

Week beginning Sunday 12 March 2017:

The Second Sunday of Lent

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES:

**Sunday: 12 March 2017**

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Mass at 11:00

Messe cum jubilo – Durufle

Aspice domine (Vespergesang) – Mendelssohn

Adoramus te, Christe – Lassus

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

**Monday: 13 March 2017**

### Feria of Lent

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

**Tuesday: 14 March 2017**

### Feria of Lent

Mass at 08:00

**Wednesday: 15 March 2017**

### Feria of Lent

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:45

**Thursday: 16 March 2017**

### Feria of Lent

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

**Friday: 17 March 2017**

### Patrick, bishop & missionary

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

**Saturday: 18 March 2017**

### Cyril, bishop & teacher

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at noon

**Sunday: 19 March 2017**

### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Mass at 11:00

Messe Basse – Faure

Lift thine eyes - Mendelssohn

Ave verum – Faure

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

## "A flame within us: Something swift and tall"

*"From our low seat beside the fire/ Where we have dozed and dreamed and watched the glow/ or raked the ashes, stopping so/ we scarcely saw the sun or rain/ above, or looked much higher than this same quiet red or burned-out fire./ Tonight we heard a call,/ a rattle on the window-pane,/ a voice on the sharp air,/ and felt a breath stirring our hair,/ a flame within us: Something swift and tall/ Swept in and out and that was all."*

These opening lines from Charlotte Mew's poem *The Call* are poignant words to reflect upon in these days of Lent. They rouse us from the comfort of our complacency to consider the new work which God is doing in our lives. If the backdrop of Advent is the dark skies brilliantly lit with stars, long nights perfect for the sharing of stories and of dreaming of our dreams then in Lent we are afforded fresh opportunity to be called into something new.

The poem suggests that the time for inward-looking in front of the fire is coming to an end and encourages us to notice those things which sit just outside of our immediate vision: 'we scarcely saw the sun or rain above, or looked much higher ...' The call to move beyond the known and familiar is described as a 'flame within us:

something swift and tall.' How does this relate to your own experience? How would you describe the times when you felt stirred to step out into the unknown? I think of Moses called out by God to follow who hid in the cleft of rock to avoid the consequences of meeting God face to face only to glimpse God's back as he journeys on. I think of Jesus who walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus only to disappear from sight at the breaking of bread.

According to the biblical witness, being called into something new is written into the DNA of our faith. This 'newness' can often feel like a loss, but it is always part of the enlarging of our world. Part of our gift as the Church is to help the people we encounter identify the movements of God's Spirit in their own lives and suggest a vocabulary which allows them to trust the process of 'newness'. Take time in these days to be still. You will hear something new and you will find yourself being used by God for others in ways you could never imagine.

Fr Louis

## MEALS FOR MOZAMBIQUE

A number of members of the congregation have generously agreed to host Lenten Meals for Mozambique. Of these, the largest (so far!) is in the Parish Hall on the night of SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH – hosted by Zoe and Jackie King and Niki Bartman. Please save the date and plan to join us: all profits to the Lent Appeal.

## PCC ANNUAL ACCOUNTS MEETING

In order to be ready to present to the congregation and parish the annual accounts for 2016, the Parochial Chuch Council meets briefly on Tuesday evening this week – 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm in the hall – to receive the audited accounts and to discuss and approve them for publication.

## 10 Ideas for Lent 2017

### SAVE THE DATE:

Please join us for the **Ancient Office of Compline** on the night of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 8:30pm in church

There are lots of small ways in which you can make a difference this Lent. Here are 10 ideas. Which might work for you?

Plan to **GIVE ALMS** – Blue envelopes are available in church.

If reflective space is your thing, why not come along to the **WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE** at 6:45pm in Lent. The clergy and music scholars, Findlay and Adam, will provide words and music for a guided Lenten reflection.

We'll be supporting the ALMA link – and in particular our link with All Saints Namavhila. Perhaps you'll host one of our **MEALS FOR MOZAMBIQUE** this Lent and invite your guests to make a donation to the appeal?

If learning is your thing, Fr Nick and Fr Louis are hosting a series of **VICARAGE STUDY GROUPS** groups on Tuesday evenings from 7pm till 8:30pm (see below).

We've joined forces again with **ROCOCO CHOCOLATES** to sell the Absolution Chocolate Bar – one of their Artisan Bars with an absolution wrapper which guarantees a donation of £1 to the Lent appeal. Available from church or from Rococo's flagship store in Motcomb Street.

Worship at St Paul's is a seven day a week activity. Why not take on an extra **DAILY SERVICE** this Lent – see the front of the sheet for times.

Is your **SPIRITUAL MOT** overdue? If so, please ring the office and make an appointment to have a 1 hour check up with one of the clergy.

Make sure the dates of Holy Week 2017 are in your diary now – **PALM SUNDAY** is on 9<sup>th</sup> April – and you should then be in church here or somewhere else on **MAUNDY THURSDAY** at 7:30pm, **GOOD FRIDAY** from noon till 3 and **HOLY SATURDAY** at 8:30pm

And will you consider re-engaging with the ancient tradition of **FASTING ON FRIDAYS** – or at least eating fish or vegetables, which is as good for us physically as spiritually!

And **PRAY** daily.

## STUDY IN THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT 2017

During Lent this year, on Tuesday evenings, we are going to revisit time-honoured catholic practices for living the Christian life. Our desire is to discover ancient disciplines for helping us to grow in the abundant life that is God's gift to us.

**Fasting – 14<sup>th</sup> March** We have an ambiguous relationship with fasting, often seeing it as an opportunity for losing a few pounds, but how can a gentle discipline of fasting enable us to become more attentive to God's Spirit in our lives?

**Mary – 21<sup>st</sup> March** Mary is honoured in both sublime music and in established prayers, but who is Mary for us as Anglican Christians? We will explore Mary as a model for

Christian discipleship and the thinking that lies behind the devotion to her.

**Praying with the body – 28<sup>th</sup> March** We pray with our bodies as much as we pray with our hearts and minds. Standing, kneeling, making the sign of cross, genuflecting and bowing for starters – are these empty gestures or do they have a more vital role to play in our worship of God?

**Scripture – 4<sup>th</sup> April** The Bible was written over thousands of years in cultures very different from our own, yet its power to transform is perennial. What is a catholic approach to reading the Scriptures and how do we understand its authority in our lives?

We look forward to your joining us for these free discussions at the Vicarage from 7pm to 8.30pm.



## Pilgrimages & Trips in 2017

Join us for the Parish Pilgrimage to the historic and beautiful **Llŷn Peninsula in Snowdonia, North Wales** from Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th September 2017 for an experience of Welsh spirituality and to visit the shrines of the ancient saints.

And on 24th June 2017 there will be a day trip to **Salisbury Cathedral in Wiltshire** – with a tour, a Eucharist and lunch together.

For these trips, please save the date – and register your interest through our website at [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)



## Entente Cordiale



March this year sees another collaboration between Clare McCaldin (St Paul's Choir) and pianist Libby Burgess – **Entente Cordiale**, an exploration of the cultural love-affair between England and France. The duo will probe romantic tropes and shared reference points: these include Faure's and Vaughan Williams' settings of Verlaine's poem *Prison*, Britten's folk-song settings in

English and French, and Richard Rodney Bennett's jazz-infused *A History of the Thé Dansant*. Contemporary songs by Dominic Muldowney and David Owen Norris complement songs from the early C20th by Cole Porter and Poulenc.

### PROGRAMME

Finzi – *To a Poet*  
 Vaughan Williams – *The Sky Above The Roof*  
 Faure – *Prison*  
 Faure – *Trois Mélodies de Venise*  
 Head – *Three Songs of Venice*  
 Britten – *French and English Folk Songs*  
 Il est quelqu'un sur terre, Eho! Eho!, Salley Gardens, Oliver Cromwell  
 John Ireland – *In A May Morning from Sarnia* (piano solo)  
 Dominic Muldowney – *In Paris with You*  
 David Owen Norris – *Big Ben Blues*

Poulenc – *Les Chemins de l'amour*  
 Cole Porter – *C'est Magnifique*  
 Richard Rodney Bennett – *The History of the Thé Dansant*

Thursday 23 March at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, 32a Wilton Pl, London SW1X 8SH.



## Please pray for...

**We pray this week for:**  
 Bishop Pete and all who lead the Diocese of London; for Fr Alfredo & the people of All Saints' Nhamavila; for all parliamentarians; for carers and all engaged in the healing professions; for the public witness of the Church in defending the most vulnerable in our society; for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

### Among the sick and those in need:

Patricia Dopheide; John Watson; Jean Marc Lehut, William Guise; Shands Prevost; Dan Gadow; Mary Ann Brashler; John Roberts; Juliette Gimon; Francis Faber.

### And we pray for the recently departed:

Alain Jouret; Lucinda Knight; David Sears.

### Year's mind:

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| Julian Goldschmid      | 13/3 |
| Kathleen Baxter        | 16/3 |
| Margaret Thornton      | 17/3 |
| Irene Swinford-Edwards | 19/3 |

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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 and Fr Louis is unavailable on Fridays.

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### VOLUNTEERING

*St Paul's has a small paid staff and a large team of volunteers who enable us to do far more than our staffing budget allows. If you would like to get involved, please have a word with us, whether you are willing to 'lend a hand' or whether you bring specialist or professional skills. We also recognise that many people simply want to come and go as regular worshippers – and so if you don't want to get involved, that's fine too!*

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