

The Third Sunday of Lent
28th February 2016

'Miracle on St David's Day'

"I wandered, lonely as a cloud..."

Although the Leap Year means we have to wait an extra day till Tuesday's St David's Day leek-and-daffodil extravaganza, it is not too early to print Gillian Clarke's wonderful poem about her experience working as poet-in-residence in an institution for the mentally ill in Wales, *'Miracle on St David's Day'*. Hope. Memory. Transformation. Resurrection.

"An afternoon yellow
and open-mouthed
with daffodils. The
sun treads the path
among cedars and
enormous oaks.
It might be a country
house, guests
strolling, the rumps
of gardeners
between nursery
shrubs.



I am reading poetry to the insane.
An old woman, interrupting, offers
as many buckets of coals as I need.
A beautiful chestnut-haired boy listens
entirely absorbed. A schizophrenic
on a good day, they tell me later.

In a cage of first March sun a woman
sits not listening, not seeing, not feeling.
In her neat clothes, the woman is absent.

A big mild man is tenderly led to his chair. He
has never spoken.

His labourer's hands of his knees, he rocks
gently to the rhythms of the poems. I read
to their presences, absences, to the big,
dumb labouring man as he rocks.

He is suddenly standing, silently,
huge and mild, but I feel afraid. Like slow
movement of spring water or the first bird
of the year in the breaking darkness,
the labourer's voice recites The Daffodils'.

The nurses are
frozen, alert; the
patients
seem to listen. He is
hoarse but word-
perfect.

Outside the
daffodils are still as
wax, a thousand,
ten thousand, their
syllables unspoken,
their creams and

yellow still.

Forty years ago, in a Valleys school, the class
recited poetry by rote.

Since the dumbness of misery fell he has
remembered there was a music of speech
and that once he had something to say.

When he's done, before the applause, we
observe the flowers' silence. A thrush sings
and the daffodils are aflame."

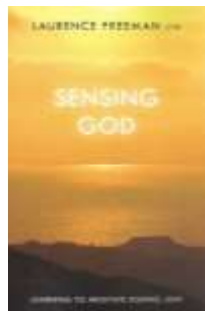
'Miracle on St David's Day'
by Gillian Clarke:
Collected Poems, Carcanet 1997

JUMBLE SALE – hold the date

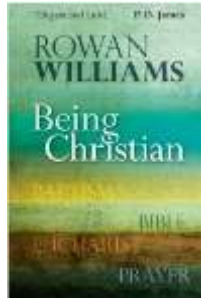
The next Parish Jumble Sale will be held on **Saturday 2nd April**. If you have items for the sale, please bring them to church (ensuring that you leave them with a responsible person and don't just dump them in the stair wells!). Niki Bartman will be glad to coordinate collection of items – or ring the Parish Office.

BOOKS FOR LENT

Those who wish to explore Meditation this Lent are encouraged to obtain a copy of **'Sensing God' by Laurence Freeman** – which contains a general introduction and an exercise for each day of the 40 days of Lent.



'Being Christian' by Rowan Williams. "Unless we understand our faith," writes Sister Wendy Beckett, "we cannot live it, but it is the living that matters. Knowing and thinking and understanding are all means to draw us into the life of Christ, an active living and loving way of being. Christianity is both simple and profound. Rowan Williams understands these two levels and how we come to the depth of what Jesus is by the simplicities of informed Christian practice. This is a handbook for Christian living." Copies available. £8:00



LENT STUDY COURSE

Living Distinctively: a Lent study course based on the book BEING CHRISTIAN by Rowan Williams

Where: In the Choir Vestry

When: Continuing on Wednesdays 2nd & 9th March 2016 at 19:30; following mass at 18:45

Led by: Fr Louis Darrant

Using Rowan Williams' 'Being Christian', Fr Louis Darrant invites you to explore four cardinal points in our distinctive way of

living: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist and Prayer. Each session will last 1h 15m, ending promptly at 20:45 and will contain both input and individual and group reflection with discussion. By the end of this four week course we will have a stronger sense of what is distinctive in our identity and those who follow Jesus Christ in daily life.

MEDITATION SPACE

Please join us on Monday evening for the regular 'Meditation Space' at St Paul's following the Monday evening mass. If you can come to mass, great – the meditation group will start at 6:30pm. No previous experience of meditation is necessary, though all will be welcome; this promises to be a perfect introduction to exploring this way of prayer. The meditation space will conclude at 7:00pm.



LYON – JUNE 2016

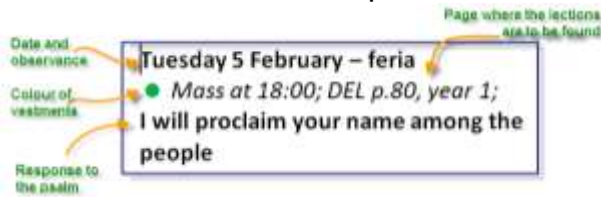
Information about the forthcoming Parish trip to Lyon, France (6th-9th June 2016) is now available on the Parish Website, www.spkb.org

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL – JULY 2016

Please make a note of the forthcoming **Cathedral visit to Lincoln** on Saturday 16th July 2016 (by coach from St Paul's Knightsbridge, departing at 08:15am, returning by 18:45) – and of a preparatory talk on **'The Glories of Lincoln'** on Wed 13th July at 19:30 by Dr Serenhedd James, columnist for the Church Times and Honorary Research Fellow at St Stephen's House, Oxford.

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:

create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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.**

SERVICES TIMES

Sunday 28 February: 3rd Sunday of Lent

[Proper – Lent 3 C; DEL Third week of Lent]

♦ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 29 February: feria of Lent

♦ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 118, year 2

R: My soul is athirst for God, the living God.

Tuesday 1 March: St David's Day, c.601

♦ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 81

R: Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, says the Lord.

Wednesday 2 March: Chad, bishop & missionary, 672

♦ Mass at 18:45; EH p. 83

R: Great is the might of the Lord.

Thursday 3 March: feria of Lent

♦ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 124, year 2

R: Come, let us sing to the Lord; and rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Friday 4 March: feria of Lent

♦ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 125, year 2

R: The ways of the Lord are right.

Saturday 5 March: feria of Lent

♦ Mass at noon; DEL p. 127, year 2

R: Come, let us return to the Lord.

We pray daily for:

- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- the unity of the Church
- Peace and justice in God's world
- All prisoners and refugees

Among the sick and those in need:

Jean Marc Lehut; Peter Morris; Michelle Trauman; Judy Beecroft; Geoffrey Wilcox; Barbara Farrell Wilson; Fabienne Frichot; Jamie Britten; Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; 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 & for those whose year's mind falls at this time:

Charles Ashton James	28 February
David Woolley	1 March
William Humbert	4 March
Mark Johnstone	5 March
Audrey Simons	5 March
Olive Ferdinando	5 March
Ronnie Lindsay	6 March

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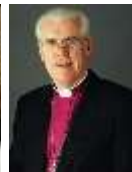
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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood;
Fr Graham Palmer; Bishop Michael Colclough

A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, seven days a week; however, as a general rule, Fr Alan is unavailable on Mondays.

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