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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 27th October:

DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (+MC)

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Monday 28th : Ss Simon & Jude

No services

Tuesday 29th : James Hannington

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday 30th : Feria

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The Wednesday Evening Service

at 19:00 *Preacher: Bp Michael*

Thursday 31st : Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Friday 1st Nov : All Saints' Day

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Saturday 2nd : All Souls' Day

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Solemn Requiem Mass at noon

Sunday 3rd November:

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (VS)

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle



Join us on All Souls' Day for the

SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS

with music by Alain and Fauré

Saturday, 2nd November at noon

We offer this Solemn Requiem for all the faithful departed, and we will be pleased to remember your loved one by name. You can submit names by emailing pa@spkb.org.

DECISIVE MOMENT



Since 1947, the photographer-owners of the global photographic collective/agency Magnum have been taking 'street photographs' – simply capturing moments of micro-drama in ordinary life around the world. This pursuit of the 'decisive moment' in ordinary times and places was one of the guiding philosophies of the Agency's French founder, Henri Cartier-Bresson, one of the most distinguished humanist photographers of the 20th century. A collection of their iconic pictures from the last 70 years has just been published: *Magnum Streetwise*

In a world of the confected, the staged, the studied, the routinised and the photoshopped, this style of photography – the 'snap' in the moment – is a welcome antidote to modern affectation. Life is seen as it really is, albeit seen by a trained eye, and captured. In the moment we see the wonder of life and its grimness or awfulness, its simplicity jostling with its complexity. Just as life is.

The eighteenth century Christian writer Jean Pierre de Caussade (1675-1751), also French, was spiritual director to a convent of nuns in Nancy from 1733 to 1740. During this time, and after he left them for his next post, he wrote letters of instruction to them – and this material was collected and eventually published long after his death, by Henri Ramière in 1851. The title Ramière chose for the collected work was "*L'Abandon à la providence divine*" – which, translated into English, has become "*The Sacrament of the Present Moment.*" Like Henri Cartier-Bresson, Caussade encouraged his nuns to notice the present moment. So much in the

Christian spiritual life is structured or predicated on consideration of past or contemplation of the future: what might it be like to inhabit, fully, the present? Caussade believed that the present moment is a sacrament from God and that self-abandonment to it and its needs is a holy state.

These two thoughts might point us in a new direction this coming week. I imagine, if your life is anything like mine, it is already well mapped-out for you. Your paper diary or your Outlook calendar is probably pretty full; you know what you will do, with whom, when. You may be feeling exhausted just contemplating getting-through it all. Minds and souls rush headlong into the fray – targets, tasks, objectives, desired outcomes. What might it be like, this week, to slow down and to savour the passing moments. To do so sufficiently to be able to look and to see with clarity – and to be prayerfully curious about other lives, other micro-dramas. Who knows, perhaps even to ponder the import of those sacramental moments of blessing in which God's grace is at work – in life's decisive moments...

Fr Alan Gyle

Magnum Streetwise: The Ultimate Collection of Street Photography, edited by Stephen McLaren is available at £28.00 from Amazon or good bookshops near you, as are various editions of The Sacrament of the Present Moment, for as little as £1.99 + postage.

LAST CHANCE! MUSIC REVIEW

If you haven't already done so, there is still time to complete the online questionnaire as part of our review of music at St Paul's – an opportunity for everyone in the community to provide feedback as we discern our strategy for a missional music programme.

The questionnaire – which may be accessed at www.spkb.org/musicreview - will be open until **tomorrow, Monday 28th October.**

A paper version of the questionnaire is available at the back of church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Sunday:
PARISH LUNCH & RECITAL
Sunday, 3rd November



Join us after the 11am Mass on Sunday, 3rd November for **Parish Lunch** followed, at 2pm, by a piano recital given by **Roelof Temmingh** from the Royal College of Music, who will play a selection of Debussy's preludes and works by J.S. Bach and Medtner. Suggested donation for lunch: £10. Please sign-up in the blue book at the back of church or by contacting the parish office.

THANK YOU

A huge 'thank you' to Niki, Jackie, Patrick and everyone who was involved in yesterday's successful Jumble Sale which raised over £1,750 for church funds!

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: David Hayton

The Deputy Churchwardens & their responsibilities:

Virginia Craven (Children's Advocacy); Caroline Docker (Hospitality); Gardenia Griffith (Welcoming); Iago Griffith (Electoral Roll Officer & Incorporation); David Hayton (Safeguarding); Steven Hicks (Archives); Aidan Linton-Smith (Family Mass); Tom Tull (Wednesday evenings); Sarah Tytherleigh (Vestments, fabric & plate).

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



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

Music Scholars Michael Koenig (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 Alan Gyle
Server: Robert Thomas

The Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Celebrant: Bp Michael Colclough
Deacon & Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Subdeacon: Phil Davies
Reader: Humphrey Percy
Intercessor: Gardenia Griffith
Hospitality: Louise Nixon

For your prayers

We pray this week 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; Stewart Bell; Rosemary Gomersall.

All the recently departed:

Terry Hancock; David Thomas Cardwell; Cordelia Fraser Brown.

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

Kate Davis	12 th
Sean Edwards	15 th
Nancy Diamond	17 th
Patricia Clarke	17 th
Marjorie Wilcox	17 th
Vic Higgs	18 th
Mac Showers	19 th
Kay Bonham-Carter	20 th
Robert Dean	21 st
Rose Emily Welsh	22 nd
Valerie Middleton	24 th
Nadine Killearn	24 th
Esme MacDonald	25 th
Sarah Hoexter	25 th
Harold Loasby	27 th
Patrick Hackett	30 th
Rose Macaulay	30 th

FOUNDATION CAROL SERVICE



Tickets are selling fast for the annual carol service to raise funds for the St Paul's Knightsbridge Foundation on **Tuesday, 3rd December at 18:30**. Come and hear the choir of St Paul's Knightsbridge together with celebrity readers, candlelight, food by The Berkeley, champagne by Laurent-Perrier and much more!

Tickets (adults £55, children £25) available via the Parish Website or by calling the parish office.