



ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE

13 January 2013: The Baptism of Christ

When the song of the angels is stilled...

The wedding, yesterday afternoon, of Alexander Seton and Caroline Taylor necessitated a bit of re-ordering! The Epiphany Crib, which normally stays in place at the front of the platform until the Octave Day of Epiphany (in church terms, a full week and a day or eight days later) had to be removed a-day-and-a-bit early to a less-central position beneath the pulpit, this to avoid the inadvertent turning of the Bride's progress down the aisle into a hurdling event! The crib's central position on the platform at the front of the Nave serves to emphasise its importance as a focus for devotion and prayer during the holy season, but it also creates something of a trip-hazard when it comes to liturgical processions. Yet, it didn't feel quite right entirely to banish to their cardboard boxes in the Tower the Magi, their gifts, their camels and the elephant *quite* yet. But we are intensely practical at St Paul's, and pragmatic, and so a move was called for.



As they were lifted to their new and less-central location – en route to the dustiness of the Tower for another 11 months – I was reminded of the words of the American poet and theologian, Howard Thurman. Thurman, who died in 1981, was a prolific author, with some twenty two books to his name, many of them touching on the challenges of multi-cultural religious encounter. But as well as being a deep thinker he was also a very pragmatic Christian who always drew his readers back to the incarnational and existential dimensions of the faith. These are his pithy lines for this time of year, which should drive us onwards from Christmas wonder into gospel service:

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart."

Fr Alan Gyle

PARISH NOTICES

MUSIC & PREACHERS

Jan 13: The Baptism of Christ

Missa Brevis in C K 259 - Mozart
Cantate Domino - Monteverdi
Ave verum - Phillips
Preacher: The Vicar

Jan 20: The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Mass in g – Vaughan Williams
My soul there is a county – Parry
Tantum ergo – Duruflé
Preacher: Prebendary Nick Mercer

PCC MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Parochian Church Council in St Paul's Hall in Kinnerton Street on Monday 14th January 2013 at 7pm, following a mass in church at 6pm. Apologies for absence and notice of items of business should be sent to the PCC Secretary, Felicity Cranfield, c/o the Parish Office.

FR STEPHEN YOUNG

Today we bid farewell to our Senior Curate, Fr Stephen Young, who becomes Parish Priest of St Andrew's Deal in the Diocese of Canterbury. His licensing, by the Bishop of Dover, will be on Wednesday 30th January 2013 at 7.00pm. Those who would like to attend to support Fr Stephen – and who would like to travel together by train on the 30th, should add their names in the Blue Book at the back of church.

From 22nd January, Fr Stephen's address will be: St Andrew's Rectory, St Andrew's Road, Deal, Kent. CT14 6AS

FR ANTHONY MOORE

Congratulations to Fr Anthony Moore who will be installed as Canon Chancellor of Lichfield on Saturday 19th January. Any who plan to attend and who would like to travel together should speak to the Churchwardens



January 18th – 25th is the WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

In 1989 when the Churches committed themselves afresh to the ecumenical vision of full visible unity, they stated clearly that they were to be “no longer strangers but pilgrims together”. The image of ‘pilgrimage’, which recurs throughout Christian theology and spirituality, is a powerful and important one for the ecumenical movement. Pilgrimage implies walking and for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are asked to re-ect upon our ecumenical pilgrimage: how we walk together and walk humbly with God. So, this year, we are invited to reflect upon this journey and, perhaps more importantly, as we make this journey with God, to ensure that the walking is always accompanied by acting justly, being loving in all things, and being humble. This year we are helped in our reflections by the experiences and insights of Christians in India as they pray and work for the Kingdom of God.

Throughout 2012 and into 2013, CTBI has been undertaking research into how local churches are living out this call, under the title of ‘Good Society’. They are asking churches in very different settings around the UK what it means to be a ‘good society’. What they have found is a remarkable faithfulness to the call to act justly, to be loving, and to walk humbly with God. So what about us, our church and our community? What does it mean for us to act justly and to walk humbly with God? I commend to you the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2013 and hope that they may help you ponder these things. If you wish to, please speak to one of the clergy.

Information for inclusion in the Weekly Sheet should be emailed or handed into the Parish Office by Thursday evening.



Masses & Psalm Responses

There is a mass daily at St Paul's and all are welcome to attend. Service papers are available outside the Chapel or Chancel.

Diagram illustrating the structure of a service paper entry:

- Date and observance:** Tuesday 5 February – feria
- Colour of vestments:** ● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;
- Response to the psalm:** I will proclaim your name among the people
- Page where the lections are to be found:** (indicated by an arrow pointing to the right)

Monday 14 January – feria of Epiphanytide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.247 (year 1);

Propers of Epiphany

The Lord is king: let the earth rejoice.

Tuesday 15 January – feria of Epiphanytide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 249 (year 1);

Propers of Epiphany

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

Wednesday 16 January – feria of Epiphanytide

● Mass at 18:45 DEL p. 253 (year 1);

Propers of Epiphany

Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and tell of his marvellous works.

Thursday 17 January – Antony of Egypt

● Mass at 18:00; EH p.51;

Call upon me, Lord, and I will answer you.

Friday 18 January – feria of Epiphanytide

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: DAY 1

● Mass at 18:00 DEL p.258 (year 1);

Propers of Epiphany

We will recount the praises of the Lord.

Saturday 19 January – St Wulfstan

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: DAY 2

● Mass at noon; EH p. 55;

Proper of Saints (Bishops & other pastors)

Blessed is the servant of the Lord.

In our daily prayers

We pray daily for:

- Our Bishop, Richard
- Our church and neighbourhood
- Our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- Peace, especially for the Middle East, the people of Syria, and for Christian minorities.
- Those on active service overseas

We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury and for the unity and health of the Anglican Communion

(the daily cycle of prayer for the Anglican Communion is to be found at:

www.anglicancommunion.org/acp)

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

Matthew; Rosemary Powell; Tim Dally; Juliet Mertz; Ruth Stevens; Annelise Bowser; Alyson Coney; Kelsey Brockbank; Sal Allen; Peter Adcock; Peter Brook; Michael Cook; Kenneth James; John King; Daphne Nugent; Jean Steers; Richard Thornton; Katherine Davis; John Willmington.

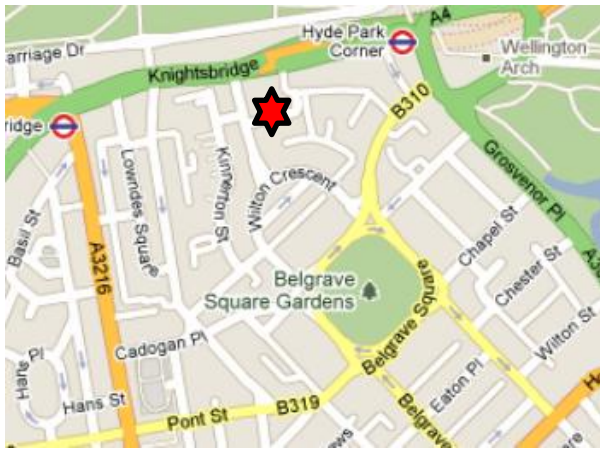
Among the recently departed:

Peter Jukes; Richard Moorwood

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Julia Candlish	8 January
Kurt Hoxter	11 January
James Longcroft	13 January
Marjorie Garrett	13 January
Arthur Stuart Duncan-Jones	19 January
Donald Bertram Harris	20 January
Stan Sherrington	20 January

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Fr Graham Palmer

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.

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