



ST PAUL'S  
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

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### LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

*Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our father  
Brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
With peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.*

Made famous by country singer Vince Gill, "Let There Be Peace on Earth" was written in 1955 by Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller. As a young schoolboy I learned it along with other members of my class, and we sang it at our end-of-year concert, making our proud parents dissolve into tears! If the tune and its harmonies are wildly sentimental, the words aren't far behind – but forty or so years on one of the song's lessons has stuck with me.

We're good, aren't we, at praying for peace. And so we should be. At every mass and morning and evening – and involuntarily too every time the news brings more coverage of hostilities in Syria, accounts of raised tensions further afield in the Middle East, or

of outbreaks of violence closer to home: Peace, Lord, let there be peace, please... God has set in our hearts a desire for peace, and so it is natural we should pray for it.

But the song's important message is that peace begins *here*, with us. No good in praying for peace in far away places, and for the efforts of peacemakers and world leaders at distant points on the globe *unless* we are also working for peace in our daily living: in the ordering of our relationships, in our places of work, at home and in the community. Peace ripples out from those who love peace and who make it a reality.

It was the Dutch behavioural scientist, Nikolaas Tinbergen, who coined the phrase 'displacement activity' in the 1950s. The term flowed from the observation that many animals – and humans also – when faced with one opportunity or option tend to distract themselves from it and 'displace' their activity somewhere else. I wonder whether sometimes prayer can be a form of displacement activity – in which fine words and lofty sentiments addressed to God, albeit sentiments and thoughts inspired by our deeply-felt experience, are a way of abdicating responsibility for whatever has challenged us.

So when we pray for peace, let us also add the phrase, "...and, Lord, that which we pray for, give us also strength and resolve to work for, day by day...".

**Fr Alan Gyle**

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## TUESDAY MORNING MEDITATION

Please join us for a new initiative on Tuesday mornings at 07:30 in St Paul's – a short period of guided centering prayer to start the day. Led by Aidan Hawkes, we are 'trialing' this new activity for an initial period of six weeks, and our hope is that it may – in time – become a valued point of stillness in the week for early-morning commuters and local residents.

Please also In addition, on Saturday October 12, 9.00AM to 12.00 Noon, Jill Benet, Coordinator for Contemplative Outreach London, will lead us in the techniques of Centering Prayer and the opportunity to clarify any questions. This is a wonderful opportunity for those inside and outside our congregation to deepen their prayer lives. Please do consider attending and please take flyers to spread the word and invite your friends, colleagues and neighbours. Please do so especially if you know people who live or work within striking distance of the church!

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## THANKS FOR THE PARISH GARDEN PARTY

Many Thanks to all those who so generously supported the annual Parish Garden Party on Thursday evening. A brief pause in the week's almost-constant rainfall meant that some 130 guests enjoyed a pleasant and dry evening in the garden. Especial thanks to Caroline Docker and her team for flawless planning and faultless execution!

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## NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



We are delighted to be able to announce the appointment of Samuel Rathbone, Assistant Organist and Director of The Girl's Choir at Rochester Cathedral, as our new Assistant Director of Music. Samuel Rathbone's earliest musical experiences were as a Chorister and later Head Chorister at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Organ studies with James Thomas followed leading to Samuel being awarded the Organ Scholarship at Royal Holloway, University of London in 2002. At Royal Holloway, Samuel played for the daily Chapel services and recorded and toured widely with the celebrated Chapel Choir. Samuel was a prize-winning postgraduate student at the Royal Academy of Music, where he pursued choral conducting, organ and vocal studies. He also held organ scholarships at St. Marylebone Parish Church and Westminster Abbey. Since October 2010 Samuel has held the position of Assistant Organist at Rochester Cathedral, where his duties are divided between accompanying the choir of boys and men and directing the girl choristers. A prize winner in interpretation and performance at the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists examination, Samuel is in increasing demand as a concert organist and recitalist. He has performed at Westminster Cathedral, York Minster and St. John's, Smith Square, as well as participating in several festivals in the UK and abroad. He will join us after the October half-term.

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## ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS – **diary notes**

Please note that on **All Souls' Day, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 at noon** there will be a requiem mass in St Paul's – at which we will remember all our departed loved ones by name and past members of this community. **All Saints' Day is transferred to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2013**, as is our custom, and on that day we will receive and celebrate the stewardship pledges received during October.

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## IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who hast taught us through thy Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love thee with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### We pray daily for:

- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- the peoples of Egypt and Syria
- those on active service overseas, especially Robin Lindsay and the men he commands in Afghanistan
- the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, 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](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acp)*)

### Among the bereaved, the sick and those in any kind of need:

Maggie Millbourn; Stephen Humbert; June Poland; Christiane Dupont Nangle; Tessa Murphy; Annelise Bowser; Kelsey Brockbank; Sal Allen; Peter Brook; Michael Cook; John King; Daphne Nugent; Jean Steers; Katherine Davis; John Willmington; Andrew Westwood; Alexandra Holesh; John Millbourn,

### We pray for the bereaved, and all the faithful departed, among them especially:

Helen Powe; Robin Barton-Cooke; John Amis; Jesse Sloane; David D'Albis.

### and those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Richard Coke	12 September
John McMullan	13 September
William Haite	25 September

## 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 page. A box contains the following text:

Tuesday 5 February – feria  
● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;  
I will proclaim your name among the people

Arrows point from labels to the text in the box:

- Date and observance: Tuesday 5 February – feria
- Colour of vestments: ●
- Response to the psalm: I will proclaim your name among the people
- Page where the lections are to be found: DEL p.80, year 1;

### Sunday 15 September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### Monday 16 September – Ninian

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 309;

***Let the peoples praise you, O God.***

### Tuesday 17 September – Hildegard

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 311;

***May these words of mine please my God.***

### Wednesday 18 September – feria

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 644 (year 1);

***The Lord is renowned for his marvellous deeds.***

### Thursday 19 September – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 646 (year 1);

***The commandments of God stand firm for ever.***

### Friday 20 September – John Coleridge Patteson

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 315;

***You will show me the path of life, O God.***

### Saturday 21 September – Matthew

● Mass at noon; EH p. 317;

***Happy are those who find Holy Wisdom.***

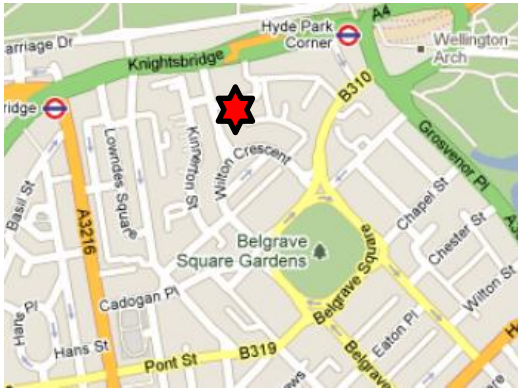
### Sunday 22 September – 17th Sunday after Trinity.

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

## BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

Anyone who is interested in or who may have any questions about being baptized and/or confirmed in the coming months is asked to please contact Fr. Andrew Sloane ([AndrewSloane@spkb.org](mailto:AndrewSloane@spkb.org) - or by phone: **0207201 9999**) at your earliest convenience so we can organize some appropriate and enjoyable preparation!

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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood;  
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 Mondays and Fr Andrew Sloane on Fridays.

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