

St Paul's Knightsbridge

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 20th October: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (VS)

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Monday 21st : Feria

No services

Tuesday 22nd : Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday 23rd : Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

The Wednesday Evening Service

at 19:00 *Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle*

Thursday 24th : Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Friday 25th : Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Saturday 26th : Alfred

Morning Prayer at 09:00

FANY Memorial Service at 11:00

No Mass today

Sunday 27th October:

DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (+MC)

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.

BURDENS OF COMPLACENCY?



Recycling in the City of Westminster requires less effort than it does in Hanoi in Vietnam, if this photo of waste collectors there is anything to go by! Around the world, the incentivization of local people by the creation of a market in recyclable waste issues in real commitment to the task; less so here in the United Kingdom, where the only incentive to encourage people to recycle the invitation to a vague sense of 'doing the right thing.' Remember when supermarkets started charging for single-use plastic bags? We responded. Perhaps the introduction of similar incentives (and disincentives) in the United Kingdom would be timely and might result in real change. Change is certainly needed. I remember spending a couple of months in Zurich where their local controls on waste (and pay-for waste bags) certainly sharpened my focus!

For the last two weeks Extinction Rebellion have crippled movement in Central London, causing real frustration to many of us going about our daily work, but at least making us focus on their campaign. Their demand that we achieve a net carbon-zero economy by 2025 is laughably unrealistic, but the very absurdity of their aspiration has helped us to hear their call to the people of the world that we wake up to the degradation of the environment by our unbounded consumerism. Recycling our domestic rubbish is a tiny jig-saw piece in a much larger and more complex puzzle, but it is part of it. Being more thoughtful about how we live, individually and collectively, is not just an invitation vaguely to consider 'doing the right thing,' it is now an urgent existential imperative.

What does the picture above make you think about? If it prompts you to think about recycling, that is – I suppose – no bad thing. We all ought to do more. But perhaps it might prompt further, deeper reflection

too. What unnecessary weight do I continue to carry, certainly? What might I usefully lay down and leave behind? But not just material things. What, for example, are the burdens of complacency we carry along with us in life? What weight of unexamined assumptions do I drag behind me that slows my response to life's challenges in opportunities? And what challenge will it take to make me wake up to that reality and to live differently?

Time to ponder. And to change.

Fr Alan Gyle

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.

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 **next Sunday, 27th October**.

A paper version of the questionnaire is available at the back of church, or by calling the parish office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK SONGHAVEN
Saturday, 26th October at 3pm



Join us for our next dementia-friendly concert and tea in conjunction with Songhaven. **Vivien Munday** and **Clare McCaldin** accompanied by **Paul Turner** will sing favourites from opera, musicals, and well-loved songs from the past. All welcome!

THIS WEEK JUMBLE SALE!
Saturday, 26th October 10am til noon

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 (07815 778 383). Anyone who'd like to help selling jumble should also let them know.

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: Phil Davies

The Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Celebrant: Fr Victor Stock
Deacon & Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Subdeacon: James Wilcox
Reader: Dominic Lyle
Intercessor: Melissa Longley
Hospitality: Melissa Longley & Kimball Bailey

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

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

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.



TIME CHANGE!

British Summer Time ends on Saturday night, so lest you turn up to church an hour early next Sunday don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour!