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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

**TRINITY SUNDAY
27 May 2018**

Family Mass at 09:00 (NM)
Sung Eucharist & Baptism at 11:00

Preacher: The Right Reverend Michael Colclough

**Mon 28 May:
Feria**

Low Mass at 18:00 (+MC)

**Tues 29 May:
Feria**

Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at 18:00 (NM)

**Wed 30 May:
Josephine Butler, Social Reformer**

Morning Prayer at 09:00
The Wednesday Evening Service at 19:00

**Thu 31 May:
Feria**

Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

**Fri 1 June:
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**

Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

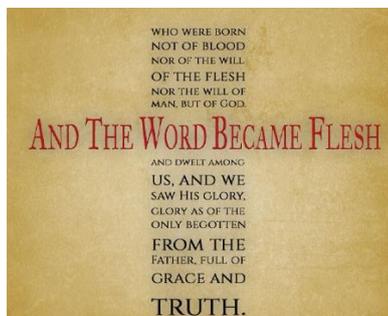
**Sat 2 June:
Feria**

Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at noon (AG)

**CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY
3 June 2018**

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)
Sung Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher Prebendary Bill Scott

And the Word became Flesh...



When I was a young priest it was always said that Trinity Sunday was the day vicars found a reason to go away, leaving their curates to struggle from the pulpit with the intricacies of the Doctrine of the Trinity! Personally, I have always rather enjoyed preaching on the Holy Trinity and it has been something of a point of honour always to be in church and in a pulpit on this particular day. But not this year. Last year I accepted an invitation to spend the weekend in Hay on Wye at the annual Book Festival, something I haven't done for many years. I say this lest my absence this particular weekend to be construed as theological cowardice!

There is something rather energising about gatherings of writers and commentators – even if the primary purpose of Book Festivals is really to help authors push their latest books. I find that hearing writers speak adds another dimension to their writing. In many cases it puts faces to names. It humanises texts. But it does more: it allows the written word to be lifted off the page, to come alive – and for the passion, pathos and humour of individual writers to be injected into words on the page. And then there is the debate, the sparring and the exploration of ideas. Not for nothing did Bill Clinton describe the Hay Festival as “The Woodstock of the mind.”

Perhaps, you think, this is unnecessary. Books should exist as books. The character of the writer – other than as invested in the ink on the page – is irrelevant as soon as the book is published. Books stand or fall on their own. They belong in libraries, not in festivals!

But I think I dare to differ. The excitement for me is when words come to life, when they crash into each other and spark and create new ideas and insights.

As with books, so with theology. Good preaching on this Trinity Sunday will not be a deferential rehearsal of carefully written words on the page, (“...we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons nor dividing the Essence...”) fearful of accidentally betraying their ‘true’ meaning and straying into heresy. The Doctrine of the Trinity is a statement about the life of God and our life in God – and it is not meant to be read deferentially and fearfully but rather is to be engaged with and allowed to crash into other ideas, other ways of thinking so that it sparks and creates new insights. This is what the best theological writers do, and the best preachers.

The sonorous prologue of the Fourth Gospel begins with the statement: The Word became Flesh... A friend of mine used to say, wryly, ‘yes, and the Church has spent the Last 2000 years trying to turn it back into words again!’ Here’s to the life of words – and the Word – and to life and creativity in the Spirit.

Fr Alan Gyle

Ich bin ein Berliner



Some of the 24 pilgrims from St Paul's enjoying the sunshine on the steps of the Berliner Dom last Sunday for the Pentecost Day Service. Please ask them for a report of the Berlin trip.

Who's who this Sunday

At 09:00 (Low Mass)

Celebrant: Fr Nick Mercer

At 11:00 (High Mass)

Celebrant & Preacher:

Bishop Michael Colclough

Deacon: Fr Nick Mercer

Sub-Deacon: Roland Brunner

Reader: Anthony Vernon

Intercessor: Emily Bueno

WHY NOT JOIN US...

Forthcoming Trips

**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.

SIGN UP ONLINE

**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.

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INFORMATION

www.spkb.org

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EMAIL

Forthcoming Recitals

Our Free Sunday Recital series continues in June and July with contributions by our home team.

On Sunday 3rd June 2018 at 2pm



Clare McCaldin – Mezzo Soprano

Paul Sheehan – Baritone

Will perform a programme of songs.

On Sunday 1st July at 2pm there is a recital by Findlay Spence (cello) and Stephen Farr (harp/sichord).

And on **Tuesday 12th June at 7pm** you are warmly invited to a trio recital in support of the St Lazarus Charitable Trust. Tickets available on our website.

MEMORY & PASSION
ST PAUL'S CHURCH, KNIGHTSBRIDGE
12TH JUNE AT 7PM
ST LAZARUS CONCERT

SERGEI RACHMANINOV: Trio Élégiacque No.1 in G minor
ROGER SACHEVERELL COKE: Elegiac Trio in C minor Op. 32
FRANZ SCHUBERT: Trio in E flat D929
Simon Callaghan – piano, Jamie Campbell – violin, Karel Bredenhorst – cello

Book online at the parish website of St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge:
www.stpaulsknightsbridge.org/2018/04/05/lazarusconcert-june2018/
Telephone Jonathan Prichard on 01273 202497 to reserve seats
Tickets will also be on sale at the door on the evening of the concert

This concert in aid of The St Lazarus Charitable Trust has been made possible by generous donations from The Gosling Foundation, The John Booth Charitable Foundation and Casterbridge Wealth Ltd

For your prayers

We pray this week for:

Sarah, Bishop of London;
Lorna Gradden and Rob
Clouston, our Churchwardens;
for our staff team;
for all victims of terrorism.

**Among the sick and those in
need:**

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

**BANK HOLIDAY
WEEKEND**

On **Monday 28th May** the Parish Office will be closed for the Bank Holiday. The Church will be open for mass at 6pm.

Brunch for the nine o'clockers



On **Sunday 3rd June** there will be a brunch in the Vicarage for members of the Nine O'Clock congregation after the family mass.

And lunch for everyone else

There will, for others, be a Parish Lunch in the Hall on Sunday 3rd June at 13:00. Please write your name in the Blue Book if you plan to attend so that we can assess numbers – or ring the Parish Office and let us know that way! All very welcome.

Our new bishop



Remember, there is an opportunity to hear Bishop Sarah Mullally in conversation with the Dean of St Paul's in the Cathedral on 4th June from 6:30 till 8pm. The event is free – but please apply for tickets through the Cathedral website:
www.stpauls.co.uk

**And we pray for the recently
departed, and for those
whose year's mind falls at
this time:**

Robin Hodgson 30th
Dyan Elizabeth Wade 31st
Hugh Leggatt 1st