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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 23 July 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Bishop Michael Colclough

Feria: Mon 24 July

Mass at 18:00

James: Tue 25 July

Mass at 08:00

Anna & Joachim: Wed 26 July

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday Evening Service at
18:45

Feria: Thu 27 July

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Feria: Fri 28 July

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

**Mary, Martha & Lazarus: Sat 29
July**

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at noon

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 30 July 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle



I'm not always into retrospectives. Sometimes when you reach room XXIII of 'The Early Years', the spiritual call of the Members' bar becomes just too compelling. Tate Modern has a very manageable 10 rooms of Giacometti, with lots of familiar pieces as well as lots of art that I had never seen nor would ever have thought of associating with Alberto Giacometti (Swiss, 1901-1966). The narration of his life within the turbulent context of the first half of the 20th century, gives hints of his artistic formation and the evolution of his characteristic style. You can catch the exhibition until 10th September.

But my visit to the Tate unexpectedly turned into a bit of a Nick Mercer retrospective. Retirement will do that to you. I had gone at the suggestion of an old girlfriend (and that's not a phrase you will hear very often from me) who was visiting England from Australia for the funeral of her father. She was doing London friends for the day and wondered if I wanted to go along with her. Of course we reminisced about all that had happened since we first met on a theological college mission in Altrincham back in the mid 70s.

In the Members' Bar (over a pot of tea) she suggested I might know a bald man and his wife waiting to be served at the counter. I discreetly went and stood in front of him and through the veil of 40 years realised he had been at theological

college with me, and even more miraculously I remembered his and his wife's name. (I learned later that I had apparently taken part in their wedding.) We had all been Baptist ministers.

As we sat in the sunshine on the balcony, we had our own retrospective – our churches, the children (my lack of them), what happened to friends and families; our faith and what had changed and what had remained constant; our hopes and fears for the future; and, rather like these hours together on top of a building that was still generating electricity when we left college, the unlikely twists and turns of history, and the trajectories of our lives as we tried to follow the call of Jesus Christ to be ministers of his Gospel of grace.

Being retrospective about our lives with people whom we trust and who have dipped in and out of our lives or been constant companions on the journey can be hugely encouraging. We acknowledge the mistakes, and sometimes the hurt we caused others, sometimes unwittingly or naively. We can sometimes see how good things came out of bad decisions. And sometimes we can begin to discern, albeit faintly, the hand of God through all the changing scenes of our life, and begin to understand with St Paul "that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8.28)

Fr Nick Mercer

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 from 09:00 until after the evening mass. 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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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



Saturday 5 August 2017 | 10am - 1pm

A morning of teaching, prayer and encouragement

Tickets: £10 | Limited number of places so please book early

AT: 8 CAMBRIDGE COURT, 210 SHEPHERD'S BUSH ROAD, HAMMERSMITH 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 Cathedral 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.

Thursday 27 July & 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:

Especially for those who died suddenly and violently on Kos

And on their year's mind:

Patrick Allen	27/7
Ian Davies	28/7
Selwyn Powell	28/7
Keith Turbayne	28/7
David Jordan	29/7