



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

5 MAY 2013: EASTER 6

JUNE RETREAT



Please keep Monday 10th – Thursday 13th June 2013 free and plan to join us in Albi in the South of France for our annual parish retreat.

Beware the wrath of the church organist

They are the stalwart pillars of the community whose week-in, week-out dedication has kept the country's choral traditions alive for generations. But, if new research is to be believed, behind the quiet exterior the humble church organist is not someone to be crossed.

While charged with providing spiritually uplifting music to worshippers, it seems many also seize the opportunity to extract subtle revenge on clerics who have displeased them or simply play pranks on congregations. A survey of churchgoers found that at least half have noticed their organist straying from the path of musical orthodoxy at some point – slipping snippets of heavy metal classics, advertising jingles and even nursery rhymes into hymns and anthems.

In some cases it can be a means of waging musical war with clerics while in others it is simply an effort by bored organists to make the choir laugh.

Christian Research, a polling and research group asked its 2,000 strong "Resonate" panel of churchgoers for their views on church music and organists. Of those who responded, half said they had noticed an organist slipping unexpected tunes into services.

Among examples cited was that of the organist in Scotland who had fallen out with some of the elders in the Kirk but got his own back by inserting a thinly disguised rendition of "Send in the Clowns" as they processed in for a Sunday service. Elsewhere, a vicar sacked an organist after he played "Roll out the Barrel" at the funeral of a man known to have been fond of a drink.

We are richly blessed
by the quality of our
music at St Paul's, and
by the professionalism
of our musicians....

In one decidedly high church congregation, an organist punctured the mood of reverence as an elaborately dressed clergyman processed back after the gospel reading – by playing the theme tune to *The Simpsons*.

Another congregation found themselves passing around the collection plate to the strains of "Money, Money, Money" by Abba...

One organist who responded confessed to playing hits by Oasis, Billy Bragg and even

Kylie Minogue in services but added: "Nobody notices – I do it all the time."

But when an organist played a slowed-down version of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from *Mary Poppins*, even the most tone deaf members of the congregation eventually recognised,

sending them into gales of laughter.

An older bridegroom took it in good humour when the organist played "No one loves a fairy when she's 40" at his wedding" while candidates at a confirmation service were left perplexed to hear the strains of "I'm a Little Teapot" from the organ loft.

Stephen Goddard, of Christian Research, said: "It's an oft-repeated adage in church circles – 'What's the difference between an organist and a terrorist? -you can negotiate with a terrorist'.

"Hidden from view, your local church organist may appear unassuming and self-deprecating, but like any true artist, he or she can be eccentric, mischievous and very opinionated.

"Mess with him at your peril – he will pull out all the stops to get his own back."

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NOTICES

VISITORS & NEWCOMERS TO ST PAUL'S

If you are visiting us this Sunday morning, welcome! If you are here from another church, please let us know. All who are in good standing with their own churches of whatever tradition and who are regular communicants are welcome to receive the sacrament at the altar today. Afterwards, we hope you will join us for refreshments – and if you will, pause to fill in a Visitor's Card: we will be glad to add you to our mailing list and to make contact if that is what you'd like. And if you simply wish to visit and slip away, that is fine too!

PARISH LUNCH

All are welcome to join us in the Hall in Kinnerton Street at 1pm for the monthly Parish Lunch, cooked by chef-du-jour Veronica Scott (and ably assisted by her sous-chef Mike).

CHURCHWARDENS AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Our thanks and congratulations to Noel Craven, Lorna Gradden, Claire Pilton, Helena Quinn and Susan Thornton who were elected to membership of the Parochial Church Council last Sunday.

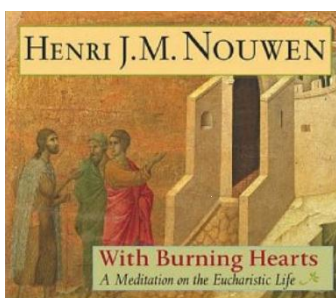
John Tweddle and Caroline Docker were re-elected as Churchwardens for 2013-4. We thank them for their continuing leadership and all their committed hard work.

WITH BURNING HEARTS: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN EASTERTIDE

'WITH BURNING HEARTS: Looking at the story of the Road to Emmaus.'

is based on the book of the name by the renowned writer on the spiritual life, Henri Nouwen who died in 1996. The final session of this Eastertide study series of Wednesday

evening discussions takes place after the evening mass at 6.45pm this week. The basis of the course has been the wonderful and



significant story of the meeting of the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus and the subsequent supper at Emmaus. Nouwen offers an insightful understanding of the Eucharist and the part that the story and the Eucharist have to play in the lives of modern Christian pilgrims. From mourning to discernment, from invitation to intimacy, and from community to the charge to go forth and witness, *With Burning Hearts* calls us to experience all of this journey, to know that what we celebrate and what we are called to live are one and the same."

The plan:

- April 10 I Mourning Our Losses
- April 17 II Discerning the Presence
- April 24 III Inviting the Stranger
- May 1 IV Entering into Communion
- May 8 V Going on Mission

Copies of the Nouwen book available at £12 each (including delivery charges), please see Fr Andrew if you would like one.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns – Fr Alan Gyle

11:00 Solemn High Mass

Missa Brevis - Palestrina

Praise our Lord, all ye Gentiles – Byrd

Almighty and everlasting God – Gibbons;

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

13:00 Parish Lunch

Thursday May 9: Ascension Day

19:00 Solemn High Mass

Missa Ascendens Christus in altum - Victoria

O clap your hands - Gibbons

Ascendens Christus in altum - Victoria

Preacher: Fr Andrew Sloane

Followed by an

Ascension Day drinks party

May 12: Seventh Sunday of Easter

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns – Fr Alan Gyle

11:00 Solemn High Mass

Cantus Missae in Eb – Rheinberger;

Am Himmelfahrtstage Op 79 no 3 –

Mendelssohn;

Beati quorum via - Stanford;

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

God our redeemer, who hast delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of thy Son: grant, that as by his death he hath recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.**

Today we pray especially for:

Daphne Lau and Alex Tonge, married yesterday Edward Stephenson, to be baptised today

We pray daily for:

- The renewal of the Church in Easteride
- 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 sick and those in need:

Christianne 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; Malcolm Welsh; Alexandra Holesh; Teresa Noone; Caitriona Quinn.

We pray for the bereaved, among them Margaret Gadow and her family, **and all the faithful departed**

Mike Barrow; Richard Pontius; Joan Rose Sheppard

Among them especially those whose Year's

Mind is at this time:

Michael Barney, priest 5 May
Meriel St Clair Green 7 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. It includes 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 "Date and observance" (Tuesday 5 February), "Colour of vestments" (green dot), "Response to the psalm" (the proclamation), and "Page where the lections are to be found" (DEL p.80).

Sunday 5 May – 6th Sunday of Easter

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 6 May – Rogation Day

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 231 (year 1);
Sing to the Lord a new song.

Tuesday 7 May – Rogation Day

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 232 (year 1);
Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures forever.

Wednesday 8 May – Julian of Norwich

- Mass at 18:45; EH p. 142;
Stand on the mountain before your God.

Thursday 9 May – Ascension Day

- Mass at 19:00; RCL p. 213;
God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

Friday 10 May – feria of Eastertide

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 235 (year 1);
God has gone up with a merry noise.

Saturday 11 May – feria of Eastertide

- Mass at noon; DEL p. 236 (year 1);
God has gone up with a merry noise.

Sunday 12 May – 7th Sunday of Easter

- 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.

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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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