



ST PAUL'S
KNIGHTSBRIDGE

26 October 2014: Last after Trinity

“CHANGE AND DECAY IN ALL AROUND I SEE”,

as the old hymn puts it. I suppose that could be seen as a rather depressing comment. I have to admit to a certain downturn in myself at this time of year as the leaves fall and nature and we ourselves prepare for the short days and cold nights of winter, with the grey and gloom that accompanies such in this part of the world. Yet there is too a striking beauty in the colours of autumn; and the cycle of nature reminds us that what we lose in these months in fact will in turn give sustenance to what is apparently dead so that there may be the new life of Spring. The cycle of nature and the cycle of life.



As a congregation we have been saddened by the news of the unexpected death of parishioner Ian Steers. In my own personal sphere these last weeks have seen the death of a good friend and colleague of roughly my own age; another, the first priest I ever spoke to about being a priest, died last week in his eighties suddenly after a massive stroke; a close friend and colleague in Washington, a husband and a father and not yet 50, dying of cancer. Many of you will be able to tell similar tales, as indeed Fr. Nick did movingly last Sunday in his sermon, and yet paradoxically, these speak at the same time of hope and inspiration which seem, almost miraculous.

The church has for centuries dedicated the upcoming month of November to All Souls, to the Faithful Departed whose day is

November 2. I have always thought that appropriate, where in the rhythm of the season there are rituals such as the gathering fallen leaves. Winter rituals of bonfires in the early dark evenings, ‘cleaning up’ for the winter and eventually the spring. A real sense of “end”, but also a sense of satisfaction and even hope.

All this provides us with an opportunity, albeit one I think that is too readily avoided and thereby at some risk, to contemplate our own end in the knowledge that none of us knows when or how that will be. We do well of course to have our worldly affairs in order to make it easier for those whom we leave. We do well also to

look at the health of our souls, to do all we can by Grace and our own effort to keep them well and nourished no matter what, living each day as if it were our last, no matter our age. And all this in the glorious, golden autumnal light of nature that itself reflects the light of the Resurrection, “Jerusalem the Golden”. As St. Paul insists in his letter to the Romans “nothing can separate us from the love of God” – except perhaps we ourselves? “Carpe Diem”, “seize the day”; “Carpe Deum”, “seize God”. The month of November will begin with the glorious feast of All Saints – a vision of “the whole company of heaven”, and it will end with the feast of Christ the King, the universal reign of Christ. There is the context of our hope. May our daily rhythms mark the priority and living promise of that hope in Christ.

Fr. Andrew Sloane

IAN STEERS RIP: We learned with sadness last Monday of the death of Ian Steers, a well-known and highly respected member of the congregation. We send our condolences to Ian's immediate family and to all who mourn him. His funeral service will take place in St Paul's on Monday 3rd November 2014 at noon.

ST PAUL'S K-STREET: please pray for a blessing upon the visit to St Paul's K-Street, our sister parish in Washington DC, of our Vicar, Fr Alan and seven members of the St Paul's Knightsbridge congregation this weekend.

FORMATION & LEARNING

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MATTHEW: A SEVEN WEEK SERIES



Our seven week series with Fr. Andrew Sloane continues on Wednesday evenings, "**Discovering St. Matthew's Gospel**". Mass at 6:45pm, followed by bible study. All welcome (and though you will gain more from coming along to all the sessions, you are welcome to dip in and out from week to week as your availability makes it possible). More details in the Christian Formation Programme.

THIS WEEK

SPIRITUALITY & PRAYER

20 MINUTES TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE: SILENT MEDITATION. Aidan Hawkes invites you to join the group, which meets twice a week (you need only come once!) on **Tuesday at 08:00** and then again on **Thursday at 17:30**.

THIS WEEK

SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

THE AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE takes place on the 1st November in the Church Hall. Anyone willing may bring contributions, bricabrac, books, etc. either to the church on a Sunday, or to the Hall on the evening of Friday the 31st of October. There will be a preview sale for the parishioners, doors open at 18:30 Friday 31st of October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

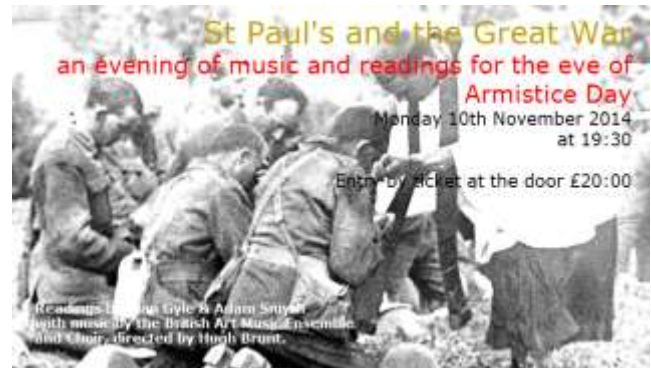
THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS REQUIEM

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church upon which we invite you to note the names of all those departed friends and family members you would like us to pray for All Souls



Day at the Solemn Requiem: **18:00 on Sunday 2nd November.**

REMEMBRANCETIDE EVENING:



During the war years, the Vicar of St Paul's Knightsbridge kept a journal and wrote in the parish magazine. Fr Alan Gyle and Ben Fleetwood Smyth have assembled the story of **St Paul's and the Great War**, and invite you to 'save the date' for an evening of music and remembrance on **Monday 10th November 2014**. Music will be provided by the British Art Music Series Ensemble and Choir. Admission will be by £20 donation at the door. Please join us for a unique evening that promises to be memorable!

PARISH LUNCH

The November parish lunch is held at the Church Hall on Sunday 2nd November. Please remember to sign up.

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR A DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: thou hast given to those who worship thee here: and we pray that all who seek thee in this place may find thee, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to thee; 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.

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 the structure of a service card for Tuesday 5 February – feria. The card contains the following text:

- 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

Annotations indicate the page where the lections are to be found (p.80).

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 26 October – Last after Trinity – Dedication Festival

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 27 October – feria

(DEL week 30)

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 733 (year 2);

The Lord knows the way of the righteous; who delight in his law.

Tuesday 28 October – SS Simon & Jude, Apostles

○ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 365;

I am laying in Zion a foundation stone, says God, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation.

Wednesday 29 October – James Hannington, bishop and martyr

● Mass at 18:45; EH p. 368;

Thursday 30 October – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 740 (year 2);

I will sing a new song to you, O God.

Friday 31 October – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 742 (year 2);

The works of God are truth and justice: he is gracious and full of compassion.

Saturday 1 November – feria

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 744 (year 2);

As the deer longs for the water brooks so longs my soul for you, O God.

We pray daily for:

- Peace in the Middle East, an easing of tension between warring groups and the eradication of religious fundamentalism.
- 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:

Fr. Richard Martin; Maureen Gyle; Eric Maidment; Rosemary Powell; Ian McDonald; Ian Frazer; Elizabeth Gordon; Fr. Lane Davenport; Carole Taylor; Sara Carroll-Parker; Peter Brook; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Penri Morgan; Jean Marc Lehut; baby Harry (Fitzgerald).

The departed:

Ian Steers; Alex Wood; Norman Webb; Lucienne Phillips; John Andrew (priest).

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Harold Loasby	27 October
Patrick Hackett	30 October
Rose Macaulay	30 October
Gordon Fenwick	2 November
Nora Powell	2 November

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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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