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**DAILY SERVICES
THIS WEEK:**

Sunday 9th September 2018:

TRINITY 15

Family Mass at 09:00 (NM)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (AG)

*Preacher: The Very Reverend
Victor Stock*

Monday 10th: Feria

Low Mass at 18:00 (NM)

Tuesday 11th: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (NM)

Wednesday 12th: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 19:00 (NM)

Thursday 13th: John

Chrysostom

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

Friday 14th: **Holy Cross Day**

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

Saturday 15th: St Cyprian

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass of Requiem at noon
(AG)

Sunday 16th September 2018:

TRINITY 16

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (NM)

*Preacher: The Reverend Alan
Gyle*

Steven Higham RIP



On Saturday at noon we will say a requiem mass for Steven Higham, a young member of our congregation who died earlier this year. We will be joined by his parents from Sunderland. Please join us.



Bought for growth

A hundred pictures on social media announce that it's back-to-school time: the children of friends proudly wearing newly-purchased school uniforms and clutching unfeasibly large satchels and school bags.

Although it is almost half a century since I was first dressed for school, and well over thirty five since I hung up school uniform for the last time, I still find myself thinking in terms of 'terms,' and this time of year provokes in me all sorts of ambivalent feelings about the holiday being over, about having to reconnect, and about leaving the halcyon days of summer behind. Anxiety dreams abound: where is my new pencil case and where my pristine books? Will I have to play rugby, again?! The cold! The mud!

Uniforms are bought for growth. Canny Scottish parents knew that school-age children would grow vigorously in the course of an academic year. I don't remember there being any second hand trade in outgrown garments – but I do remember being sent off at the start of a new term in a blazer that drowned me. "You'll grow into in, you'll see!" And of course I always did. School days were long days and endless holidays of constant growth and newness.

Sometime around my mid-twenties my metabolism changed. It wasn't that I stopped growing – but that the sort of

growth I experienced was different. Having been skinny and tall I 'slowed down', and though I didn't get any taller, I 'filled out' (such a kind circumlocution!).

With adulthood come changed expectations about our potential for growth and change. Metabolically that is inevitable – but metaphorically and attitudinally it is questionable. Why don't we continue to expect that we will change? Why do we imagine that we are stuck as and where we are? What happened to dreaming (excitedly or anxiously) about the future we will inhabit – all that lies ahead? Something switches off in us.

What if we were to switch it back on?

What do you need to grow into this autumn? What will you learn? How will your world-view change? How will hard work and play find a balance in your life? What knocks and bumps, physical and emotional, will you risk and dare as you continue to grow?

The show is not over. God is not done with you yet!

Fr Alan Gyle

LATER THIS MONTH AT ST PAUL'S

**A Visit to Down House in Kent:
Saturday 22nd September from
9:00am till 6pm**



Following on from Saturday's 'Theological Tea Party,' led by Christopher Stephens and Gulliver Ralston (who introduced us to some of the social and intellectual background to the age of Darwin, and to some of the contemporary echos of his thinking in our time), Saturday 22nd sees a visit to Down House, English naturalist Charles Darwin and his family's home. Please reserve your place on the Parish Website (www.spkb.org)

**Songhaven Dementia-friendly Tea
Concert: 28th September at 3:00pm**

As part of BBC Music Day on Friday 28th September and in conjunction with the charity Songhaven, the first of a regular series of dementia-friendly events using music. Tickets for this event are limited: please book through www.SepSonghavenStPauls.eventbrite.co.uk

Who is doing what this Sunday?

One of the challenges of parish life is working out people's names. You've met so often that it is now too late to ask! Or you're new... So here, to help you do so, is a list of participants in this morning's liturgy:

The Family Mass at 09:00

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer
Reader: Margaret Gadow
Server: Robert Thomas

The Solemn Mass at 11:00

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Reader: Hobson Barnes
Intercessor: Christopher Stephens
Hospitality: Louise Nixon

And actually, *most* people struggle to remember names and there is no shame in asking. So if you're not sure, why not just ask!

For your prayers

We pray this week for:

Sarah, Bishop of London;
Lorna Gradden and Rob Clouston, our Churchwardens; for our staff team; our Sister and Partner Parishes, St Paul's K-Street in Washington DC and All Saints Church, Nhamavilah in Mozambique

We pray for those who lead the church that they may do so with integrity, and we pray for the constant renewal of the church.

Among the sick and those in need:

Raymond Willetts; Mylène Leenhardt; Nora Shishkovsky; John Sunderland; John King; Maya Habboush; Alan Bennyworth; Sall Allen; David Eckland; Joanna Panasiuk; Nicky Lindsay; Penny Higgs; Fr Bill Scott; Alastair Sword; Benjamin Sword

All the recently departed

Neil Mercer; Jenny Cochrane; Kokoly Fallah; Rosemary Powell; John Dunlop.

And we pray for those whose year's mind falls during the month of September:

David Loveridge	1 September
Ian Powe	2 September
Victor Danenza	3 September
Henry Montagu Villiers	9 September
Richard Coke	12 September
Caroline Imrie	13 September
John Mullan	12 September
William Haite	25 September
Joyce Eileen Magee	25 September
Hisako Bartle	25 September
Doris Palmer	29 September
Peter Edwards	29 September

Looking ahead: Parish Lunch & Recital Sunday 7th October



Join us for Parish Lunch after the 11am Mass on Sunday, 7th October followed, at 2pm, by an organ recital given by Benjamin Newlove, organ scholar, who will play music by J.S. Bach, Vierne, Reger, Darke and Harris. Suggested donation for lunch: £10 including entry to the recital.

The Berlin Trio Concert Thursday 25th October at 7pm



A glorious evening of music by Schumann, Chopin, Debussy, Enescu and Malcolm Arnold played by Margaret Bruce, Rita D'Arcangelo and Dearbhla Nolan – to raise funds for the King Edward VII Hospital and St Paul's Knightsbridge.
Tickets: www.spkb.org/berlintrio.

WHO'S WHO at ST PAUL'S?

THE CLERGY



(l-r) The Vicar Fr Alan Gyle (alan@spkb.org);

Honorary Assistant Clergy Bishop Michael Colclough; Fr Victor Stock; Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Bill Scott
A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, seven days a week; however, as a general rule, Fr Alan is unavailable on Mondays.

LAY OFFICERS



(l-r) Churchwardens: Lorna Gradden & Robert Clouston (wardens@spkb.org)

Treasurer: Noel Craven Safeguarding officer: Margaret Gadow

The Deputy Churchwardens & their responsibilities:

Caroline Docker (Hospitality); Gardenia Griffith (Welcoming); Roland Brunner (Volunteering); Serena Butt (Incorporation) Margaret Gadow (Safeguarding); Virginia Craven (Children's Advocacy); Susie Thornton (Communication & brand); Sarah Tytherleigh (Vestments, fabric & plate); Tom Tull (Wednesday evenings); Aidan Linton-Smith (Family Mass); Jeremy Orlebar (Building maintenance)

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



(l-r) Director of Music Dr Stephen Farr (sforganist@gmail.com)

Assistant Director of Music Michael Papadopoulos (michael.pap514@gmail.com)

Music Scholars Benjamin Newlove (organ) & Findlay Spence ('cello and composition)

IN THE PARISH OFFICE



(l-r) The Vicar's PA: Felicity Cranfield (maternity leave until October 2018), Claire Pilton (maternity cover - claire@spkb.org); Head of Future Programmes: Phil Davies (phil@spkb.org)

VOLUNTEERING

St Paul's has a small paid staff and a large team of volunteers who enable us to do far more than our staffing budget allows. If you would like to get involved, please have a word with us, whether you are willing to 'lend a hand' or whether you bring specialist or professional skills. We also recognise that many people simply want to come and go as regular worshippers – and so if you don't want to get involved, that's fine too!