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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

EASTER DAY

1 April 2018

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Mon 2 April:

Monday in Easter Week

Low Mass at Noon (WS)

Tues 3 April:

Tuesday in Easter Week

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (NM)

Wed 4 April:

Wednesday in Easter Week

Morning Prayer at 09:00

The Wednesday Evening Service
at 19:00 (AG)

Thu 5 April:

Thursday in Easter Week

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (WS)

Fri 6 April:

Friday in Easter Week

Low Mass at 18:00 (+M)

Sat 7 April:

Saturday in Easter Week

Low Mass at Noon (NM)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 April 2018

Family Mass at 09:00 (WS)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Bill Scott

SURPRISED BY JOY



Familiarity breeds, if not contempt then indifference. While the rhythm of routine has its attractions, things we do over and over again lose their magic and their ability to surprise and delight us.

Another Christmas...another Easter... with our familiar family traditions and habits. And in church, a by-now-well-rehearsed sequence of liturgies that console us by their familiarity.

At the heart of Easter, though, is startled surprise and shock. We know that on the Third Day, Christ rises again. We have our hymns in readiness. Not so the first disciples: for them the rollercoaster of emotions from

Palm Sunday's elation and excitement, through the ominous intimacy of the Upper Room, the silence of the Garden and then Good Friday's betrayal and brutality. And then death and loss.

Hans Holbein the Younger's *Noli me tangere*, for all its theological infelicities – listen to this morning's sermon for more detail! – captures the surprise of the moment of Resurrection well. As Simon Peter and the beloved disciple return to their grieving in Jerusalem (centre), Mary Magdalene is astonished, and fearful, and filled with wonder...

Can we, today, 'suspend' our foreknowledge and be filled with wonder and surprised by the joy of Easter? Let's try!

Fr Alan Gyle

Eastertide Concert

Handel Messiah

sung by the Choir of St Paul's Knightsbridge
with The Royal College of Music Ensemble,
directed by Michael Papadopoulos.



Thursday, 19th April at 7:30pm

Tickets available online (www.spkb.org) or at the door

Who's who this Sunday At 09:00

Celebrant: Fr Alan Gyle

At 11:00

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Deacon: Fr Andrew Bowyer
Subdeacon: Phil Davies
Reader: Dianne Bruce
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Intercessor: John Tweddle

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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

A reminder that our APCM will take place after Easter on Sunday 15th April, at 12:20 after the Solemn Eucharist. All are warmly invited to attend.

Fr Andrew Bowyer



Our grateful thanks to Fr Andrew Bowyer, Chaplain of Trinity College, Cambridge, who has been our fellow companion this Holy Week. Fr Andrew is Deacon at the High Mass this morning at 11am having preached last Sunday and on Maundy Thursday evening. We are grateful to him for the pleasure of his company and his wisdom these past days.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.spkb.org

AND REGISTER FOR OUR WEEKLY EMAIL

Parish Lent Appeal

There is still time to make your donation to the parish Lent Appeal.

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, **TRACKING 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.

If you are a UK taxpayer, then please use a yellow Gift Aid envelopes clearly marking it '**LENT APPEAL**'.

Thanks to all

Thank you to all who have helped to make this Holy Week and Easter memorable: musicians, readers, servers, cleaners and flower arrangers, preachers, caterers and welcome... and any others I have forgotten to number!

Fr Alan

Easter Week

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday. The usual evening mass will be replaced by a low mass at noon.

Thereafter normal service (and services!) resume.

Next Sunday – Low Sunday – is a simpler day, to allow the musicians and clergy to have a break.

There will be a low mass at 09:00 and a sung mass with a cantor at 11:00.

As some members of the parish will be on a musical trip to France, there will be no morning offices on Friday or Saturday – but masses at the usual time.

Ascension Day

On Ascension Day, Thursday 10th May (40 days from today) at 7pm there will be an evening mass followed by a party in the Vicarage to which all are warmly invited.

If you are a new member of the congregation, or a visitor, it is a good opportunity to meet other members of the congregation.

Please 'save the date'.

Forthcoming Trips and Visits

Please visit the parish website for more information:

BOOKING NOW OPEN:

**Coventry Cathedral
Saturday 16th June from 08:00 – 18:00**



A visit to Basil Spence's remarkable 1960s Cathedral and to reflect on its distinctive ministry in the face of conflict. We will travel by train and enjoy a late lunch together after a tour and Eucharist.

**Berwick Church in Sussex,
Saturday 28th July from 09:00 – 17:30**



Grade 1 listed church with extensive 20th Century murals which cover the nave walls, chancel arch, screen and pulpit, painted by the Bloomsbury artists, Duncan Grant, Vanessa Bell and Quentin Bell; followed by a late lunch in the countryside.

Berlin: pre-trip supper



Some 30 of us are booked to go on the Berlin trip over Pentecost weekend, some 50 days from now. By way of orientation, there will be a simple (German) supper and discussion after the Wednesday Evening Service on the 11th April. Pilgrims, please note the date.

Please pray for...

We pray this week for:

All Christian people embarked upon the keeping of Holy Week;
Sarah, Bishop of London; for Lorna Gradden and John Tweddle, our Churchwardens; for our staff team;

Among the sick and those in need:

Fr Alfredo; John King; Ingrid Gray; Gregory Galitzine; Maya Habboush; Federico Fernandes; Alan Bennyworth; John and Julia Watson; Ruth and David; Sall Allen; David Eckland.

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

APRIL

John Murphy	1 st
Joan Bull	2 nd
Joan Sheehan	2 nd
Malcolm Aird	6 th

And we pray for the recently departed:

Hubert de Givenchy; Derek Bowyer