



ST PAUL'S  
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

14 September 2014: **The Holy Cross**

## DISAGREEING WELL

Next Thursday the people of Scotland will take to the voting booths to make a choice that will inform the greatest constitutional decision of any of our lifetimes. Independence for Scotland or maintaining the Union? Whether the vote is 'yes' or 'no' – and the opinion polls suggest that the outcome is too close to call at the moment – the future for all of us is one of change, because after such a vote, nothing can be the same again. The astonishing fact is that, against a background of political disillusionment and often shockingly low turnouts for regular Parliamentary and local government elections, this debate seems to have engaged the interest of almost everybody, and it is predicted that the turnout to vote on



Thursday will be in excess of 80%. That's good, because people need to own the consequence of such a significant decision. I feel passionate about it myself and am only sad that along with hundreds of thousands of other 'ex-patriot' Scots, I am disenfranchised and have no vote.

This past week the poll that caught my eye was one in the Times newspaper. It found that 50% believed there would be remaining bitterness and division after a yes vote, while 55% expected a similar legacy if the country were to vote against independence. Whatever way it goes, the human fabric of the nation, North and South of the border, will be rent.

To the challenge then of establishing a new nation North of the Border (if the vote is yes) or of recasting the political landscape with enhanced devolved powers (if the vote is no) is added another hugely significant challenge: that of living with a sense of difference and disagreement which has been (to use one rather ugly modern term) 'surfaced' by all of this debate. As a 'constitutional proposition' became 'a choice', and as – with mounting rhetoric and passion – a 'choice' became a 'battle between two causes', many politicians have quite intentionally stirred up passions in recent weeks and have appealed to people's hearts as much as to their heads in sometimes acrimonious exchanges and debates that have often created more heat than light. Some of

them will imagine that on the 19th September, all of that will be forgotten. It

won't. And the inconvenient truth is that we will, for many years, reap what we have sown of division and enmity. Human systems are quickly disturbed but only very slowly settle and heal.

For Christians, this dictates the agenda for the weeks ahead: whichever way you vote, your responsibility is to model what it means to 'disagree well', to be committed to reconciliation, to strive to love neighbour and to establish peace. That work of God is ultimately more important than even making constitutional choice, more significant than voting 'yes' or 'no'.

Fr Alan Gyle

## PCC

The next meeting of the Parochial Church Council (with the Archdeacon of Charing Cross in attendance) will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm.

## SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

**GARDEN PARTY:** Some 200 guests attended the Parish Garden Party on Thursday evening. Many thanks to Caroline Docker and her team who made the evening such a super occasion. Although not primarily intended to be a fundraiser, the event took £2,500 and made £1,747.30 for church funds.

**TEA DANCE:** Please keep the afternoon on the 27th September free for the parish Tea Dance. Ladies get your dance cards ready, and gentlemen start practising your moves! If you are a confident dancer and knowledgeable enough to instruct some of the younger members of the congregation, please get in touch with the parish office.



## AWARENESS & ACTION

**THE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP:** please join us for the initial meeting of the new Amnesty International/ Human Rights Awareness group, being convened by Lois Moore and Fr Alan Gyle on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00pm** in the Wilton Arms.



## SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER

**PRAYER BRANCH:** By coming together on a regular monthly basis, we aim to deepen our prayer lives, our knowledge of the Bible and our overall understanding of our faith. We welcome new members. For details of where and when we meet, please contact Caroline Docker (020 7384 1165) or Cecily (020 7352 7844). Next meeting **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 19:00-20:00**

**THIS WEEK**

**THE FAMILY MASS:** The Sunday morning Family Mass at 09:00 just got musical! For details of how you can be involved, please contact Adam English or Virginia Craven.

**20 MINUTES TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE: SILENT MEDITATION.** Aidan Hawkes invites you to

join the group, which begins its autumn term on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 08:00** and then again on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 17:30**, meeting twice a week thereafter at the same times.

**ALL SHALL BE WELL: A JULIAN STUDY DAY** Robert Gregory Freuhwirth, Priest Director of the Julian Centre in Norwich, is leading a study day at St Paul's Cathedral on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014**. The cost is £40 and includes a sandwich lunch and refreshments. Booking online at [www.stpauls.co.uk/forum](http://www.stpauls.co.uk/forum).



## FORMATION & LEARNING

**NEW PROGRAMME:** Plans include Bible Study, Thinking about Mission, Music and Passion, A Dance project and an Introduction to the History and Politics of the Middle East; planned trips include visits to Chichester Cathedral, to St Martins in the Fields, to Amsterdam, Lyon, Beirut and Poland.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**>VIVAT TRUST** The Chairman and Trustees of the Vivat Trust invite you to "The Destruction of Victorian London" by Dr Gavin Stamp and "Creating Vivat's Interiors" by Simon Green at 19:00 on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in St Paul's Knightsbridge. Tickets £20 from [bronwyn@vivat-trust.org](mailto:bronwyn@vivat-trust.org) / T: 01981 550 753



**>REMEMBRANCETIDE EVENING:** The Vicar invites you to 'save the date' for an evening of music and remembrance on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**>THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS REQUIEM** 18:00 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please plan now to join us.

**>MUSIC DINNER:** please note the date for the hugely popular Music Dinner at The Berkeley Hotel – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.

**>THE BRITISH-SPANISH ANNUAL EVENING CONCERT:** 18:30 on **Tuesday**

**THIS WEEK**

**16th September** - 'Music in Toledo at the time of El Greco' in St James's Church, Spanish Place, 22 George Street, London, W1U 3QY. Tickets: £17/£22 includes a reception afterwards. Contact: [info@britishspanishsociety.org](mailto:info@britishspanishsociety.org)

# IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

## COLLECT FOR TRINITY 13

Almighty God, who hast called thy Church to witness that thou wast in Christ reconciling the world to thyself: help us so to proclaim the good news of thy love that all who hear it may be drawn unto thee; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION FOR TRINITY 13

O God our creator, who dost feed thy children with the true manna which is the living bread from heaven: grant that, by this holy food, we may be sustained through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst shall be no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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.

Diagram illustrating service details for Tuesday 5 February – feria:

- Date and observance: Tuesday 5 February – feria
- Colour of vestments: Green
- Response to the psalm: I will proclaim your name among the people
- Page where the lections are to be found: DEL p.80, year 1

## THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS THIRTEENTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

### Sunday 14 September – Holy Cross Day

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

THE COLLECT FOR HOLY CROSS DAY:

Almighty God, who in the passion of thy blessed Son hast made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Monday 15 September – Cyprian

(DEL week 24)

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 306;

**I will rejoice for ever in the Lord; I will sing praises to my God.**

### Tuesday 16 September – Ninian

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 309;

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

### Wednesday 17 September – Hildegard

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 311;

**May these words of mine please my God; then will I rejoice in the Lord.**

### Thursday 18 September – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 647 (year 2);

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

### Friday 19 September – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 650 (year 2);

**Keep me as the apple of your eye.**

### Saturday 20 September – John Coleridge Patteson and his companion martyrs

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 315;

**You will show me the path of life, O God; in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

### We pray daily for:

- The renewal of the Church.
- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- those on active service overseas
- the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and for the unity and health of the Anglican Communion
- 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:

Ian Frazer; Clifford Browne; Christopher Browne; Paule and Bernard Bedford; Jessica Macdonald Johnston; Elizabeth Gordon; Clariette Wilmot; Lane Davenport; Janet Sturdy; John Soderquist; Carole Taylor; Sara Carroll-Parker; Maggie Millbourn; John Millbourn; Christiane Dupont Nangle; Peter Brook; Michael Cooke; John King; Daphne Nugent; John Willmington; Alexandra Holesh; Penri Morgan; Malcolm Walsh; Jean Marc Lehut.

### The departed:

Donald Sinden; Ian Paisley

### Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

John McMullan	13 September
William Haite	25 September
Joyce Eileen Magee	25 September
Hisako Bartle	25 September

# CONTACTS



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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood; Fr Graham Palmer; Bishop Michael Colclough  
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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