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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 4th August:
Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Low Mass at 09:00 (AG)
Sung Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Cantor: Clare McCaldin

Sunday 11th August:
Eighth Sunday after Trinity
Low Mass at 09:00 (AG)
Sung Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Cantor: Paul Sheehan

Sunday 18th August:
Ninth Sunday after Trinity
Low Mass at 09:00 (AG)
Sung Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Cantor: Zoe Bonner

Sunday 25th August:
Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Low Mass at 09:00 (VS)
Sung Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Fr Victor Stock
Cantor: Michael Solomon Williams

BAPTISM

Claudia More Nisbett is to be baptized at St Paul's on Sunday, 4th August.

WEDDING

Benedict Tomlinson and Amelia Higgins are to be married at St Paul's on Monday, 12th August.

OUT OF OFFICE...



One of my happiest memories is of leaving school at the end of sixth year and spending time with friends driving (because we then could!) around the Angus countryside having picnics. It was a crazy time of release after phase one of the education process and before the ordeals of university. As we drove, I remember one of my friends had a cassette (remember those?) entitled 'Hit Girls of the 60s' – on which was the Connie Francis track 'Vacation': "Put away the books / We're out of school / The weather's warm / But we'll play it cool / We're on vacation / Havin' lots of fun / V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N / In the summer sun," we sang at the tops of our voices.

On reflection, it was the first time I started to use the American word 'vacation' for holiday. Perhaps the song was especially refreshing because it wasn't Cliff Richard's 'Summer Holiday!' In truth, since then I have developed a wider lexicon of synonyms for what we are all about to do this summer: vacation (or stay-cation!), holiday, leave, break, rest, time-off or time-out and even in churchy language, retreat or sabbatical. What we call it says a lot about our attitude to the endeavour of spending time away from the normal round of things.

One of the things we need to wrestle with as 21st century human beings is the way we handle breaks and think about them. Too many of us live a boom and bust life – working frantically (indeed unreasonably and unsustainably) hard for most of the year before crashing and sleeping on holiday, only to return to the metaphorical hamster wheel immediately. Nobody in

the modern world, it seems, needs a holiday as much as someone who has just returned from one!

Recently I was in Scotland on retreat. I noticed as I left the PCC meeting and rushed for the Sleeper train that several people said, "have a good holiday." Kind of them, I thought, but you don't understand: my intent was not to have a holiday but a retreat. Retreats are work, not play... or at least they are a half way house between work and rest – something akin to a mini Sabbatical. The idea of Sabbatical is a particularly religious one and has to do with the question of balance in the midst of work. The Hebrew Scriptures are clear of the need of sabbatical rest as part of God's design in creation: on the seventh day, God rested, the book Genesis tells us. This pattern of rest amidst work makes existence whole and sustainable. We are in danger of forgetting this truth about balance and sustainability in the way we design our lives.

Seth Godin, the popular though leader and writer recently wrote: 'Instead of wondering when your next vacation is, maybe you should set up a life you don't need to escape from.' Wisdom indeed.

What will you call your break this summer. And how will it relate to the rest of your life?
Fr Alan Gyle

AUGUST AT ST PAUL'S

During the month of August we will operate a reduced schedule to enable members of our team to take holidays.

There will be two Masses each Sunday at **9am (Low Mass in St Luke's Chapel)** and **11am (Sung Mass with Cantor)**. Morning prayer will be said privately, and there will be no weekday Masses.

As far as is possible, the church will be open to visitors between 10am and 4pm on weekdays.

Our normal schedule of daily services will resume on **Sunday, 1st September** with the 9am Family Mass and 11am Solemn High Mass with choir.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

AUTUMN RETREAT TO INGOLSTADT AND AUGSBURG 11-13 October 2019



There are a few places remaining for the second of two foreign retreats to sites of some of the most distinguished stained glass in Europe, led by Roland Brunner and Fr Alan Gyle.

This trip will focus on the late 11th century glass in Augsburg, together with an introduction to the Lutheran tradition in nearby Ingolstadt. Each day (starting with welcome drinks on Friday at lunchtime) will include a time of prayer, some study and learning together, a visit to the Augsburg Cathedral to see the oldest stained glass in Germany, and time for self-guided exploration, rest or leisure activities. Each evening we will eat together. Full details and sign-up information on the website at www.spkb.org/bavaria.

THE PARISH GARDEN PARTY Thursday 5th September 6:30pm

The Autumn Garden Party will be on Thursday 5th September from 6:30pm in the Vicarage Garden. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the summer and extend hospitality to those in the wider community who may be on the fringes of the church and its life. Please feel free to invite guests and any in particular you suspect might enjoy the life and ethos of St Paul's Knightsbridge – they will be most welcome.



PARISH LUNCH & RECITAL Sunday 8th September

Join us after the 11AM Mass on Sunday, 8th September, for Parish Lunch followed at 2pm by a recital given by **Danilo Mascetti**. Suggested donation for lunch: £10. Please sign-up in the blue book at the back of church or by contacting the parish office.



SONGHAVEN – BBC Music Day Thursday 26th September at 3pm

Our next dementia-friendly tea concert will form part of national BBC Music Day on Thursday 26th September. Come join us – all welcome!

For your prayers

We pray for:

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

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

The Queen and her government; the leaders of the nations.

Among the sick and those in need:

Victoria Jones; Maya Habboush; Sall Allen; David Eckland; Nicky Lindsay; Penny Higgs; Tessa Murphy; Reg Francis; Philippe Romano; Paule Bedford; Nicole Lejeune; Carolyn Jory; Ginny Clover.

All the recently departed:

Lucy McMillan; Humberto Mafra; William Jory.

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

	July	
Patrick Allen		27 th
Ian Davies		28 th
Selwyn Powell		28 th
Keith Turbayne		28 th
David Jordan		29 th
Celia Ball		31 st

	August	
Ted Sheehan		1 st
Farah Russell		1 st
Glenn Brown		3 rd
Eleri Davies		6 th
Robert William Haines Moline, Bp		8 th
Bertram Worrall		9 th
Robin Cooke		11 th
James Davis		19 th
David D'Albis		20 th
Frank Palmer		28 th
Tom Delaney		28 th
Jack Windham		29 th
June Fenwick		30 th

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.

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.

LICENSED LAY MINISTER



Roland Brunner.

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) **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