



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

8 JUNE 2013: TRINITY 2

Use words if you have to...

At a wedding blessing on Saturday afternoon I made my first foray into the world of Lebanese Arabic! The bridegroom was English, the bride Lebanese – and the mother of the bride spoke not a word of English. Feeling it would be good to say something (anything!) in her native tongue to make her feel welcome, I called upon one of our congregation's Lebanese members to 'school me' in Arabic, and armed with a phonetic transcription of what I was meant to say, I ascended the pulpit. However good one's coach, relying on a phonetic transcription of a language one doesn't understand at all can be perilous. One vowel mis-pronounced or consonant changed



can change the meaning utterly! One of my colleagues reminded me of the amusing fate of singer Tony Henry, booked to sing the Croatian National Anthem at an England-Croatia football match in 2008, whose regrettable switching of a consonant in one verse ('Mila *kuda* si planina' - which roughly means 'You know my dear how we love your mountains' for 'Mila *kura* si planina') resulted in his making exaggerated claims about his manhood in front of thousands of amused and delighted Croats! Google the story for a fuller telling than the Weekly Sheet can print! Happily, no such slip beset

my foray into Arabic – and the wedding passed off without embarrassment!

If wedding days are often slightly awkward – with one family warily eyeing the other across a central aisle, the absence of a shared language adds a new dimension. How will we communicate across such a vast cultural gulf? If words fail us, what will we do? And if this creates a social tension at a wedding, what does this same phenomenon do in a city and a society increasingly divided by lack of common language?

Well, it is probably timely to be reminded just how much you can communicate with a smile, a look, with an embrace or a handshake... without ever using words at all.

It is said that St Francis of Assisi, the founder of the religious order of friars that bears his name, The Franciscans, used to send his friars out into the world to do God's work with the words: "go out and preach the gospel: use words if you have to". We can communicate – and not least speak of God's love – by our

attitude, by the respect we show others, by our commitment and our care for them, without ever uttering a syllable – whether in English, Lebanese, French or whatever language. The language of humble service needs no spoken words at all.

And did not God, when he wished to communicate the extent of *his* great love in Jesus Christ do so – ultimately – without words – as Christ, silently, spread his arms on the Cross to embrace the world's need and to declare – most eloquently – the length and height and depth of divine love.

Fr Alan Gyle

CHURCHWARDENS ADMITTED

Congratulations to John Tweddle and Caroline Docker who were formally readmitted as officers of the Bishop on Thursday evening at the Diocesan 20:20 Vision Service at St Paul's Cathedral. Thanks are due to them both for their continued invaluable work of lay leadership in our congregation.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC will meet on Monday 24th June 2013 at 7:00pm in the Hall in Kinnerton Street, following the mass in church at 6:00pm. Please will members unable to attend notify Felicity Cranfield in the Parish Office.

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 MISSION** which will be held on Wednesday, July 24 following the 6.45pm Mass. This will be an

opportunity for us to have 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 and sustain meaningful and prayerful 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

RETREAT IN ALBI

Please pray for those twenty or so members of the parish on retreat in Albi, France this week from 10th – 13th June.



FORTHCOMING SERVICES

June 9: Trinity 2

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns – Fr Andrew Sloane

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

June 16: Trinity 3

09:00 Family Mass with Hymns – Fr Alan Gyle

11:00 Solemn High Mass

German Mass – Mendelssohn

Ich aber bin elend – Brahms

Locus iste – Bruckner

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: send thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee; grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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:

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; 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;

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

Elizabeth Cassidy
Jean McGrath
Doris Kathleen Jennings

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

Arthur Colley 10 June
Mimi Hashemi 13 June
Patricia Johnson 16 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.

The diagram shows a service card for Tuesday 5 February. Annotations include: 'Date and observance' pointing to the date; 'Colour of vestments' pointing to a green dot; 'Response to the psalm' pointing to the text 'I will proclaim your name among the people'; and 'Page where the lections are to be found' pointing to the text 'Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;'. The card text is: 'Tuesday 5 February – feria', '● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;', and 'I will proclaim your name among the people'.

Sunday 9 June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 10 June – feria

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 397 (year 1);
- Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

Tuesday 11 June – Barnabas

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 189;
- Clothe yourself with God's righteousness.***

Wednesday 12 June – feria

- Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 402 (year 1);
- We will recount the praises of the Lord.***

Thursday 13 June – feria

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 404 (year 1);
- They remembered that God was their rock.***

Friday 14 June – feria

- Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 407 (year 1);
- Exalt the Lord our God: for holy is his name.***

Saturday 15 June – feria

- Mass at noon; DEL p. 410 (year 1);
- Bless the Lord, O my soul.***

Sunday 16 June – 3rd 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.

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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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