



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

25 May 2014: **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



Ahem! While you are waiting...

Familiarity – they say – breeds contempt. Familiarity with a building certainly breeds indifference. What once struck you forceably becomes, very quickly, ‘the place I always go’, and you stop noticing. It is true of the houses we live in: the crack in the cornice which once we could *not* avoid noticing has now become something we *don't* see. It is true of our cities: as inhabitants we tend not to notice what visitors see so readily – the beauty of the architecture and of the whole built environment. And in a church? Well, quite apart from the cracks and the imperfections there, we stop being aware of what struck us once with such force: the noble lines or soaring arches, the holiness and the presence of God. Familiarity has dulled our senses.

So, this week, an exercise in noticing anew. A short reflection as you enter St Paul's to ‘refocus’ your attention and to draw you back to why you have come here in the first place. Jacob, the book of Genesis, wrestled with God and woke to recognise the place he was in as holy ground: *Jacob was afraid, and said, How awesome is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.* (Genesis 28:17). It is a passage often inscribed above the doors of churches. Make it your text for today. Notice anew. Dare to remark on holiness – and then use this prayer of Eric Milner-White:



Let me come into the church of God
To meet the Spirit of God;
Not to give religion an hour,
But to live in the eternal;
Not to maintain a decorous habit,
But to bow in the holy place before the Holy One;
Not to judge the words of a preacher,
But to draw life from the Word and Truth everlasting;
Not to be moved or soothed by music,
But to sing from the heart divine praises;
Not that my eyes roam over architecture or congregation,
But that my soul look up to the King in his beauty,
And my heart pleads the needs of his children;
Not that my thoughts escape out into the world,
But that they be still, and know that you are God.
Let me go, and go again, into the house of the Lord,
And be glad, and give thanks, adore my King and my God.

Fr Alan Gyle

PARISH NOTICES

TOMORROW: ITV MR SELFRIDGE FILMING



On Monday 26th May, from 08:00 until 20:00, ITV will be filming scenes for the forthcoming series of Mr Selfridge inside and outside St Paul's Knightsbridge.

There will be no low mass on Bank Holiday Monday and Morning Prayer will be said privately.

THIS WEDNESDAY: PILGRIMAGE TO WESTMINSTER ABBEY



Wednesday 28 May - for those who have signed up (we now have an almost full contingent of 50 people signed up) - you are welcome to attend Evening Prayer (said) at 5pm. Otherwise please meet inside the Abbey at the back of the nave at 6.00pm for the 6.15pm tour with Canon Vernon White which will commence at the Tomb of the Unkown Warrior. Simply tell the stewards at the main entrance to the Abbey that you are with the St. Paul's Knightsbridge tour with Canon White. The evening will conclude at 8.00pm after Compline.

THIS THURSDAY: 'DOUBLE THE CONGREGATION' DAY- OUR ASCENSION DAY PARTY



Here is a challenge. First: will you make sure that *you* are in church on Thursday 29th May at 19:00 for our High Mass for Ascension Day. Second: will you think of one person who doesn't normally come along to St Paul's and *invite them to join you* at mass - and afterwards at our

Ascension Day party? In the Vicarage and garden from 20:15 onwards... You + one other.

JUNE RETREAT



Details of the **Assisi Pilgrimage 9th - 12th June** are now available on www.spkbinfo.org - and on a flier that can be collected from church or downloaded from the



same website. Please register your intention to come as soon as possible, either online (see above) or with Felicity on 020 7201 9999 / felicity@spkb.org



PCC MEETINGS FOR 2014-15

Meetings for the coming year (all at 19:00 unless otherwise noted): Tuesday 17th June 2014; Saturday 12th July 2014 (from 10:00 till 14:00 with a working lunch); Tuesday 23rd September 2014; Tuesday 4th November 2014; Tuesday 27th January 2015; and Tuesday 17th March 2015. The APCM will take place on Sunday 26th April 2015 at 12:30.



PILGRIMAGE TO CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

Saturday 7 June. Fr Andrew Sloane will be leading this pilgrimage, leaving St. Paul's at 8.30 AM and back here



by about 18.00. The day will include a Mass at the cathedral for our group, lunch at the Cathedral Cafe, a guided pilgrimage of the cathedral and free time. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church as soon as possible, the deadline is today. Fr Andrew will take payments as soon as possible please to secure reservations and to finalize arrangements at Canterbury - £40 to St. Paul's Church with a note "Canterbury". This amount includes transportation and lunch. Many thanks.

TUESDAY MORNING SILENT MEDITATION GROUP

Because of travels and absences during the coming summer months, the group will take a break from now until September when it will re-launch.

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.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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
- 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:

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 Cook; John King; Daphne Nugent; John Willmington; Alexandra Holesh; Penri Morgan; Malcolm Walsh; Gordon Gray; Jean Marc Lehut; James James & Ronald James.

Our departed loved ones:

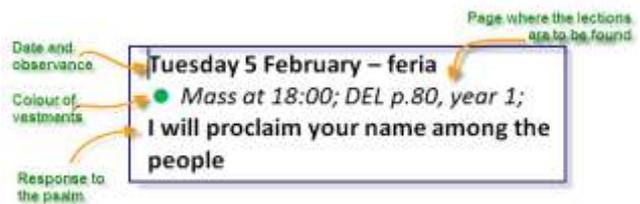
Jeremy James; Steward James Manders.

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Robin Hodgson	30 May
Dyan Elizabeth Wade	31 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 SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday 25 May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 26 May – Rogation Day

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p. 231

Sing to the Lord a new song.

Tuesday 27 May – Rogation Day

- Mass at 18:00 DEL p. 232

Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever.

Wednesday 28 May – Rogation Day

- Mass at 18:45; DEL p.233

The name of the Lord is exalted.

Thursday 29 May – ASCENSION DAY

- Solemn Mass at 19:00

NINE DAYS OF PRAYER AND PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST

Friday 30 May – Josephine Butler, social reformer

- Mass at 18:00; EH p. 215

You shall call, and the Lord will answer.

Saturday 31 May – The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

- Mass at noon EH p. 219

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion!

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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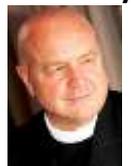
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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, 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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