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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

21 January 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Bishop Michael Colclough

Mon 22 January: Vincent

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Tues 23 January: Feria of

Epiphany

Mass at 8:00

Wed 24 January: Francis de Sales

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday Evening Service at
19:00

Thu 25 January: Conversion of Paul

Mass at 08:00

Solemn Evensong at 19:00

Fri 26 January: Timothy & Titus

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Sat 27 January: Feria of Epiphany

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 12:00

PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY

28 January 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

A work in progress

The stone carving above the north porch of Chartres Cathedral depicts a tender image of Jesus cradling a kneeling Adam. It is one of the most tender illustrations of creation I know. Adam reclines upon Jesus as Jesus supports Adam with one hand while caressing him with another.

The Blessing at the end of Mass in this season of Epiphany speaks of Christ perfecting in us the image of his glory. In this stone carving we are invited to pause and pay attention to the manner in which Jesus recreates us in his own image. This promise of a renewed humanity is at the heart of the Gospel.

One of the hardest aspects of Christian living in my experience is letting go of the ego and allowing ourselves to receive the gift of Jesus's peace and rest. It's tempting to think that the work of salvation is the result of our own efforts. We want to stay in control naturally, but Christian faith teaches to surrender to the embrace of God which is reliable, loving and secure.

All that is asked of us is that we place ourselves where God can see us. 'Where are you?' asks God of Adam in the Garden. 'I hid because I was naked and afraid', replies Adam.

We're in the middle of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It's a reminder that if each of us is a work in progress then the same can be said for the renewal of the Church. The margins of the Church is most often where this renewal begins.

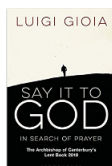
Yesterday I visited the London home of Methodism, Westminster Central Hall, with Fr Neil Bunker. Fr Neil is the Anglican Mental Health Chaplain serving the City of Westminster. I learned something of the work both Methodists and Anglican do together to create a safe and welcoming place for people experiencing mental health difficulties.



The media like to focus on the institutional level of the Church thinking this is where the story is, but the truth is more imaginative. Rather like the obscure carving of Jesus and Adam it's easy not to notice the kind of work that takes place across the churches of our city supporting vulnerable people.

What does it feel like to imagine yourself in the place of Adam receiving Jesus' care and attention? It's where our own renewal begins – an unfolding work in progress which begins and ends in the love of God.

Father Louis



SAVE THE DATE

Please plan to join us for a Parish Quiet Day in the church in preparation for Lent on Saturday 17th February from 10:30 till 15:30. The cost of the day is £20, which includes a simple lunch and a copy of the parish's Lent Book, 'Say it to God' by Luigi Gioia. Please ring to secure your place: 020 7201 9999.

Who's who this Sunday

At 09:00

Celebrant: Fr Louis Darrant

At 11:00

Celebrant: Bishop Michael Colclough

Deacon: Fr Alan Gyle

Subdeacon: Roland Brunner

Reader: Anthony Vernon

Preacher: Bishop Michael Colclough

Intercessor: Molly Bartle

St Paul's Cathedral



The new Adult Learning programme from St Paul's Cathedral is now available – copies on the book stand at the back of church. Highlights of the term ahead include a seminar by Mark Oakley and Paula Gooder on 'Scandal & Glory: The Cross in the Bible and in Poetry' on Tuesday 13th March and another on 'Who am I?: Identity, Faith and Being Human' with Rowan Williams and John Swinton on 16th April. Both a free admission events. In addition to these there are many other events, talks, and spiritual explorations. Please pick up a copy and book your places.

Free Sunday Recital

On Sunday 4th February at 14:30, Eleanor Ross will give the first of this year's free Sunday afternoon recitals.

The recital follows the regular Parish Lunch in the hall at 13:00. Please add your name to the Blue Book at the back of church to help us assess numbers for catering.

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Patronal Festival 2018

A feast of worship, music and fellowship lies in store in celebration of our Patronal Festival.

Thursday 25th January, 7pm
CHORAL EVENSONG

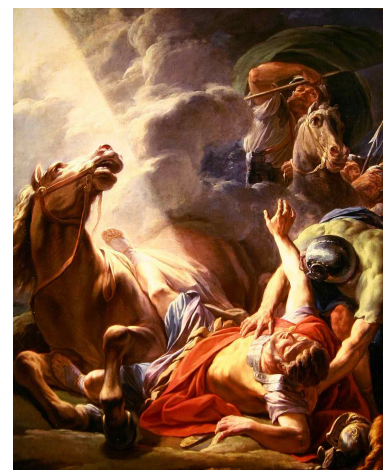
Festal Choral Evensong for the Conversion of St Paul with the choir and musicians of St Paul's Knightsbridge. Followed by a reception.

Friday 26th January, 1pm
LUNCHTIME RECITAL

A 'drop-in' lunchtime recital with the Royal College of Music's Mayler Quartet. A free event with soup lunch.

Saturday 27th January, 2pm
"COME AND SING!"

Ever wondered what it would be like to sing with the church choir? This is your chance. Michael Papadopoulos, Michael Solomon Williams and Adam Mathias will lead an afternoon of working on favourite choral classics by Parry, Rutter and Vivaldi before putting on a short, informal concert at 4.15pm at which family and friends are most warmly welcome! Tickets- £10 for participants at www.spkb.org. No charge for audience members. Followed by drinks.



Sunday 28th January, 11am
FESTAL ORCHESTRAL MASS

The Choir of St Paul's Knightsbridge with the Royal College of Music ensemble.
Spatzenmesse – Mozart
How lovely are the messengers – Felix Mendelssohn
O salutaris hostia – Rossini
Preacher: The Vicar

Followed by a drinks party to bid farewell to Fr Louis Darrant as he leaves for Spain.

Candlemas

Although the season is already long-forgotten by the world 'out there,' our pondering of the mystery of the Incarnation which began at Christmas only ends at **Candlemas, Friday 2nd February 2018**. That day there will be a mass at 7pm, followed by a cocktail party. Please join us – and to help with the calculation of numbers, add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back

Phil Davies

We are pleased to announce that Phil Davies, currently one of our two churchwardens, will join the staff team on 1st February in a new fulltime role shaping future programme at St Paul's and guiding us through our Fundraising and Capital Project. He joins Anne Hayward who is our new consultant Head of Fundraising. Phil will step down as Churchwarden today - Sunday, 21st January – and at 12:20pm after the main mass. we will hold a Extraordinary vestry Meeting

Please pray for...

We pray this week for:

Sarah, Bishop-Designate, and for +Pete Broadbent our acting Bishop; for Fr Neil Bunker and the work of mental health support; for the renewal of this parish as we prepare to celebrate our Patronal Festival; for funeral directors and all who minister to the bereaved.

Among the sick and those in need:

John King; Ingrid Gray; Gregori Galitzine; Maya Habboush; Nora Shishkovskaya, David and Ruth; Federico Fernandes; Alan Bennyworth.

And we pray for the recently departed:

Barbara Lockhart-Smith; Mark Whittow; Bernard Gordon-

Lennox; Margaret Agnew; Bella Emberg.

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

Richard Thornton – 21st
Thomas Robinson – 22nd
Elisabeth Moorwood – 23rd
Henry Worsley – 24th
William Digby-Seymour – 26th