

# 2 JUNE 2013: CORPUS CHRISTI

# **SAINTS ALIVE**

Best known (until now) for his slightly edgy installation, 'Break Down', in 2001 in which he first catalogued and then destroyed all his possessions in a former London Department Store, artist Michael Landy has become a more mainstream figure (indeed almost an Establishment figure!) with his appointment as Rootstein Hopkins

Associate Artist in residence at the National Gallery. But he has lost nothing of his edge.

For his new exhibition 'Saints Alive', which opened at the National Gallery on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May and runs till November, inspired by classic

depictions of the Christian Saints Apollonia, Catherine, Francis, Jerome, Thomas and others by Crivelli, Cranach the Elder, Sassetta and Cosimo Tura - all on display in the Gallery's Sainsbury Wing - Landy has created seven massive kinetic models of saints. But unlike the refined, demure depictions in gesso and oil of the artists of the early Renaissance, Landy has constructed his saints out of bits of old machinery, odds and ends and rubbish! Visitors can crank the works into life with a foot pedal mechanism, making the saints turn and swivel.

Go and see them, please. These figures, with their awkward movement and slight chaos,

the jumble of iconographic symbolism and the fact that they are made up of random previously-discarded bits and pieces and the detritus of human life, are a *long* way from the sort of depictions we churchgoers are used to in church windows and statuary. Usually in the imagery in churches we gaze upon men and women of self-evident holiness, order and godliness bearing telltale iconographic implements in static, stained-glass attitudes. Question: what is a saint? Answer: a dead person, dug up and Here we gaze upon messiness, edited! randomness and chaos - but messiness shaped by a master's hand into something of striking and disarming beauty.

The symbolism seems clear – the artist's message an obvious one. God builds his



church from the ordinary stuff of creation and, through our sacramental life, shapes our randomness in holiness and godly order. To be of use to God – and to be counted among the saints – we do not need, as a prerequisite, to achieve a stained-glass perfection; rather we need to allow ourselves (in all our brokenness, chaos and sense of unworthiness) to be open to his promptings – and to the enlivening kick of his Holy Spirit!

## Fr Alan Gyle

# THE NATIONAL GALLERY Opening hours: Daily 10am – 6pm

Friday 10am – 9pm

The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 5DN Admission to **'Saints Alive'** (in the Sunley Room) is free – though to avoid overcrowding, access may be regulated during busy times of the day.

## DAY PILGRIMAGE IN WALSINGHAM



Fr. Andrew Sloane is planning a Day Pilgrimage from our parish to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk on Saturday, July 13. Fr. Andrew is an Honorary Guardian of the

Shrine. We shall plan on leaving Wilton Place by coach at about 8.00AM.

12 noon Pilgrimage Mass at Walsingham followed by lunch. 2.30PM Sprinkling at the holy well. 4.15PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Last Visit. Departure back to London at about 5PM. We could possibly stop for supper on the way home or simply return directly. Costs for transportation will of course vary depending on the number of people who wish to travel. At this time Fr. Andrew is guessing (please note) an approximate (please note) cost of £40 per person which will include travel and lunch. As with all good pilgrimages, this will be an opportunity for fellowship, worship, reflection and formation, but also for great fun and adventure! If you are interested in joining us please add your name to the list in the blue book on the table at the back of the church as soon as possible. Once enough interest has been expressed Fr. Andrew will be in touch regarding deposits and payments. The Walsingham website

is www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk for further information, or speak to Fr. Andrew.

#### FORUM ON MISSION



In our desire as a parish to reach out beyond ourselves, we are all invited to a special **FORUM ON MISSSION** which will be held on Wednesday, July 24 following the 6.45pm Mass. This will be an

opportunity for to have us an initial conversation together as we seek to discern the opportunities that could lie before us in God's call to us here to engagement in mission both at home and abroad. In preparation, please do email any suggestions for projects that you think we should consider. We shall be looking for projects not only that we can support financially, but also with which we can build sustain meaningful and and praverful relationships. We will also look at opportunities for us to join in partnerships for outreach with other organizations. We shall be looking to the strengths and passions of our own congregation and matching those with needs around us and overseas. If you have any ideas, please do email

them in advance to Fr. Andrew Sloane at AndrewSloane@spkb.org. or mail them to his attention at the parish office. Fr. Alan and Fr. Andrew are very happy to hear from anyone about this as we lay the ground work for substantial outreach and mission, and they hope that you will be part of our conversation on July 24

#### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

It is with some sadness that we announce the resignation of Christian Wilson, our Assistant Director of Music, on his appointment as Organist at HM Chapel Royal, the Tower of



London. Christian's last Sunday will be at the end of August, and there will be a chance to thank him formally at the end of July.

## RETREAT IN ALBI



Please pray for those twenty or so members of the parish preparing to make a retreat in Albi, France from  $10^{th} - 13^{th}$  June. [Please will all retreatants ensure that Felicity Cranfield (020 7201 9994) has your travel and accommodation details.

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

June 2: Corpus Christi (on Trinity 1) 09:00 Family Mass with Hymns – Fr Alan Gyle 11:00 Solemn High Mass & Solemn Te Deum Missa Vinum Bonum - Lassus O God save Elizabeth our Queen - Byrd O sacrum convivium - Victoria Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

### June 9: Trinity 2

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns – Fr Alan Gyle 11:00 Solemn High Mass & Baptism Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo – Haydn Der gerechte kommt um – Kuhnau O Jesu Christ, mein lebens licht – Bach; Preacher: Fr Andrew Sloane

# **IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS**

# Lord,

show us what work you have given us to do: in this time,

in this place,

in the company of these people

who are called by your name.

And showing it to us,

bathe us also with your Spirit,

that we may love in the way that you love us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Today we pray especially for:

The renewal of our life as a parish church.

# We pray daily for:

- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street, Washington, USA
- 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 )
- our sisters and brothers of the Roman Catholic Church and for Pope Francis I, and for the Eastern Orthodox churches and Bartholomew the Ecumenical Patriarch.

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

Robin Cassidy and his family; Phil Davies; Christiane Mingel; Chantal Patel; Tessa Murphy; Matthew; Tim Dally; Annelise Bowser; Kelsey Brockbank; Sal Allen; Peter Adcock; Peter Brook; Michael Cook; Kenneth James; John King; Daphne Nugent; Jean Steers; Katherine Davis; John Willmington; Andrew Westwood; Alexandra Holesh; Teresa Noone; Caitriona Quinn; Clariette Wilmot.

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

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

Eric Symes Abbott	6 June
Patricia Farr	7 June

# **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.

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Date and observance	Tuesday 5 February – feria 🏑	
Colour of vestments	<ul> <li>Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;</li> <li>I will proclaim your name among the</li> </ul>	
Response to	people	

Sunday 2 June – Corpus Christi (tfd) O Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 3 June – feria Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 378 (year 1); They shall dwell in your tabernacle, O Lord.

Tuesday 4 June – feria Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 381 (year 1); Blessed are those who delight in the commandments of the Lord.

Wednesday 5 June – Boniface OMass at 18:45; EH p. 178; I will give you as a light to the nations, says God.

Thursday 6 June – feria Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 387 (year 1); Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Friday 7 June – feria
Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 391 (year 1);
The Lord shall reign for ever.

Saturday 8 June – Thomas Ken OMass at noon; EH p. 182 The Lord acts with steadfast love.

Sunday 9 June – 2nd 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 - or by phone: 0207201 9999) at your earliest convenience so we can organize some appropriate and enjoyable preparation! Many thanks.

# **PARISH CONTACTS**



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# Honorary Assistant Clergy



(I-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.

## THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



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