



O - The O Antiphons
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ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Second Sunday before Advent • 15th November 2015

PARIS TERRORISM

In a sermon some time ago I quoted a poem by the Israeli poet, Yehuda Amichai, and it seems appropriate to repeat it here:

The Diameter of the Bomb – by Yehuda Amichai

The diameter of the bomb was thirty centimetres
and the diameter of its effective range about seven meters,
with four dead and eleven wounded.

And around these, in a larger circle
of pain and time, two hospitals are scattered
and one graveyard. But the young woman
who was buried in the city she came from,
at a distance of more than a hundred kilometres,
enlarges the circle considerably,
and the solitary man mourning her death
at the distant shores of a country far across the sea
includes the entire world in the circle.

And I won't even mention the crying of orphans
that reaches up to the throne of God and
beyond, making a circle with no end and no God...

Today we pray for all those closely caught in the expanding circle of suffering which had, at its epicentre, the terrorist outrage in Paris on Friday night, and not least the bereaved and the hospitalised. We pray too for those who lost their lives so suddenly and unexpectedly. But, beyond this, we remember that we ourselves are caught, spiritually and emotionally, in the same circle – even if we imagine ourselves not to have been.

Terrorism doesn't just do physical damage. By its nature, it spreads fear among us, and suspicion and cynicism, closing us in on ourselves and eroding our humanity. We should pray for those directly affected, but at such a time as this our prayer needs to be equally for ourselves: that we may continue in openness, looking outward, embracing without judgement all who confront us - as God has commanded us in Christ - and remaining in that perfect love of God that alone casts out fear and brings true and lasting peace.

Fr Alan Gyle

Parish News & Events

SAVE THE CHILDREN



Please join a large audience for a performance of Mozart's Mass in C Minor, performed by the London Chorus, the Orpheus Sinfonia, conductor - Ronald Corp/. The soloists are: Soprano – Emma Tring, Soprano – Catherine Backhouse, Tenor – Greg Tassell, Bass - James Oldfield. There will be readings by Freddie Fox.

The Charity concert in aid of Save the Children Refugee Appeal takes place in St Paul's Knightsbridge on Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7.45pm. Tickets available from anne@londonchorus.org.uk / 020 8658 0829 / 07962 064018

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service for Air Commodore David Loveridge will be held in St Paul's on Friday 20th November at 11am.

VISITING PREACHER



Next Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King, our preacher at 11:00 is The Reverend Dr Neil Evans, Director of Ministry for the Diocese of London. Please join us for the mass and for drinks afterwards.



Please visit the Parish Website (www.spkb.org) to find out more about CAPITALMASS, 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.

PROJECT 'O' – online now

Between now and Advent Sunday, we're 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 record the creation of the work. Follow progress online. Visit www.spkb.org

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Two 'must-attend' dates for your diaries for this coming Advent and Christmastide. The **FOUNDATION CAROL SERVICE** will take place on **Tuesday 1st December at 18:30** with a line up of celebrity readers led

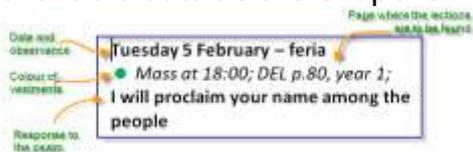


by Alexander Armstrong, music by the Choir of St Paul's, the Knightsbridge School and this year for the first time, Francis Holland School too. www.spkb.org

The **PARISH CAROL SERVICE** takes place on **Thursday 17th 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.

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 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure, that when he shall appear again with power and great glory we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Spirit, he liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, who in this holy sacrament dost give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Sunday 15 November: 2nd Sunday before Advent

[Proper – 2nd before Advent; DEL week 33, year 1]

◇ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00; Green

Monday 16 November: Margaret, queen, wife & mother, 1093

◇ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 405 - White

R: My mouth, O God, shall speak of wisdom.

Tuesday 17 November: Hugh of Lincoln, bishop, 1200

◇ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 408 - White

R: Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart, O God.

Wednesday 18 November: Elizabeth, princess & philanthropist, 1231

◇ Mass at 18:45; EH p. 411 - White

R: Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

Thursday 19 November: Hilda of Whitby, abbess, 680

◇ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 414 - White

R: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord.

Friday 20 November: Edmund, king and martyr, 870

◇ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 417 - Red

R: Restore us again, O God of hosts.

Saturday 21 November: feria

◇ Mass at noon; Votive Mass of Our Lady; EH p. 457 (mass with Gloria) - White

R: The Holy Spirit will come upon you [Psalm 45 – p. 459]

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:

Barbara Farrell Wilson; Jeremy Black; Fabienne Frichot; 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.

We pray for all the recently departed,

Audrey Elizabeth Nardelli; Marjorie Isabel Wilcox; David Loveridge

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

Guna Marita Ligere 14 November
Terry Stanford 16 November

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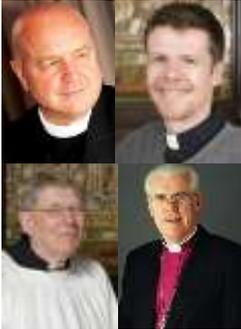
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