



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

30th October 2011

AN ISSUE, AN ISSUE...

It was *another* Canon of St Paul's Cathedral – Canon Mark Oakley, not Canon Giles Fraser – who, reading the Church Times' latest account of disunity in the Church of England used to look up and say (with a wry smile), "an issue, an issue, we all fall down!" Witty and wonderfully evocative, not only of the sound of childhood but of childish carrying on!



Issues have rather dominated the news this week, a *trying* week for the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's. The supposed 'win-win' situation of two weeks ago unravelled and morphed into a rather sad and shameful 'lose-lose' situation, ending not only in the closure of the cathedral but in the resignation of one of its Canons in a flurry of press comment. I knew it was bad when three of my friends from the USA anxiously Facebooked me: "What's going on at St Paul's?" they asked, "it is looking bad from over here!"

How ironic that the 'Occupy London' protest, aimed originally at the Stock Market, should have succeeded in allowing business as usual there but, next door, the closure of the Cathedral and its St Paul's Institute known for its engagement with issues of social justice and with exploring the ethical underpinning of markets and wealth creation! More sad than ironic the fact that given this background the Church so mishandled the management of the story.

'Issues' have always occupied the attention and energy of the Church, and in an age obsessed with the quick story always will. The clue, it seems to me, is in the word: 'issue.' Issues *issue* – that is, they come forth from something, some primary cause or underpinning standpoint. It is because we take this or that view that issues *issue*: if we didn't care, if there weren't underpinning standpoints of belief and principle, nothing would matter very much and there would be no issues at all.

It follows that it might be important always to root our engagement with this or that issue in its wider and deeper context. That context, for Christians, is the prayerful engagement with God, individually and collectively, in the world and especially in our holy places of worship. Unless we do so, unless we 'wait upon God', the Church becomes nothing more than another human institution, a political movement or a cultural adornment – take your pick – with everybody running in different directions as their 'taste' dictates. It is understandable that *some* people's preference should see them rush to support public protest and align themselves with the anti-capitalist cause, taking up the issue of the day: but it is unthinkable that, faced with the choice, we should so engage with the issue of the protest that thereby we prevent the public worship of God in his Cathedral. All the wrong way round...

I said as much from the pulpit last Sunday: our first call is to prayer and attentiveness to the mystery of God. Everything else is secondary.

Fr Alan Gyle, Vicar

EVENTS AT ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE THIS WEEK

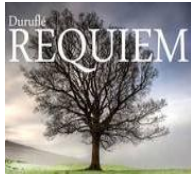
TODAY: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

At the Family Mass at 09:00 the celebrant and preacher is Fr Stephen Young. There will be godly play for younger children. At 11:00 the celebrant is Fr Alan Gyle and the preacher is Fr Stephen Young. Music: Victoria - Missa O quam gloriosum; Byrd - Justorum animae; Schutz - Selig sind die Toten.

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer will be said daily and there is a **daily mass** at 18:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – and at noon on Saturday.

The Solemn Requiem on **All Souls Day** will be on **Wednesday 2nd November 2011 at 7pm**. The mass will be sung to the haunting music of Maurice Duruflé (Requiem Op. 9); the preacher will be Fr Stephen Young. At the mass we will pray for the faithful departed by name, and invite all who have lost loved ones to join us.



During November we have arranged three reflective services at 18:00 on Sunday evenings. Each service is built around an organ piece that powerfully expresses an aspect of Christ's Incarnation.

NEXT SUNDAY

The Third Sunday before Advent. At 0900 the celebrant at the family mass and preacher at 1100 is Fr Nick Mercer; the celebrant at 11200 is Fr Andrew Norwood. Music: Victoria - Missa Vidi Speciosam; Lassus – Benedictus es, Domine; Victoria – Jesu ducis memoria

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Remembrance Sunday will be **November 13th 2011**, and the day will be marked by the singing of a Solemn Requiem, preceded by an **Act of Remembrance beginning at 10.55am**.



READY FOR CHRISTMAS?



Our organ scholar Tom Allery will be introducing and playing each piece, and the clergy will lead our reflections and prayers. Readings, prayer, silence and music help us to gain insight into the meaning of **'The Word made Flesh'**.

6th November: La Nativite-Jean Langlais
13th November: Fugue on the Magnificat- J.S. Bach
20th November: Dieu parmi nous – Olivier Messian

We do hope you will find time for these services, and that they will be a helpful enrichment of our spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The Arts at St Paul's... an invitation to share ideas

Following the winding-up of the Poetry and Arts Group, there will be a short discussion – over drinks in the Vicarage – to gather ideas about how engagement with the arts can play a part in the life of the parish. Saturday 12th November 2011 at 19:00. R.S.V.P. to the Vicar's PA, Felicity Cranfield, on 020 7201 9999

Masses & Psalm Responses

Sunday 30th: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Family Mass at 09:00

High Mass at 11:00

Monday 31st: feria

Mass at 18:00 Week 31 (year 1);

Lect.P.669/Green

"The Lord has built up Zion and shown himself in glory"

Tuesday 1st: feria

Mass at 18:00 Week 31 (year 1); EH.P.747/Green

"O Israel, trust in the Lord, from this time forth for evermore"

Wednesday 2nd: ALL SOULS' DAY

Low Mass of Requiem at 13:00

Solemn Requiem at 19:00

Music: Requiem - Maurice Duruflé

Preacher: Fr Stephen Young

Thursday 3rd: Richard Hooker

Mass at 18:00 EH.489/White

"The assembly declares the wisdom of the godly"

Friday 4th: feria

Mass at 18:00 Lect.P.755/Green

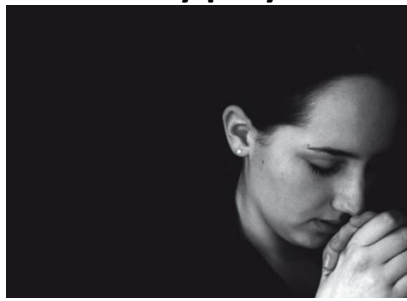
"Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth"

Saturday 5th : our Lady on Saturday

Mass at noon EH.P.585/White

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you"

In our daily prayers



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On this day we pray for:

- Our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street in this their stewardship renewal month. We pray for the Diocese of Washington.
- Our Cathedral Church of St Paul, its Dean and Chapter.
- The peoples of Libya, and for peace there.
- Those who work in the world of international finance.

Pray for our Bishop, Richard Chartres – and for the Area and Assistant Bishops in the Diocese of London.

Among the sick and those in need, we pray for:

Ian Powe; Nick Harsant; Vassi Chamberlain; Nadine Killlearn; Ryan King, Ian O'Hara, Richard Thornton, Kelsey, Eve Margolies, Frederico Fernandez, Arabella Elliott, Philip Sapsford, Dominique Murray, Michael Taylor, Thomas Keatley, Robin Higgs, John Willmington.

Among the faithful departed and those whose year's mind is at this time:

John McGinty; Rhada Hall; Lady Nadine Killlearn

Patrick Hackett 30-Oct

Rose Macaulay 30-Oct

Gordon Fenwick 02-Nov

Nora Powell 02-Nov

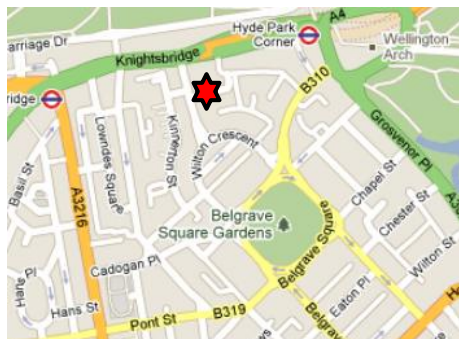
Felicity Millais 03-Nov

Sally Windham 05-Nov

Charlie Green 06-Nov

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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist 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 Fridays and Fr Stephen on Tuesdays.

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