



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

26 MAY 2013: TRINITY SUNDAY

THE GREEN BLADE

One of the reasons I have discovered that I did NOT come back to London for is the weather! But I should have known that of course. I am no great gardener but certainly enjoy watching nature in all its fecundity at this time of year, as things 'spring' into life. I wonder if the miserable weather has in fact allowed me to notice more particularly the new growth with which we are surrounded. I read for example that English strawberries will be extra good and sweet this season because of the colder weather and the slower growing season! What a blessing it is for me to be



privileged to live in this part of London, where not only is Hyde Park and all its glories just across the street, but also to have an office that overlooks the Vicarage garden, surely an unusually large, open, green private space for this part of London. Outside my little flat there is a little patio at the back. Two kindly parishioners have taken me on two different expeditions to two different garden centres to purchase some plants that might cheer up that space and the stairwell down to the basement at the front. You may have noticed what I call my "jungle accessories" in the four large

and privacy between the pavement and the bedroom, and transported back from the depths of Surrey in my friend's vehicle! Some of the plants that I was encouraged to buy and plant for the back are creeping, scented things that will be attractive, if they survive, in the southern patio. Two such plants struck me at their purchase to be not in very good shape! But my friend encouraged me that all would be well and that they would burst into life. I admit to being sceptical. As one of the two burst into life I was gratified to think myself half right at least that neither would survive as I looked at the dried up leaves of the other plant, brown, lifeless and apparently decaying as it was. Imagine my surprise two weeks ago when I ventured out to give a closer inspection to the apparently dead branches. Only then, when I

looked with care, did I see that tucked carefully and protectively behind the brown and dead leaves were brand new, very tiny green shoots, which as they grew, peeled off as it were their dead predecessors. It was to my untrained eye

a miracle. And how appropriate for this time of year in the Christian calendar - a time when we have been celebrating for 50 days the 'green blade' of the Lord's resurrection bursting forth from the dead wood of Calvary. And when we have been reminded that even amidst the changes and chances of this world, as Christians we are called to live as a people of hope of Glory – that "where he is, we might also thither ascend and reign with him in Glory"; and as we have been reminded of the eternal gift of the Holy Spirit given to the Church on the day of Pentecost and given to us as we are

Christ at our Baptisms. And so in the care and nurture of the garden of our souls, perhaps we need in all our business and the demands of modern, city living to take the time to regard more closely and with care the possibilities for new growth in the midst, or hidden behind, those stems of belief and practice of our Faith in the crucified, risen, ascended and glorified Jesus which so often may appear or feel to be dry and lifeless. To “regard” quietly, carefully and prayerfully that state of the gardens of our souls that Our lord would so lovingly tend and nurture in Word and sacrament, in fellowship, formation and ministry. It is no accident that the days of the long season after Pentecost that is before us after this Trinity Sunday are dressed liturgically in GREEN. And on this Trinity Sunday we celebrate not a doctrine, but relationship. These two truths are connected.

Fr Andrew Sloane

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.

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday May 27 is a bank Holiday. There will be one service, a Mass at 10AM. The parish office will be closed.

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 10th – 13th June. [Please will all retreatants ensure that Feclityiy Cranfield (020 2701 9994) has your travel and accommodation details.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

May 26: Trinity Sunday

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns – Fr Nick Mercer

11:00 Solemn High Mass

Credomesse - Mozart

Lord, grant grace - Gibbons

Libera nos - Sheppard

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

June 2: Corpus Christi (on Trinity 1)

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns – Fr Alan Gyle

11:00 Solemn High Mass

Missa Vinum Bonum - Lassus

Ego sum panis vivus - Palestrina

O sacrum convivium - Victoria

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity: we beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; who livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today we pray especially for:

All churches dedicated to the Holy Trinity

We pray daily for:

- The renewal of the Church
- 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:

Robin Hodgson 30 May
Dyan Elizabeth Wade 31 May

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.

The diagram shows a service card for Tuesday 5 February. The card contains the following text: "Tuesday 5 February – feria", "● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;", and "I will proclaim your name among the people". Callouts point to specific parts of the card: "Date and observance" points to the date; "Colour of vestments" points to the green dot; "Response to the psalm" points to the proclamation; and "Page where the lections are to be found" points to the page number 80.

Sunday 26 May – Trinity Sunday

○ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 27 May – feria

● Mass at 10:00; DEL p. 362 (year 1);

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.

Church/Office Closed for the rest of the day.

Tuesday 28 May – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 365 (year 1);

I will show my salvation to those who keep my way.

Wednesday 29 May – feria

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 367 (year 1);

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Thursday 30 May – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 369

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Friday 31 May – The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 171;

Sing aloud to God, O daughter Zion!

Saturday 1 June – Justin, martyr

● Mass at noon; EH p. 175

We will live by our covenant with God.

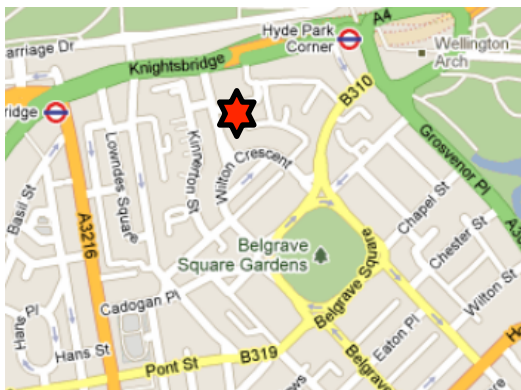
Sunday 2 June – Corpus Christi (tfd)

○ 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!

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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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