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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 15th March :
Third Sunday of Lent
Family Mass at 09:00
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Missa Brevis – Findlay Spence
In manus tuas – Sheppard
O sacrum convivium – Victoria

Monday 16th : Feria
No services – church open for prayer.

Tuesday 17th : St Patrick
Morning Prayer at 9:00

Wednesday 18th : Feria
Morning Prayer at 9:00
The Wednesday Evening Service
at 19:00 *Celebrant: Bishop*
Michael Colclough

Thursday 19th : **St Joseph**
Morning Prayer at 9:00

Friday 20th : St Cuthbert
Morning Prayer at 9:00

Saturday 21st : Thomas Cranmer
Morning Prayer at 9:00

Sunday 22nd March :
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Family Mass at 09:00
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Fr Luigi Gioia
Schubert in G
The sorrows of Mary – R R Bennett
Ave Maris stella – Grieg

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS



The phrase 'when life gives you lemons, make lemonade' was coined by the Christian anarchist writer Elbert Hubbard in 1915. He wrote it in an obituary for the so-called 'King of Jesters', Marshall Pinckney Wilder, a well-known dwarf actor who never allowed his diminutive stature to stand in the way of his ambition and success. His drive, positivity and optimism were legendary. Dale Carnegie borrowed the phrase for his famous book on motivation, *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living*.

Life in mid-March 2020 is a bit lemony, isn't it, soured by an unexpected turn of events. We are embattled, already in the grip of a virulent global pandemic, and many of us feel anxious. Although life is continuing relatively normally for the time being in London at least (mindless panic buying apart!), it seems likely that within a short time our ability to move about freely, to travel and to gather together may necessarily be restricted for the sake of disease control. Many are already working from home and all of us are beginning to behave in new ways keeping our distance from one another in lives punctuated by vigorous hand-washing.

It is easy, especially when anxious, to drift into unimaginative self-absorption – focused only on self and self-preservation. Me, myself, I. Anxiety can be isolating and we can drift into forgetting our neighbour. We can also fall into a sense of hopelessness about the potential of such a period as this. One of the most depressing features of

much of the advice being given at the moment is that it is about keeping *ourselves* safe. Nothing wrong with that, of course – except that it doesn't go far enough. The Christian calling is, fundamentally and non-negotiably, a call into relationship with God and neighbour. It is not about 'me'. It is about 'us'.

If life is giving us lemons... What if, instead of allowing ourselves to become psychological prisoners of these tricky times, focussed on what we *can't* do, we were to see these days as days filled with opportunity. There may be a whole lot we can't do – but there is lots we might suddenly be able to do which the busyness of life usually impedes: reading, writing, painting, making music or listening to it, drawing, praying, studying, being still. And what if, instead of lapsing into self-absorption, we were to use these days to strengthen our bonds of connection with others? Just because we can't necessarily visit one another, we can find other ways of connecting, perhaps focusing on being more attentive than we usually manage to be, aware that they too may be anxious: writing, phoning, using social media creatively – and praying for one another. Who do you keep meaning to catch up with? Why not do it?

There is nothing good about a pandemic: but that is not to say that good things cannot happen in these days... if we let them.

Fr Alan Gyle

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2020 – Wheels for Climate Change Emergencies

Please will you make a donation to the Bishop's Lent Appeal, this year to raise funds to buy trucks for our link diocese in Mozambique so that supplies – water, charcoal, building materials etc – can be delivered by the local Bishop as he responds in person to an emergency (such as the flooding in Mozambique caused by Cyclone Idai in March last year). *Cheques or cash donations may be given direct to the parish office, may be made online at spkb.org, or may be clearly marked and placed in the collection plate at one of the services.*

LOOKING AHEAD

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Upcoming Wednesdays at 7pm:



18th March – Bp Michael Colclough reflects on *'The Light of the World'* (1851) by William Holman Hunt

25th March – Fr Alan Gyle reflects on *'The Seven Works of Mercy'* (1504) by The Master of Alkmaar

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)
Assistant Director of Liturgical Music Timothy Wakerell
Music Scholars Michael Koenig (organ) & Findlay Spence ('cello and composition)

IN THE PARISH OFFICE



(l-r) **Vicar's PA:** Felicity Cranfield (felicity@spkb.org)
Head of Future Programmes: Phil Davies (phil@spkb.org)
Caretaker: Adam Modzelewski (adam@spkb.org)

Who is doing what this Sunday?

The Family Mass at 09:00

Celebrant & preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Server: Phil Davies

Reader: Virginia Craven

The Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Celebrant & preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Deacon: Roland Brunner

Subdeacon: Phil Davies

Reader: Claudio Cornini

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.

For all who are living with the impact of coronavirus: the vulnerable and the isolated and for the members of the medical and caring professions who care for them.

Among the sick and those in need:

Fiona Curzon; Giacomo Caiezza; Patricia Dopheide; Nicholas Plummer; Marlene Kelly; Fleur Brennan; Frank Faber; Raymond Willetts; Anne Prevost; Baby Maximus; Victoria Jones; Maya Habboush; Sall Allen; David Eckland; Nicky Lindsay; Penny Higgs; Reg Francis; Philippe Romano; Nicole Lejeune; Stewart Bell; Fr Neil Dawson.

All the recently departed:

Sybil Smith.

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

Julian Goldsmid	13 th
Kathleen Baxter	16 th
Margaret Thornton	17 th
Irene Swinford-Edwards	19 th
Lewis Corris Davies	20 th
David Llewellyn	21 st
Richard Oskatel Latham	23 rd
Eileen Gross	23 rd