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# ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

**Trinity 17 • 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Christmas *is* coming, but first...**

Only 88 days till Christmas! Significantly fewer until the start of the holy season of Advent and our Advent Carol Service on the evening of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This year, the usual sequence of readings and music will be enlivened by something a little different: the premier of a new composition for voices, dancers and organ - conceived by a small creative team drawn largely from St Paul's, with music composed by Tom Hyde and choreography by Hubert Essakow. Anthony Vernon is the coordinator of the project.

**Project 'O'** is about a performance; but it is about a whole lot more than just that. It is an invitation to enter – virtually – into a creative journey that began before the summer and which will culminate in Advent Sunday evening's performance. The aim? To answer some fascinating questions we usually don't ever get to explore. How do composers compose? What sorts of conversations do creative artists have? How does a commission begin, and how does it evolve along the way? And what are the similarities between the way a composer, a choreographer and a musical performer think? Usually, in an age of commodified culture, all of this stuff happens out of sight and we simply expect to turn up on the night to 'consume' the final performance. This

project lifts the veil on a creative process, from beginning to end.

Why 'O'? The ancient 'O' Advent antiphons are the project's jumping-off point, a series of seven short reflective texts originally written to be sung alongside the Magnificat on the evenings of the Advent season. Each – as Fr Nick Mercer explains in a seminar you can watch online – invites a bit of freely-associative thinking and theological reflection

on the mystery of the Incarnation and our salvation in the midst of texts that are probably over-familiar. If you have sung 'O come, O come Emmanuel' then you already know at least one of the texts – and there are six (or seven) others too.

Liz Smith at EntertainingTV is a specialist film-maker used to documenting the arts. She is walking alongside the creative team, capturing their conversations and their explorations. And you can see the fruits of her filming online on the Parish website week by week.

Watch, please. And above all, make sure you keep the evening of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November free, and plan to join us then, in person.

*Fr Alan Gyle*

5. O – The O Antiphons – How to Approach the Creation of the New Work



# Parish News & Events

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## NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC APPOINTED



We're glad, this week, to be able to announce the appointment of Michael Papadopoulos as Assistant Director of Music in succession to Jeremy Cole. Michael comes to St Paul's Knightsbridge having completed a Masters at

the Royal Academy of Music, where he took first place in the Eric Thiman Prize and was awarded the Stephen Bicknell Award. He has held posts at St Albans Cathedral, Trinity and Exeter Colleges, Oxford, and St Mark's Regent's Park. He read Music at Trinity College Oxford. At school he was awarded the ABRSM's Gold Bursary as well as the Sheila Mossman Prize, and was nominated for a Young Haringey Hero Award. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists in 2013. Aside from the organ, he regularly works with singers and instrumentalists as a pianist and conductor, recently founding the Ranleigh Chamber Orchestra, whose members are taken from London's conservatoires.

We look forward to him taking up his appointment on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

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## WALSINGHAM TRIP

With regret, we have cancelled the proposed trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in October. Fr Andrew Sloane's departure from the parish means a degree of rethinking of plans made some time ago, of which this is just one.

Many have expressed a real desire to visit 'England's Nazareth', and we will hope to rearrange something in 2016.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 18:45

Another casualty of our very recent staffing change: please note that there will be **no mass on Wednesday evening** of this coming week. If you are a regular, please contact those who come along and make sure they know!



## GALA PIANO CONCERT

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm

Following the fund raising birthday concert in April, we have raised over £36,000 which

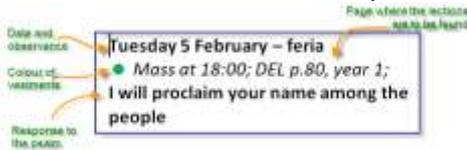


has enabled us to buy a magnificent 1990 Steinway concert grand piano. The piano was originally chosen by Alfred Brendel for the Queen's Hall Edinburgh, who have cared for it since 1990, and where it has been played by many world class pianists. For the inaugural concert at St Paul's Knightsbridge, we are very fortunate that Howard Shelley has agreed to direct and play the Emperor piano concerto by Beethoven – a great work to showcase the instrument. The programme will commence with Mozart's Figaro overture with the Thames Chamber Orchestra under their principal conductor, Keith Marshall, and the concert will end with Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony. **Ticket prices £15 / £20 / £35 - available online at [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)**

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# The Ordo & Intercessions

There is a mass daily at St Paul's and all are welcome to attend. Service papers are available outside the Chapel or Chancel.



## COLLECT FOR TRINITY 17

Almighty God, thou hast made us for thyself and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in thee: pour thy love into our hearts and draw us to thyself, and so bring us at the last to thy heavenly city where we shall see thee face to face; 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.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## Sunday 27 September: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

[Proper 21B; DEL week 26, year 1]

◆ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

## Monday 28 September: feria

◆ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 669, year 1

**R: The Lord has built up Zion and shown himself in glory.**

## Tuesday 29 September: The Feast of St Michael & All Angels

◆ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 326 (Mass with Gloria)

**R: Give your angels charge over us, O God.**

## Wednesday 30 September: Jerome, translator & teacher of the faith

◆ Mass at 18:45; EH p. 227 (Common of teachers, p. 473)

**R: Come, O Lord, and listen to me; I will teach the nations of the Lord.**

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## Thursday 1 October: Remigius, 553

◆ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 331, Common of Missionaries, p. 503

**R: May God give us his blessing.**

## Friday 2 October: feria

◆ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 679, year 1

**R: Help us, O God, for the glory of your name.**

## Saturday 3 October: feria

◆ Mass at noon; Votive Mass of Our Lady; EH p. 457 (mass with Gloria)

**R: The Holy Spirit will come upon you** [Psalm 45 – p. 459]

## We pray daily for:

- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street and its new Rector
- our emerging mission link with All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- 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:

Fabienne Fichot; Cecily Worrall; Sheridan Swallow; Maggie Millbourn; Jean Marc Lehut; Anne Marie Fratani; Julie Hardman; Jamie Britten; Matthew Hardman; Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; Vivienne Mallinson; Margot Stewart; Jane Elstub; Sal Allen; Clariette Wilmot; Tim Touhey; Ian Frazer; Elizabeth Gordon; Carole Taylor; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Cath Dunkley; Steven Davis; Prunella Papenthein; Fr Andrew Sloane;

## We pray for all the recently departed,

David Loveridge

## And for those whose year's mind falls at this time:

Doris Palmer 29 September

Peter Edwards 29 September

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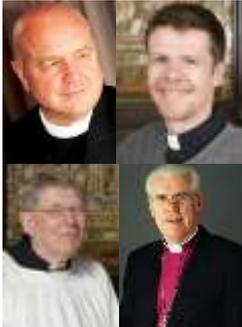
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(l-r) Fr Nick Mercer; Fr Andrew Norwood; Fr Graham Palmer; Bishop Michael Colclough  
*A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always 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.*

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