARISH CAROL SERVICE** takes place on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 19:00**. No tickets for this event – just the chance to enjoy a traditional sequence of carols and readings for Christmas, and afterwards mulled wine and mince pies.



# CAPITAL MASS

Diocese of London and Church Urban Fund **TOGETHER**

Please visit the Parish Website ([www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)) to find out more about CAPITAL MASS, a programme developed by the Diocese of London to help engage and support every parish in the Diocese of London in tackling poverty and the causes of poverty – with content to help you think through a Christian response to the current Refugee Crisis and links to agencies you may wish to support which are bringing frontline help to those directly involved.

# Pilgrimages and Trips in 2016



## THE HOLY LAND 2016

### An invitation from our Sister Parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington DC.

A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is a trip like no other. And the opportunity is there for members of our parish community to make just such a trip October 30-November 13, 2016.



The itinerary would include the principal holy sites in Jerusalem (the Holy Sepulcher, the Way of the Cross, the Palm Sunday route down the Mount of Olives, the Upper Room) Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Galilee (Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Church of the Loaves and Fishes). We would worship with local Episcopalians in Nazareth and at the Cathedral of St. George in Jerusalem, and visit several of the humanitarian institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, including St. Savior's School in Jordan which St. Paul's has supported financially for nearly 10 years. While in Jordan, we would visit the fabled city of Petra, and in Jerusalem, would see both

the Jewish holy site of the Western (or "Wailing") Wall and esplanade above (the Haram al-Sharif or Temple Mount) with the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque.

Fr. Richard Wall would lead the pilgrimage together with local guide Iyad Qumri, who is a lay Canon of St. George's Cathedral.

While the dates are more than a year away, we need to know now whether there is sufficient interest to make a 2016 pilgrimage viable. Land arrangements (inclusive of accommodation in a double room, all meals, entry fees, local transportation and tips) are \$2800 a person. Single rooms (limited numbers available) cost an additional \$650. It's hard to say this far in advance, but air fare currently would run about \$900.

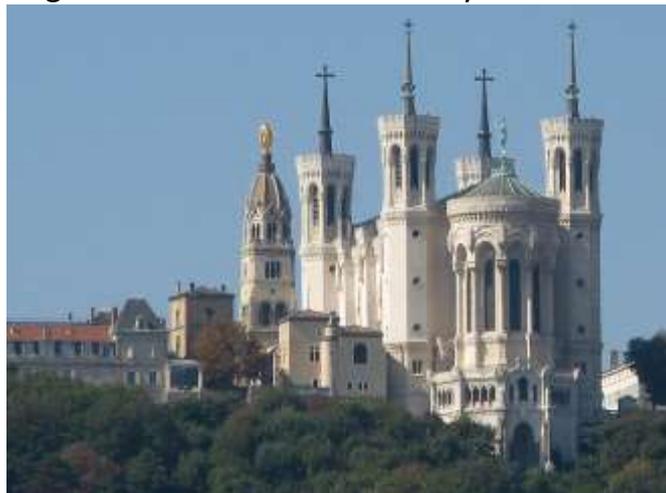


Please email Ann Korke (akkorky@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating. If there is a sufficient number, we would ask those interested to share in an initial, non-refundable deposit of \$1500 to secure our dates. (Cost of the deposit per person would depend on the number of participants.) Fr. Richard and Ann are available to answer questions.

## LYON, FRANCE JUNE 2016

### As part of our 'We Are Theologians' Christian Formation Programme, please join us in Lyon, 6-9 June 2016.

Lyon, one of France's most spectacular cities, was the home of St Irenaeus, an early second century bishop and theologian and a champion of Christian Orthodoxy in the face of second century gnosticism. It will be home to a party from St Paul's Knightsbridge during the week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – and from Monday evening until Thursday lunchtime, Fr Alan Gyle will be leading an exploration of the city (with its spectacular Roman remains and rich cultural history) and of Irenaeus's theology – making connections with concepts of gnosticism in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



As usual, trips organised by St Paul's allow you to make the choice of how to travel and where to stay (Eurostar has trains from London St Pancras via Lille – and British Airways fly to Lyon; hotels and other accommodation is plentiful and cheap).

We will meet daily for prayer and study; time will be left free for you to use as you wish – whether as a tourist or as a pilgrim; and in the evenings we will gather for dinner together in a city judged to be one of the gastronomic centres of France.

To register your interest, please email Felicity Cranfield ([felicity@spkb.org](mailto:felicity@spkb.org)).

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## LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

### You are invited to join us for a day trip to Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016



Lincoln Cathedral is one of England's most beautiful places of worship. For almost 300 years it was the tallest building in the world. John Ruskin famously said of it: *'I have always held and proposed against all comers to maintain that the Cathedral of Lincoln is out and out the most precious piece of architecture in the British Isles'* On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July you are invited to put his thesis to the test on a day trip that will include a guided tour of the Cathedral, lunch together and time to explore the ancient and picturesque city. We hope you will join us.

To register your interest, please email Felicity Cranfield ([felicity@spkb.org](mailto:felicity@spkb.org)).

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The St Paul's Institute programme for the Autumn of 2015 and the details of the regular Sunday Forum are available in print and online. At the Cathedral's website: [www.stpauls.co.uk](http://www.stpauls.co.uk) Highlights in the coming months include:

## BEING HUMAN: HOW TO BECOME THE PERSON YOU WERE MEANT TO BE

*"Your life is precious - a precious gift. It is sacred; every moment of it. The opportunity to live rather than sleepwalk through our days belongs to us."*

**Steve Chalke, Tuesday 29 September 2015  
6.30 - 8pm on the Cathedral floor**

What kind of person do you want to be? It's easy to go through life without ever really considering what we're here for and who we want to be. How can we think not just about what we do with our lives, but who we're becoming while living them?



Steve Chalke says that God calls each one of us to play our part in his plan for a just and loving world, and it's finding our place in that story that will shape us and our lives into everything we were meant to be.

How can we hear God's call to us in a world that tells us that peace and justice are a dream, and that there are so many better, quicker fixes for our lives?

Steve Chalke is the senior minister of Oasis Church Waterloo. In 1985, he founded Oasis Trust which now has over 5,000 staff pioneering educational, healthcare and housing initiatives in the UK and overseas.

He is also the founder of Stop the Traffik and UN Special Advisor on Community Action Against Human Trafficking, and a well-known author and broadcaster. His latest book is Being Human (Hodder 2015).

This event will include plenty of time for questions and answers.

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## WEST LONDON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER



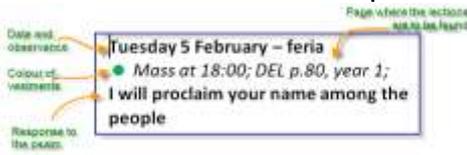
On **9 October 2015** up to 300 people will sleep on the pavement at the Duke of York Square, Chelsea, with nothing but sleeping bags and cardboard to raise awareness of homelessness and to support Glass Door, which coordinates shelter and support for homeless people in partnership with churches across West London.

The charity relies on the funds generated to run two night shelters every night from November to April, providing spaces and meals for 70 men and women a night. For more information on the Glass Door Sleep Out, please go online to [www.glassdoor.org.uk](http://www.glassdoor.org.uk).

You can find out more about Glass Door through the link on the home page of the Parish Website ([www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)) – and there is a link to their Justgiving page too, so that if you don't want to rough it yourself, you can still play your part by donating.

# The Ordo & Intercessions

There is a mass daily at St Paul's and all are welcome to attend. Service papers are available outside the Chapel or Chancel.



## COLLECT FOR TRINITY 18

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us thy gift of faith that, forsaking that which is behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of thy commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thee praise and thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive thee, here the memory of thy passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here we are given a pledge of the glory to come, when we shall feast at that table where thou reignest with all thy saints for ever. **Amen.**

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## Sunday 4 October: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

[Proper 22B; DEL week 27, year 1]

♦ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

## Monday 5 October: feria - green

♦ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 686, year 1

**R: My prayer came to you, O Lord.**

## Tuesday 6 October: William Tyndale, translator & martyr, 1536 - red

♦ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 334

**R: Wisdom will speak noble things.**

## Wednesday 7 October: feria - green

♦ Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 692, year 1

## Thursday 8 October: feria - green

♦ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 694, year 1

**R: The Lord knows the ways of the righteous.**

## Friday 9 October: St Denys and his companion martyrs, c.250 - red

♦ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 337, Common of martyrs, p. 464

**R: Whoever serves me must follow me, says God.**

## Saturday 10 October: Paulinus, bishop and missionary, 644 - white

♦ Mass at noon; EH p. 338

**R: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.**

## We pray daily for:

- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street and its new Rector
- our emerging mission link with All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby
- our sisters and brothers of the Roman Catholic Church and for Pope Francis I, and for the Eastern Orthodox churches and Bartholomew the Ecumenical Patriarch.

## Among the sick and those in need:

Arnold Sunderland; Fabienne Frichot; Cecily Worrall; Sheridan Swallow; Maggie Millbourn; Jean Marc Lehut; Anne Marie Fratani; Jamie Britten; Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; Vivienne Mallinson; Margot Stewart; Jane Elstub; Sal Allen; Clariette Wilmot; Elizabeth Gordon; Carole Taylor; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Steven Davis.

## We pray for all the recently departed,

David Loveridge; Radcliffe McCormick

## And for those whose year's mind falls at this time:

Nora Caulfield-Stoker	6 October
Thomas Welsh Jr	6 October
Sheila Hanwell	7 October
Lena Chidi Sowole	7 October
Charles Black	9 October
Cecily Jackson	9 October

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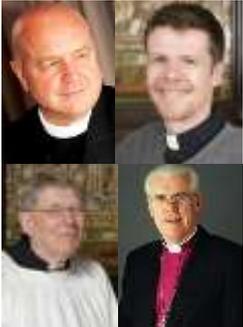
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