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**DAILY SERVICES**

**THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018:**

**TRINITY 19**

**Family Mass** at 09:00 (NM)

**Solemn Eucharist** at 11:00 (VS)

*Preacher: The Venerable Nick Mercer*

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Feria

**Low Mass** at 18:00 (NM)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>:** Feria

**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Low Mass** at 18:00 (NM)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>:** Paulinus

**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Wednesday Evening Mass** at 19:00 (+M)

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>:** Ethelburga

**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Low Mass** at 18:00 (VS)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Wilfred

**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Low Mass** at 18:00 (AG)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>:** **Edward the Confessor**

**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Low Mass** at noon (AG)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018:**

**TRINITY 20**

**Family Mass** at 09:00 (AG)

**Solemn Eucharist** at 11:00 (VS)

*Preacher: The Reverend Alan Gyle*

**This week at St Paul's:**

On **Tuesday** students from the Royal College of Music are recording in the church while a film company uses the hall.

On **Wednesday** morning the Knightsbridge School holds its Harvest Service.

On **Thursday** morning there will be a Memorial Service for the late Earl of Eglinton and Winton

On **Saturday** we hold our second Dementia-friendly concert in partnership with Songhaven.

**Going, going, gone!**



It is, apparently, the nation's favourite painting, trumping the Hay Wain by Constable, The Singing Butler by Vettriano and even the Fighting Temeraire by Turner. Banksy's 'Girl With Balloon' first appeared in Shoreditch in 2002 as a piece of freely-accessible street art by Britain's most-illusive and most-loved graffiti artist. It has appeared in various versions since. In 2012, one version painted by the artist on cardboard sold for more than £73,000. On Friday of this week a 2006 version by Banksy, spray paint and acrylic on canvas, mounted on a board and framed, sold for over £1 million at Sotheby's in London.

Filled with acquisitive materialistic envy? Wish you'd spotted him early? Just think of the return on investment if you had! Judgemental about a ludicrous art market that rewards the rich and takes art out of the hands of the ordinary woman or man? Dismayed that he has gone 'commercial'? Notice how you feel and what you think as you read the first paragraph. And then read on.

Moments after the hammer fell on Friday evening, bidders in the auction room heard a strange whirring sound. As they watched, the image – a still hanging on the wall – was shredded by a device installed in the frame, falling out off the frame beneath as mangled strips! And simultaneously a tweet from the artist announced to the world, "Going, going, gone..." It had all been part of Banksy's plan. The last item. A record sale. And with it an amazing *coup de theatre*, and a buyer apparently deprived.

And note how you feel and what you are thinking as you read that second part of the story. Amused? Smug? Glad that greed hasn't been rewarded? Sorry for the purchaser? Quietly pleased?

There is, of course, no one right or wrong way to think or feel. But *noticing* how we feel and what we think when faced with daily events can be a good way of checking our spiritual health. Am I judgmental? Am I compassionate? Am I

cynical? And since I am possibly all three (and more) at different times, in what proportion and with what immediacy do I fall into particular ways of thinking?

As an exercise in Christian spiritual recalibration it is something we should all do regularly. We can be so caught up in simply 'behaving' that we lose acuity in our self-awareness and often the first people to notice that we have slipped into, say, fashionable cynicism or judgmentalism are those around us and not ourselves. And they may be too polite to say anything!

This daily examination of self is neither a narcissistic indulgence nor an idle piece of introspection; rather it is an essential tool in healthy lives (with their call to be 'as Christ' to those around us). What does it mean to be 'as Christ'? Well, that is the other task in our daily call to discipleship: the Scriptures and our tradition have much to say about greed, avarice, acquisitiveness, about judgementalism and compassion, and about how proper management of these is essential not only to individual spiritual well-being but to healthy relating in community. Pondering this wisdom and internalising it is our lifetime's task. When we notice (a) how we *are*, and (b) have a strong-enough sense of how we *want* to be, we are left with the task (c) of synthesis and striving (put simply, making it real) and opening ourselves to the grace that makes that possible.

Critical incident reflection (e.g. when we hear something on the News or have an experience in life that provokes a response in us) could and should be part of our daily spiritual lives. Is it? If you'd like to talk about how to be more intentional about your spiritual journey, why not check in with one of the clergy – either one to one, or get a group together?

Oh, and by the way, while Sotheby's were struggling to work out whether the buyer was still contractually bound to pay for the now-destroyed work of art, others in the art world were expressing the view that even though now shredded, the painting's value had more or less immediately doubled! What say / feel / think you about that?!

*Fr Alan Gyle*

**John King RIP**

A solemn funeral mass of requiem will be sung in church on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at noon. All regular members of the congregation are welcome.



## Who is doing what this Sunday?

### **The Family Mass at 09:00**

Celebrant & Preacher: *Fr Nick Mercer*  
Reader: *Margaret Gadow*  
Server: *Tim Pontius*

### **The Solemn Mass at 11:00**

Celebrant: *Fr Victor Stock*  
Deacon & Preacher: *Fr Nick Mercer*  
Subdeacon: *Robert Thomas*  
Reader: *Lorraine Bondarenko*  
Intercessor: *Tim Pontius*  
Parish Lunch: *Louise Nixon*

## 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:**

Stephen Farr; Raymond Willetts; Mylène Leenhardt; 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**

John King; Jirayr Tur; Jennifer Ponting

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

Arnold Sunderland	4th
Nora Caulfield-Stoker	6th
Thomas Welsh Jr	6th
Sheila Hanwell	7th
Lena Chidi Sowole	7th
Charles Black	9th
Cecily Jackson	9th
Kate Davis	12th
Sean Edwards	15th
Nancy Diamond	17th
Patricia Clarke	17th
Vick Higgs	18th
Mac Showers	19th
Kay Bonham-Carter	20th
Robert Dean	21st
Rose Emily Welsh	22nd
Valerie Middleton	24th
Nadine Killearn	24th
Esme MacDonald	25th
Sarah Hoexter	25th
Harold Loasby	27th
Patrick Hackett	30th
Rose Macaulay	30th

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **The Berlin Trio Concert**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.spkb.org/berlintrio).

### **Come and sing!**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm**

Your chance to join soloists from our choir under the eager direction of Michael Papadopoulos with Benjamin Newlove at the piano, to learn some new repertoire and to give a performance at 4:15pm. £10 for participants: audience free! And then to the pub afterwards! Sign up on the parish website, [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)

### **The Autumn Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 10am**

The time of the Autumn Jumble Sale is almost upon us – so it is time to clear out those shelves, cupboards and wardrobes! Contributions (clothes, bric-a-brac, books) may be brought to church on Sunday or delivered to the office during the week or collected by arrangement with Niki (0207 602 4599) or Jackie (0781577 8383) any time. Anyone who'd like to help selling jumble should also let them know.

### **TODAY: Parish Lunch & Recital Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Join us for Parish Lunch after the 11am Mass, followed at 2pm, by an organ recital given by Benjamin Newlove, organ scholar. Ben will play music by J.S. Bach, Vierne, Reger, Darke and Harris.

Suggested donation for lunch: £10 including entry to the recital.

## WHO'S WHO at ST PAUL'S?

### THE CLERGY



(l-r) **The Vicar** Fr Alan Gyle ([alan@spkb.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sforganist@gmail.com))

**Assistant Director of Music** Michael Papadopoulos ([michael.pap514@gmail.com](mailto: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 ([felicity@spkb.org](mailto:felicity@spkb.org)), Claire Pilton ([claire@spkb.org](mailto:claire@spkb.org)); **Head of Future Programmes:** Phil Davies ([phil@spkb.org](mailto:phil@spkb.org))