

ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST: CANDLEMAS 1st February 2015

TIME PAST, TIME PRESENT, TIME FUTURE

The passage of time is part of the human condition. Sometimes the minutes seem to fly away, at other times they seem to drag terribly. 50 years ago as an eleven year old chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral it was my privilege to sing at the State Funeral of Sir Winston Churchill. I suppose his funeral is one of those occasions in the corporate memory of a nation when people may ask and people remember – “where were you when.....?”

So this past week has been a week of printed and moving images that stir the memory and indeed the emotion. One remembers great moments and little ones. I remember Sir John Dykes-Bower, then Organist of St. Paul's, having a fit because with the great West Doors being opened for every head of state to come in from the cold and damp January air outside, it was throwing off the tuning of the organ. I remember our little 'crocodile' of thirty eight little boys dressed in Eton suits going into the cathedral and to our amusement being stopped by security and asked who we were. I remember that once the service was finished we went straight back to the (old) Choir School on Carter Lane and carried on as though nothing had happened. Nor were we allowed to watch any television coverage that afternoon. So we never got to see the coffin being carried along the Thames or making its way to Bladon on the train.

Last Friday I bought a ticket to go on one of the boats that formed part of the commemorative flotilla that accompanied the Havengore from Tower Bridge to the Palace of Westminster where there was a brief service and a wreath was thrown onto the waters of the Thames with the Commons and the Lords looking on from the terraces. So it took fifty years, but I did eventually see the river bit of the funeral procession! Last week I also attended a dinner at the Choir School and exchanged memories of the day with other sixty-somethings harking back to their tender years! Some of those present sang at the Coronation in 1953 which made me feel better!



Time and memory: Time past, time present, time future – all intricately intertwined and so powerfully articulated in the Christian context by T. S. Eliot in his Four Quartets. Or, “Christ HAS died”; Christ IS risen; Christ WILL come again.”
“Do this in REMEMBRANCE”

(“anamnesis” in Greek = “to make present again”) of me.” In our sacramental worship this morning, as always, time and space are intersected by eternity, the horizontal intersected by the vertical - a cross. A reminder of our Christian mission and witness to live in the embrace of eternity.

Fr Andrew Sloane

WELCOME

You will find in the pews, in addition to the yellow envelopes, blue and gold "Visitor Cards". We invite visitors who would like to keep in touch with us, to complete one of these and to hand it to one of the clergy; also we invite regular members of the congregation to become more aware of visitors around them and to offer a card for completion by way of introduction and welcome.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

TODAY: CANDLEMAS

Sunday 1st February 2015 we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas).

TODAY: PARISH LUNCH

You are warmly invited to join us for the Parish Lunch at 13:00.

DAILY: MORNING PRAYER at 09:00 and a mass (see the porch notice or p.3 for times)

ON MONDAY: The Music Dinner (**fully subscribed – waiting list only**)

ON TUESDAY: SILENT MEDITATION Please join us for half an hour's guided silent meditation on Tuesday morning at 08:00

ON WEDNESDAY: THE 18:45 MASS

ON THURSDAY: A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jocelyn Stevens at 15:00

ON FRIDAY: The Baptism of Saleigh Henderson at 15:30

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd BEFORE LENT

Sunday 8th February 2015

FOR YOUR DIARY

SHROVE TUESDAY: 17th February 2015

Mass at 18:00 followed by a pancake party in the Vicarage. All welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 18th February 2015

Masses with ashing to mark the start of the season of Lent, 08:00 (said) and 19:00 (sung)



A PARISH VISIT DURING PASSIONTIDE WEEKEND

Fr Alan Gyle warmly invites you to join him in Amsterdam for the weekend marking the beginning of Passiontide 2015. Please plan to arrive by lunchtime on Friday 20th March (flights are plentiful and cheap), and to return on the evening of Sunday 22nd. And book to stay centrally in any of the many approachably-priced hotels.

The programme for the visit will include time for daily prayer and reflection, a **visit to the Rijksmuseum** to explore the theme of the Passion of Christ in the magnificent collection there, and on Saturday afternoon a trip to **see and hear the organs of the Laurenskerk at Alkmaar** played by our Director of Music, Stephen Farr.



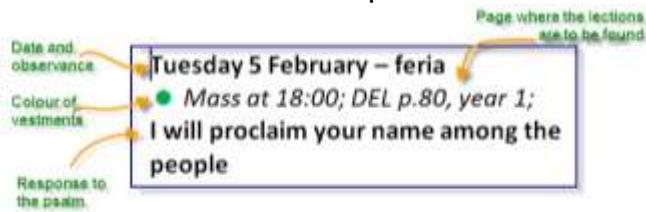
As usual with parish trips, we leave it to *you* to decide whether to travel and stay in five-star luxury or in something more approachably priced! We will all meet daily to eat and study together – and there will be time for you to explore and to be a tourist too. Please join us.

**SIGN UP NOW:
020 7201 9999 or
SIGN THE SHEET
IN CHURCH**

Keeping a good Lent... Lent begins on Wednesday 18th February this year – and at St Paul's we look forward to supporting you as together we seek to grow in knowledge and love of God and neighbour. There will be a **Lent Appeal** (this year to establish a fund for our emerging link with the Church in Mozambique). There will be **Wednesday evening classes**, focussing on the place a 'Rule of Life' can have in supporting your spiritual growth. Perhaps you will 'take on' **an extra weekday mass** – or join us for **Silent Meditation on Tuesday mornings?** And before the masses on Saturdays, there will be **a series of short musical reflections**. Why not start planning now! Diaries out...

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.



COLLECT FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly beseech thy majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEKDAYS AFTER CANDLEMAS

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to thy service: strengthen us by thy Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; 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

O God of truth, by whose grace we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for thee and for one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST AND THE FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 1 Feb – The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 2 – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL Week 4, year 1 p. 295
Be strong and let your heart take courage

Tuesday 3 – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL Week 4, year 1 p. 298
I will proclaim your name among the people

Wednesday 4 – Anskar, Archbishop & Missionary

○ Mass at 18:45; EH p. 65;

Break forth together into singing God's praises.

Thursday 5 – feria

● Mass at 18:00; DEL Week 4, year 1 p. 303
Let Mount Zion rejoice in your judgements, O Lord.

Friday 6 – feria

The Accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II

● Mass at 18:00; DEL Week 4, year 1 p. 306
The Lord is my light and my salvation

Saturday 7 – feria

● Mass at noon; DEL Week 4, year 1 p. 309
I will seek for my sheep, says the Lord.

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:

Piers Leonard; Mary Sykes-Wright; Ronald Bartle; Clariette Wilmot; Kooky Fallah; Maggie Milbourn; Tim Touhey; Catherine Anne Lally; Fr.Richard Martin; Eric Maidment; 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; Steven Davis.

The departed:

Brian Fuller; Simon Master; Jocelyn Stevens

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

James Ball 5 February
James Moorwood 5 February
Mark Baring 6 February
John Russell Villiers 6 February

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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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