The Weekly Sheet

Week beginning Sunday 30 July 2017:
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
30 July 2017
Family Mass at 09:00
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Feria: Mon 31 July
Mass at 18:00

During August, we maintain the daily mass as indicated. However, the Offices are said privately, and the church and Parish Office – to allow staff holidays – will be open usually from 09:30 till 4:45, with the church reopening for the evening mass. Fr Alan is in residence for the first half of the month; Fr Louis for the second half.

Feria: Tue 1 August
Mass at 08:00

Feria: Wed 2 August
Mass at 18:45

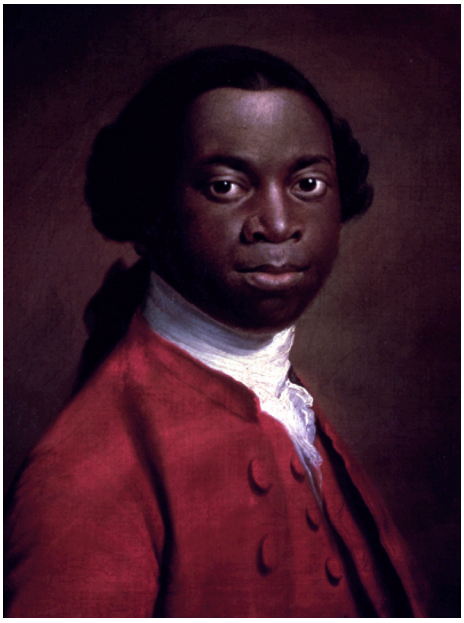
Feria: Thu 3 August
Mass at 18:00

Feria: Fri 4 August
Mass at 18:00

Oswald: Sat 5 August
Mass at noon

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
6 August 2017
Family Mass at 09:00
Sung Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

For freedom Christ has set us free!



Olaudah Equiano is a name probably unknown to most of us although he appears in the Church of England Lectionary for today, the 30th July - *William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners 1833, 1797 and 1846*. He was a remarkable Christian man who greatly influenced the anti-slavery debate by publishing in 1789, *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, Or Gustavus Vassa, The African: Written By Himself*.

He was born in Igboland (Nigeria), in about 1745 and aged 11 was kidnapped with his sister and transported to Barbados and then Virginia, where he was bought by a British naval officer. By 1759 he was (unusually for a slave) learning to read and write in London and was baptised as a Christian here in our own deanery at St Margaret's Westminster.

He was sold to another sea Captain and taken to Montserrat in the Leeward Islands where he was sold on to Robert King, an American Quaker and trader. King was good to him and eventually let him trade privately as well as for King's company. By 1767 he had bought his freedom, paying back Robert King the £40 he had originally paid for Equiano.

His travels and exploits as a free man are fascinating, from the Arctic to what is now Sierra Leone to the Mosquito Coast in Central America to New York and Philadelphia. He was moved by the preaching of George Whitefield while in America and became a Methodist – the importance of his faith (and doubts) is clear from his writings. Equiano became deeply involved with abolitionists and many other groups concerned with the welfare of the black community in London, which numbered some 20,000 by the 1780s.

In 1792 he married Susannah Cullen who lived just outside of Cambridge and they had two girls before he died in 1797. During his 52 years he saw so much and, motivated by his Christian faith and the sense of privilege that his unexpected life had brought him, he achieved so much in the cause of human freedom.

In a week when we remember the great burden lifted by an Act of Parliament 50 years ago which liberated so many men and women from fear and misery, we give thanks to God for Equiano and all who continue to campaign on behalf of the oppressed and enslaved around the world.

Fr Nick Mercer

Fr Andrew Norwood

It is announced today that in September 2017, Fr Andrew Norwood is to join the staff of St Mary's Bourne Street as a resident Honorary Assistant Priest. He will move there at the end of August.

Fr Andrew has been a much loved and greatly valued Associate here – and there will be a chance to express our thanks to him properly on Sunday 24th September after the 11 o'clock mass here at St Paul's. Before then, Fr Andrew will be one of the leaders of the parish Pilgrimage to the Llŷn Peninsula in Wales.

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In brief …

The Tait Trust is delighted to present Australian tenor, Grammy nominee and 2014 International Opera Awards Male Singer of the Year, Stuart Skelton at a **gala concert** to celebrate their 25th Anniversary at St Paul's Church Knightsbridge,on **Wednesday the 13th September at 7pm**.

ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE

The church is open daily for prayer. Please take advantage of the building's peace and quiet this summer.

The **Parish Garden Party** will be held on **Thursday 14th September.** Please save the date! It's a wonderful opportunity to come together again after the summer break and to welcome our friends and neighbours from the local community. Please speak to Caroline Docker if you have suggestions for raffle prizes.

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www.spkb.org

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Christian Healing Ministry

As a church with a regular opportunity for worshippers to receive the laying on of hands with prayer and anointing for healing, we are pleased to publish details of a morning of reflection in early August.

The Revd John Ryeland the Director of Christian Healing Ministry will be leading a morning of teaching, prayer and encouragement in Shepherds Bush on Saturday 5th August from 10am – 1pm. It will be a time to receive from God, encounter Jesus and sense the power of the Holy Spirit.

Details of availability of places from:
Caroline Davis on 02076038118
8 Cambridge Court, 210 Shepherds Bush Road, London W6 7NJ

Summer Lates at St Paul's Cathedral

There are few places quite like our magnificent Cathedral atop Ludgate Hill at dusk, and to celebrate the beauty of Wren's great church in the twilight hours the Catehdral will once again be opening its doors for a series of summer late openings.

On seven evenings during the summer holidays, people will be able to go inside St Paul's to marvel at the exquisite architecture, see where some of the nation's most famous heroes and artists are buried, gaze at the intricate mosaics, and simply take-in the breathtaking calm of the vast Cathedral. And for these special evenings, photography will not only be permitted, but actively encouraged.

For those Londoners who relish the opportunity to be tourists in their own city, touch screen multimedia guides packed with pictures, commentary and archive footage are included in nine languages. For younger visitors there are also four family trails packed with fun facts and opportunities to find things, write creatively and draw pictures.

Throughout the evenings, drinks and light food will be available in the crypt cafe and the Cathedral shop will be open, offering a range of gifts and mementos.

Thursdays 10th, 17th, 24th August, Friday 25th, Monday 28th and Thursday 31st August from 6.30 - 9pm (last entry 8.15pm) Adult: £10 Concession (60+, student): £9 Child (6-17): £5 Under 6: Free
Tickets online at: www.stpauls.co.uk/visits/visits/summer-lates

Please pray for…

We pray this week for:
All who are on holiday and travelling at this time;
The Diocese of London in this time of transition, and for +Pete Broadbent, the Acting Bishop;
For healing and restoration in the wake of distress;
For our sister and partner parishes in Washington DC and Mozambique.

Among the sick and those in need:
Patricia Dopheide; Sue Ko; Ian Powe; Brenda Young; Ann-Marie Siddall.

And we pray for the recently departed, and on their year's mind:

Celia Ball	31/7
Ted Sheehan	1/8
Farah Russell	1/8
Glenn Brown	3/8