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SERVICES THIS

WEEK:

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25 February 2018

Family Mass at 09:00 (NM)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Bishop Michael

Colclough

Mon 26 February: Feria of Lent

Low Mass at 18:00 (+MC)

Tues 27 February: George Herbert

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (NM)

Wed 28 February: feria of Lent

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 19:00 (VS)

Thu 1 March: St David's Day

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (WS)

Fri 2 March: St Chad of Durham

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

Sat 3 March: feria of Lent

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 12:00 (AG)

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4 March 2018

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Bill Scott

Do the little things



Leeks and daffodils to the fore!

Thursday of this week sees a day of festivity for the Welsh nation as they commemorate their patron saint, Dewi, St David who died in around 600AD.

We know St David's final words, words not spoken on his death bed, but in a sermon from the pulpit in the monastery just a week before his death: "Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed, and do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about. And as for me, I will walk the path that our fathers have trod before us."

"Gwnewch y pethau bychain mewn bywyd" – "do ye the little things in life" – has become a popular Welsh saying.

David's words find an echo in words spoken by another saint, St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) – some 1300 years on from David's day. "Not all of us," she said, "can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." As an admonition for Lent, "do the little things in life with great love" can hardly

be bettered. If the 'devil is in the detail' (as the popular saying has it), so too is the potential for holiness. Life is occasionally focused on the big, stand-out things we talk about and remember, but in truth, most of life is made up of the infinitely more forgettable little things: the daily round, the common task. Seeing each of these mundane events as an opportunity to show forth the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness and faithfulness – is an approach to life that sees the ordinary as a vehicle for the work of God – and requires of us merely attentiveness, self-control and the intent to see all of life as holy.

On Tuesday another Welshman slips into the Calendar of the Church: George Herbert the early 17th century priest-poet. In one of his best-loved poems-turned-hymns Herbert takes up this same theme: *"Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see; And what I do in anything to do it as for thee. A servant with this clause makes drudgery divine; Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws, makes that and th' action fine. This is the famous stone that turneth all to gold..."*

The Lenten Programme 'Forty Acts' (www.40acts.org.uk) has a suggestion for making simple daily things powerful acts of generosity – one for each day in Lent. We could do worse than heed the wisdom of the saints and sanctify the ordinary.

Fr Alan Gyle

Please sign up for next Sunday: 4th March

SUNDAY BRUNCH FOR THE NINE O'CLOCKERS

Members of the Sunday 9 o'clock congregation are warmly invited to an informal brunch after the 09:00 Family Mass on **Sunday 4th March**.

PARISH LUNCH AFTER THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK MASS

Please join us for the Parish Lunch in the Hall in Kinnerton Street (drinks for all from 12:30pm and lunch at 13:00 sharp) on **Sunday 4th March**.

FREE AFTERNOON RECITAL AT 14:00

...and after lunch, please come back to church and hear stunning young pianist Ning Hui See from Singapore (currently at the RCM) perform masterworks by Scarlatti, Clara and Robert Schumann in a short programme – entry free.

Who's who this Sunday At 09:00

Celebrant: Fr Nick Mercer

At 11:00

Celebrant: Fr Alan Gyle
Deacon: Fr Nick Mercer
Subdeacon: Phil Davies
Reader: Claudio Cornini
Preacher: Bishop Michael Colclough
Intercessor: sung by the cantor

Welcome to our Archdeacon



We are delighted to welcome The Venerable Luke Miller, Archdeacon of London, to our 11 o'clock mass this morning. Fr Luke became Archdeacon of London in January 2016. He is currently a member of the General Synod and Chair of the London Diocesan Board for Schools. He chairs the Faith Sector Panel of the London Resilience Forum and is responsible for helping Faith Communities across London be ready to respond in major incidents. Please join him for drinks after the High Mass.

The Music Dinner

This year's highly-popular Music Dinner will take place on **Monday 14th May at 7pm for 7:30pm**. Black tie or equivalent – tables of 10, or individual tickets – a ticket cost of £50 with an additional (gift-aidable) donation of £150 means £200pp or £2,000 per table. Please speak to John Tweddle for more information.

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Keeping a good Lent...



Copies of the Church of England's little prayer handbook **LOVE LIFE, LIVE LENT**, with a reflection for each day of the Lenten Season were handed out on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday to members of the congregations. Some copies are still available – please help yourself. If you were given a copy, but have decided it is not for you, perhaps you'll return it to the table at the back of church for reuse by someone else?

There is also an excellent app for your iPhone or tablet which delivers the same material in electronic form. Visit your app store to download it.

The Parish Quiet Day has – due to illness – been rescheduled to **Saturday 10th March**. It will refer to the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2018 (Luigi Gioia's **SAY IT TO GOD**). Apologies to those who were inconvenienced yesterday by the day's postponement. Those who registered may collect their copies of the book from the Parish Office. Any other who would like to attend on the 10th March should ring Claire in the Parish Office on 020 7201 9994. The charge for the day – including lunch and a copy of the book – is £20.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" — Matthew 25:40

The Diocese of London's Lent Appeal this year is a continuation of the appeal launched in Advent, **TRACKLING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER**. We are seeking to support 15 carefully chosen homeless projects across the city. We, who have so much, need to share of our plenty. Please hand your **generous** donation to one of the Churchwardens.

Sunday 11th March from 18:00-20:00

A Lenten Evening Seminar

with Fr Alan Gyle

Living with difference: Christian Issues of exclusion and embrace in the Vicarage, supper included: £10 (*limited places available – please book through the Parish Website*)

Forthcoming Trips and Visits

Please visit the parish website for more information:



Rycote Chapel

Saturday 28th April from 09:00-18:00 – almost fully booked

Parish Trip to The Rycote Chapel in Oxfordshire, An historic fifteenth-century Chapel with exquisitely carved and painted woodwork and many intriguing features, including two early seventeenth-century roofed pews and a musicians' gallery.



Berlin

Thursday 17th May (evening) – Sunday 20th May (after lunch)

The Parish Trip to Berlin

A three day study weekend looking at Berlin's 20th century's experience of division and reunification with Fr Alan Gyle and Roland Brunner

Please pray for...

We pray this week for:

All Christian people embarked upon the keeping of a good Lent;
Sarah, Bishop-Elect, and for +Pete Broadbent our acting Bishop;
for Lorna Gradden and John Tweddle, our Churchwardens;
for our staff team;
for those who live within the parish; for all the housebound;

Among the sick and those in need:

John King; Ingrid Gray; Gregoriy Galitzine; Maya Habboush; Nora Shishkovskaya; Federico Fernandes; Alan Bennyworth; John and Julia.

And we pray for the recently departed:

Florence Ellis
Gerald Bridgeman.

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

Charles Ashton James 28th
David Woolley 1st March
William Humbert 4th March