

Sunday 5th May 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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DAILY SERVICES

Sunday 5th :
Third Sunday of Easter
Family Mass at 09:00 (VS)
Sung Eucharist with sacrament of Baptism at 11:00 (+MC)
Preacher: Fr Victor Stock

Monday 6th : Feria
 No services.

Tuesday 7th : Feria
Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday 8th :
 Julian of Norwich
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Wednesday Evening Service at 19:00 (+MC)

Thursday 9th : Feria
Morning Prayer at 09:00

Friday 10th : Feria
Morning Prayer at 09:00

Saturday 11th : Feria
Morning Prayer at 09:00
No Mass today.

Sunday 12th :
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (AG)
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

THIS IS NOT THE END



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"Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

In 1942, Winston Churchill made a speech at the Mansion House in which (in the wake of the routing of Rommel's forces at Alamein) he shaped his listeners' expectations about their sense of time and progress. When I left school aged 17, a friend of mine (one of my better-read schoolmates!) wrote his words in my day book with a smiley face next to it. Both were right: despite all emotional evidence to the contrary, life usually has more ahead of us than has lain behind us, and what we think of as beginnings and endings is entirely subjective. This is true not just for seventeen year olds.

This week Baroness Camilla Cavendish's new book on ageing is published. '**Extra Time: 10 lessons for an ageing world**' addresses the phenomenon that we are living longer and experiencing – in many cases – a quality of life into older age that previous generations simply haven't known. In 1917, she notes, King George V sent the first ever telegram to a centenarian. It was handwritten and delivered by bicycle. In 2019, Queen Elizabeth II will send out thousands of 100th birthday cards, with a team of seven employed to administer them all. Who knows, before long she may send one to herself!

While this shift in public health is often presented by politicians and media hacks as a ticking demographic timebomb, threatening to propel struggling health and public services into disorder and to bankrupt economies, it need not necessarily be so, or so argues Baroness Cavendish. Nor is it merely a question of economics. In fact we need to re-think our sense of what it is to be 'young, middle-aged and old' – and notice both that what previous generations called 'old age' is naturally subdivide into young 'olders' and old 'olders,' and that the way we choose to live can have a major impact on how the later stages of life unfold. With this change in taxonomy comes the

possibility of making different assumptions about the phases of life, our ambitions, our expectations, and about working, not working or part-working. Retire and stop when you're sixty-five is so last-century!

I spent this past week working, as I regularly do, with a group of clergy from the Dioceses of London and Chelmsford on a programme we call 'Renewing Vision, Renewing Ministry.' It is now in its tenth year and it is one of the best things I get to do each year. The participants are clergy of (mostly) 25 years experience in ministry, who are (mostly) in their 50s. Many have begun to assume, tacitly, that as the church's minimum retirement age (67) begins to be seen on the horizon, it is almost all over. By the time they leave on Friday afternoon, all of them have reassessed their sense of possibility and potential. What are the components of this course? Well, they are several: some noticing of how we have been shaped and called over a lifetime of experience; some reflection on the fact that the change we are experiencing now is not the first, but only the latest bit of change; a focus on not just what has changed but on what has remained constant during our lives – and along with this some time spent thinking about health, and well-being, exercise, resilience, ways of working and about how this phase of life does bring challenges but also possibilities (not the least of which is having wisdom). All of this thinking is done in an expansive space and in the context of prayerful reflection about our calling and the love of God. The exam question is not 'what were you called to?' but 'what are you called to be and to do now?' Some of the participants will – we know from a decade of experience – return and move; some will leave; some will go back and do a 'different job' in the same place.

What is God calling *you* to do and to be now? To what extent have you fallen into tacit assumptions about what is possible '*at your stage of life*,' whatever stage that may be? And – most importantly – what are you going to *do* about it? If you want to talk, you know how to get in touch! *Fr Alan Gyle*



Christian Aid
Week 2019

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

I would be glad to hear of any who would like to help collect for Christian Aid in the week of the 12-18 May – and of anyone who might consider being a parish co-ordinator for the charity. *Fr Alan Gyle*

UPCOMING EVENTS...

TODAY PARISH LUNCH

Sunday 5th May at 12:45pm

Join us after the 11AM Mass for Parish Lunch, cooked this month by **Iago Griffith, Stephanie Pariot** and **David Hayton**. All welcome, and if you can't stay to lunch, so come to the Hall for a drink! Suggested donation to cover the cost of lunch: £10.

TODAY SUNDAY RECITAL SERIES

Sunday 5th May at 2:00pm

Today's lunch is followed at 2pm by a piano recital given by **Danbi Heo** from the Royal College of Music who will play works by Beethoven and Schumann.



SONGHAVEN CONCERT & TEA

Saturday 18th May at 3:00pm

A 45 minute dementia-friendly music concert followed by afternoon tea. **Clare McCaldin** and **Eleanor Ross**, both from our Choir, accompanied by **Adam Mathias** in singing favourite melodies from the operatic stage, classic musicals, and well-loved songs from the past. Tickets are free, but should be reserved by visiting www.spkb.org or calling the parish office. All welcome!



ASCENSION DAY MASS & PARTY

Thursday 30th May at 7:00pm

All are warmly invited to the Solemn High Mass on Ascension Day followed by drinks and canapés in the Vicarage. And bring your friends!

Music by the Choir of St Paul's: Mass in C – Schubert, God is gone up – Finzi, Coelos ascendit - Stanford



FILM & PIZZA NIGHT

Sunday 12th May at 7:00pm

Ahead of our trip to Chartres, join us in the Parish Hall to watch a documentary introducing the major restoration of Chartres Cathedral.

Tickets including pizza and wine: £12.
Sign up at www.spkb.org

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.

A priest is available before or after services 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); Gardena 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) **Vicar's PA:** Felicity Cranfield (felicity@spkb.org), Claire Pilton (claire@spkb.org);
Head of Future Programmes: Phil Davies (phil@spkb.org); **Caretaker:** Adam Modzelewski

Who is doing what this Sunday?

The Family Mass at 09:00

Celebrant & Preacher: *Fr Victor Stock*
Server: *Tim Pontius*
Reader: *Claire Pilton*

The Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Celebrant: *Bp Michael Colclough*
Deacon & preacher: *Fr Victor Stock*
Subdeacon: *Roland Brunner*
Reader: *Steven Harrison*
Intercessor: *Tim Pontius*

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, Nhamavilah, 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:

Maya Habboush; Sall Allen; David Eckland; Nicky Lindsay; Penny Higgs; Amanda Orlebar; Tessa Murphy; Reg Francis; Philippe Romano; Ronald Bartle; Paule Bedford.

All the recently departed:

Keith Butt; Armel Cates.

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

Michael Taylor	2 nd
Timothy Green	2 nd
Michael Barney, priest	5 th
Meriel St Clair Green	7 th
Helen Newton	14 th
Sophie Hodgson	15 th
Cecilia Lawson	17 th
Eileen Goode	18 th
Sally Windham	20 th
Eric Knightley Chetwode Hamilton	21 st
Gerard Doyle	22 nd
Dudley Middleton	23 rd
Herbert Robinson	24 th
Robin Hodgson	30 th
Dyan Elizabeth Wade	31 st