



ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE

3 March 2013: The Third Sunday of Lent

The crooked yet straight path

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once spoke of “the crooked yet straight path of reconciliation.” The phrase leapt from a reflection on the story of the Good Samaritan in his book *Life Together* (1996). Faced with the crisis of the man lying at the side of the road, the Priest and the Levite travelled straight on, the Samaritan turned aside. But his path to the neighbour was straight to God.

That image was taken up this week in a key-note address by the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, at a conference in Coventry. The idea for a low-key conference emerged when Justin Welby became Bishop of Durham just over a year ago. With his translation to the See of Canterbury the initiative grew in momentum and eventually turned into a very significant gathering of Christians from around the world as the first public initiative of the new Archbishop.

Coventry – of course – was the perfect setting. Bombed in the War and with the Cathedral there destroyed in 1940, the new and iconic Cathedral building by Basil Spence has been, since its consecration in 1962, a focus for thinking about reconciliation. Coventry is the home of The Community of the Cross of Nails, a world-wide fellowship of people from 35 countries who are committed to active engagement in reconciliation. If you haven't yet visited it, do. The old ruins of the former building about the new one – and where two charred timbers from the roof of the old fell to ground in the shape of a cross, an altar has been created and above it the words ‘Father Forgive’ have been engraved on the wall. To walk from the one former building into the other is to walk, as it were, from Good Friday into Easter Day. It is a place that embodies the hope to which we are all called in the Gospel and which expresses the Church's task of building a kinder and more Christ-like world.



When we pray publicly for peace and reconciliation – which we do every day at St Paul's, morning and evening – I always like to include one particular phrase: “Father, that which we pray for, give us also grace and strength to work for...” It is too easy to pray for peace in a way that presupposes that reconciliation is something which is brought in far away places to warring factions by great statesmen and others who bring particular skills of patience and healing. Reconciliation is never ‘brought’ but only ‘achieved’ by those who are already in conflict: it is *their* work, which outsiders can sometimes help to support and advance. Nor is it just something to be achieved ‘far away’: we all need to be agents of peace and reconciliation in our daily living. At all times we need to be those willing to walk the crooked yet straight path that brings us closer to God.

Please pray for our new Archbishop. Please go to the Coventry Cathedral website and read transcripts of this week's conference. And please pray – and work – daily for reconciliation.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts.

Fr Alan Gyle

PARISH NOTICES

MUSIC & PREACHERS

March 3 : The Third Sunday of Lent

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns & Lenten Reflection – Fr Alan Gyle

11:00 Solemn High Mass & Sermon

Mass in Eb – Janacek; Lass , O Herr - Mendelssohn

O for a closer walk – Stanford

Preacher: Fr Andrew Sloane

March 10 : The Fourth Sunday of Lent

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns & Lenten Reflection – Fr Alan Gyle

11:00 Solemn High Mass & Sermon

Missa Salve – Victoria

My shepherd is the living Lord – Tomkins

Sicut cervus - Palestrina

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

TODAY: PARISH LUNCH

Once a month we sit down and eat together on a Sunday after the 11 o'clock mass – always on the first Sunday of the month. Today is the March Parish lunch and all are warmly invited to come to the hall. There is a modest charge (£8 for food and a glass of wine) for this great opportunity to meet parishioners new and old. The mechanism for coming? Simply write your name in the Blue Book on the shelf at the back of church or ring the Parish Office to let us know (020 7201 9999). Please consider coming along!

SPRING CONCERT: 13TH MARCH 2013 AT 2PM



BBC SINGERS

Baroque Spring and British Music with the BBC Singers

Domenico Scarlatti Stabat Mater in C minor
James MacMillan Tenebrae Responsories
Antonio Lotti Crucifixus

Andrew Griffiths *conductor*

James McVinnie *continuo*

The BBC Singers perform Italian Baroque and British contemporary music for Holy Week including Lotti's setting of the 'Crucifixus' text. Listen to the ten interweaving voice parts of Scarlatti's Stabat Mater cascade through the beautiful interior of St Paul's Knightsbridge in a concert that also includes James MacMillan's homage to Renaissance masters of polyphony in his Tenebrae Responsories.

Admission by free ticket only – please see the BBC Singers' website

LENT AT ST PAUL'S a season for centring

During the forty days of Lent we centre ourselves and place God at the centre of our lives. To this end a number of resources and opportunities are available:

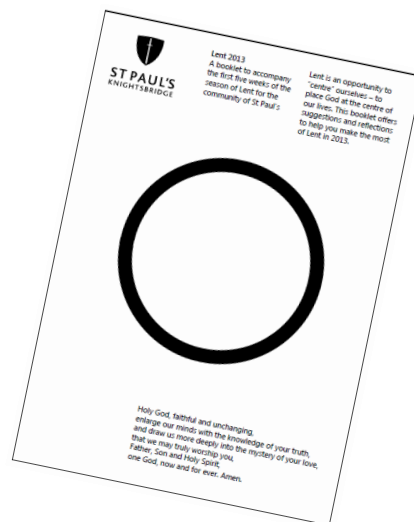
Saturday morning reflections on 9 & 16 March

From 10am till 11:45am (followed by mass at noon) – in which Fr Alan explores the remaining Lenten themes in preparation for the Sunday masses: Dehydration, Prodigality and Perfume

The Sunday Masses on 10 & 17 March: with (at 09:00am) a series of Lenten Reflections for adults and children on the Lenten Themes (led by Fr Alan), and (at 11:00am) sermons by Fr Andrew Sloane, Fr Alan Gyle and Fr Nick Mercer

Reflections & Daily Devotions (available in the Lent Booklet or online at our dedicated Lenten microsite)

Reading a **Lent Book** from the Book Stall in church



PLEASE VISIT

www.lentstpauls.weebly.com



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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Sunday 3 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 4 March – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 118 (year 1);
My soul is athirst for God, the living God.

Tuesday 5 March – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 120 (year 1);
With contrite heart and humble spirit we come to you, O Lord.

Wednesday 6 March – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 122 (year 1);
Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem.

Thursday 7 March – Perpetua, Felicity and companions

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 86;
Many waters cannot quench God's love.

Friday 8 March – Edward King, bishop

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 89;
I myself will search for my sheep, says the Lord.

Saturday 9 March – feria of Lent

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 127 (year 1);
Come, let us return to the Lord.

Sunday 10 March – 4th Sunday of Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

In our daily prayers

We pray daily for:

- The keeping of a good Lent
- Our Bishop, Richard
- 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:

Chantal Patel; Tessa Murphy; Roland Brunner; Matthew; Rosemary Powell; 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.

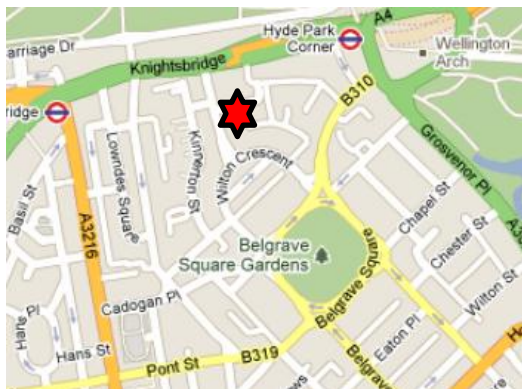
Among the recently departed:

Gerlinde Brunner; Ruth Stevens; Justin Llewellyn

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

David Woolley	1 March
Mark Johnstone	5 March
Sudrey Simons	5 March
Olive Ferdinando	5 March
Ronnie Lindsay	6 March
Joan Kelly	7 March
Joy Linton Smith	7 March
William Courtauld	7 March
Richard Butler	8 March

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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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