



ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE

27 January 2013: The Conversion of St Paul

The view from above...

With the market value of the ten apartments atop the Shard estimated at around £50M each, having a permanent view of London from the UK's tallest building is probably going to be beyond the reach of most of us. But from the 1st February, a glimpse of the city from the soon-to-be-opened viewing platform 800ft up will only set



you back £24.95 (and £18.95 if you are a child). Relatively cheap! The view promises to be stunning, and the platform is equipped with special telescopes which, at the touch of a button, will compensate for cloud or mist to show you the 'perfect daytime view' - and a night time view too! Such has been the demand that the first several days are a sell-out, but tickets for subsequent dates are on sale now. Parish trip anyone?

This week, in a drive to raise awareness of this new visitor attraction, the Shard's owners unveiled a drawing by Stephen Wiltshire, the renowned and remarkable autistic artist who recreates from memory detailed cityscapes. Drawn from memory after a few glances around from the top, it shows viewers what they can expect to see and be delighted by, and in remarkable detail. Raised above the noise and distractions, the urban frustrations of daily life in a capital city, the cityscape is strangely beautiful. Indeed this same view of a sprawling city has thrilled men and women down the ages, and has inspired great artists and delighted poets: "Ships, towers, domes theatres and temples, [lying] open unto the fields and to the sky, all bright and glistening in the smokeless air..." - William Wordsworth, for one, who wrote those lines 'Upon Westminster Bridge' with a poet's rapture two centuries ago. It is easy to lose sight of that in a traffic jam or battling to stay safe on a Boris Bike!

'The view from above.' When did you last stop and, silencing the noisy day-to-day distractions of your life, glimpse an overview of who you are and how you live? When did you last so detach yourself from the metaphorical traffic jams, frustrations and noise of things that you were able to be struck by the wonder of life itself - and your life in particular? When did you last climb up to a place where you could give thanks to God simply for the mystery of your creation, redemption and sanctification? You know, we neglect the disciplines of thankfulness and wonder at our peril. So get climbing...

Fr Alan Gyle

PARISH NOTICES

MUSIC & PREACHERS

Jan 27: The Conversion of St Paul

Darke in F

Und al ser auf der wege war – Mendelssohn

The Spirit of the Lord - Elgar

Preacher: the Vicar

Feb 3: The Presentation (Candlemas)

Nunc (Gibbons Short)

Missa Bel' amfitrit – Lassus

Ave regina coelorum – Byrd

Maria wallt zum Heiligtum – Eccard

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

RICHARD THORNTON

It was with sadness that we heard of the death – early on Monday 21st January – of Richard Thornton. He died peacefully in hospital and received the last rites there. We extend our deepest sympathies to Susie his wife – and we pray both for the repose of Richard's soul and for Susie in her time of loss. Richard's funeral will take place in St Paul's on Tuesday 5th February at 12.30pm. All friends from the congregation are invited to be present.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

There will be no Wednesday Evening Service at St Paul's this coming Wednesday – 30th January – due to the service of licensing for our former curate, Fr Stephen Young, in Deal that evening. Please pass the word around to any who regularly come.

PARISH LUNCH

A reminder that the next monthly Parish Lunch takes place on Sunday 3rd February in the Hall in Kinnerton Street at 1pm. This monthly gathering is

a chance to sit down together and to put names to faces, to get to know others from the congregation and to enjoy a simple lunch cooked by a team of volunteers. There is a small charge (less than £10/head) on the day to offset the cost of lunch – and to book a place (as a guide to those catering) you are asked simply to write your name in the Blue Book at the back of church. Please join us.

FR ANDREW SLOANE

Members of the congregation are warmly invited to a Shrove Tuesday pancake party in the Vicarage on Tuesday 12th February at 6.30pm (after mass) at which we will welcome Fr Andrew Sloane our new Associate Vicar. Subsequently Fr Andrew will be licensed by the Bishop of London early on Friday morning of that week – Friday 15th February – in St Paul's Cathedral where Fr Sloane sang as a chorister and learned to serve at the altar! The Friday morning Eucharist at the Cathedral is at 08:00. If you plan to attend either event, please put your name in the blue book at the back of church to assist in planning.

FR STEPHEN YOUNG

Fr Stephen's 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

CONCERT AT ST PAUL'S: [Sea Pictures](#)

with the BBC Singers, Paul Brough conductor

Monday 04 February 2013, 7.30pm

You can book tickets online at the BBC Singers website – or ring the Parish Office by Wednesday 30th January.

Trad arr. MOERAN The Sailor and Young Nancy; COLERIDGE-TAYLOR Sea Drift; LASSUS De profundis clamavi; RICHARD RODNEY BENNETT Sea Change; PALESTRINA De profundis clamavi; JAAKKO MANTYJARVI Canticum Calamitatis Maritimae; BANTOCK The Seal-Woman's Croon; STEVE MARTLAND Sea Songs (English premiere)



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.

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
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Monday 28 January – Thomas Aquinas

● Mass at 18:00; EH p.54;

Let the words of my mouth, O Lord, be acceptable in your sight

Tuesday 29 January – feria of Epiphanytide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 281 (year 1);

Propers of Epiphany

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord

Wednesday 30 January – Charles, K&M

NO MASS TODAY: see notices

Thursday 31 January – feria of Epiphanytide

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 286 (year 1);

Propers of Epiphany

Those who trust in God will understand truth

Friday 1 February – feria of Epiphanytide

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: FINAL DAY

● Mass at 18:00 DEL p.289 (year 1);

Propers of Epiphany

The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord

Saturday 2 February – feria of Epiphanytide

● Mass at noon; DEL p.291 (year 1);

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel who has come to set his people free

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:

John Roberts; Robin Whyte; Brian Fuller; 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; Katherine Davis; John Willmington.

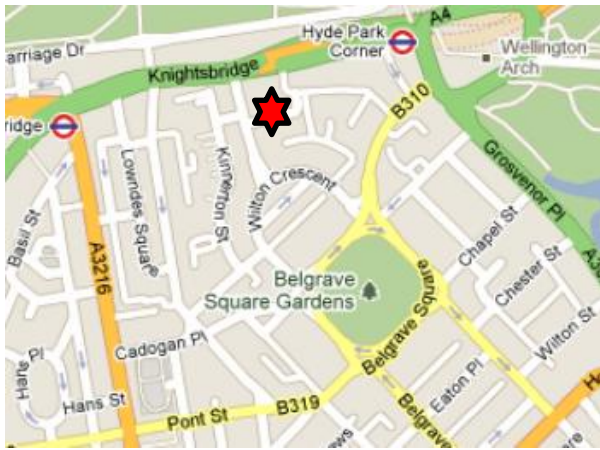
Among the recently departed:

Richard Thornton; Mary Sherriff

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

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| Eileen Gosse | 30 January |
| Frank Gosse | 30 January |
| Kathleen Mary Cooke | 31 January |
| James Ball | 5 February |
| James Moorwood | 5 February |

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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 Fridays.

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