

ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
1ST March 2015

A QUESTION OF FOCUS



On the film set, one of the most demanding (and undervalued) roles is that of '1st assistant camera', also known as the 'focus puller.' His or her job is to ensure that, at all times, the focus of the image is what the cameraman wants (and, of course, that – paradoxically, doesn't always mean in *sharp* focus!). It is one of those jobs that is never noticed until it is done badly; to do the job well requires an excellent eye, a mathematical brain and a keen knowledge of optical science. The stills photographer working alone, even with the benefits of modern auto-focussing cameras, requires all these skills and more.

My favourite photograph of the week was the brilliant Kai Pfaffenbach's amazing shot of Finland's Janne Ahonen as he soared past the judges' windows during a ski jumping event in the Nordic World Ski Championships in Falun, Sweden. It is the

sort of photograph which, if you or I took it, would be dismissed as a failure! "Alan, what *have* you done: look, it is all out of focus! Try again." But of course it isn't; it is brilliantly focussed, but on something you don't expect.

As we continue in this holy season of Lent it is all a question of *where* we are looking (are we even looking in the *right* direction?!) and what we are seeing. To be more accurate, what are we *seeing* and what are we *focussing* upon. Our aim, to see *beyond* the externals of the season to the presence of Jesus Christ – his story and his example, and seeing him and him alone, to be drawn into fuller living. We are not meant to focus on what we are 'giving up', but rather on *what* that giving up makes possible, in us and through us, and by God's grace.

Fr Alan Gyle

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.

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

Join Fr Andrew Sloane for the second of a short Lenten series of studies and discussions about the creation of a RULE OF LIFE – an indispensable part of the toolkit for every committed Christian. What IS a rule of life? Come along and find out on Wednesday. Mass at 18:45; refreshments 19:15 and study from 19:30 for 45 minutes.

BOOKS FOR LENT

Why not think about reading a spiritual



book this Lent? The bookstall in the narthex of the church has been replenished with a variety of books appropriate to the season. The price of each is marked inside: please leave your payment in the votive box at the back of church.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

TODAY: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 1st March 2015

PARISH LUNCH at 13:00

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

ON TUESDAY: SILENT MEDITATION - half an hour's guided silent meditation on Tuesday mornings at 08:00

ON WEDNESDAY: The Wednesday Evening Service at 18:45 followed by the second Wednesday Evening Lent Course: Rule of Life

NEXT SUNDAY: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

VISIT TO CHICHESTER

ADVANCE NOTICE: Saturday

13 June 2015 - a full-day visit to Chichester. The day will include transportation by coach to and from Chichester departing St



Paul's Knightsbridge at 07.45. At 10.45 there will be a guided tour of Chichester's fabulous Cathedral, culminating in a mass at noon at the Shrine of St Richard.

Luncheon is arranged at 12.45 at the private Alexandra Room in the Royal Chantry in the Cloisters. At 14:00 there will be a guided tour of the religious art work at the Pallant House Museum, followed by tea at The Palace with the Bishop of Chichester, The Rt Rev Martin Warner. At 17:30 there will be the chance to attend

Evensong at the Cathedral

before we return to

London. A long but

satisfying day in one of our loveliest

Cathedral cities and ancient shrines. Cost

for the full day including transport, all

Cathedral and Museum access/tour and

luncheon is approximately £65 per person

(based on 20 going). If you are interested in

joining us please sign the sign-up sheet at

the back of the church to gauge initial

interest and plan accordingly. Nearer the

time participants will be asked for a non-

refundable deposit. Obviously the price will

vary depending on the number of

participants. Any questions to Fr. Andrew

Sloane please.



AMSTERDAM: 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. The programme for

the visit will include time for daily prayer

and reflection, a **visit to the Rijksmuseum**,

and on Saturday afternoon a trip to **see and**

hear the organs of the Laurenskerk at

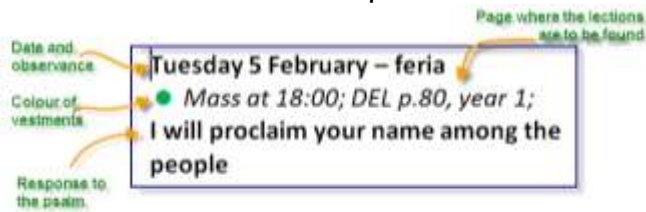
Alkmaar played by our Director of Music,

Stephen Farr.



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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 1 Mar – The Second Sunday of Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 2 – feria of Lent; commem St Chad

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 104

Righteousness is on your side, O Lord.

Tuesday 3 – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 105

I will show my salvation to those who keep my way.

Wednesday 4 – feria of Lent

● Masses at 18:45

Thursday 5 – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL, p. 108

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

Friday 6 – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL, p. 110

Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Saturday 7 – feria of Lent; commem. SS Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 112

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

We pray daily for:

- The keeping of a good Lent.
- Charles Pantlin who was confirmed yesterday
- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- 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:

Sal Allen; John Roberts; Marjorie Isabel Wilcox; 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:

Cecily Saunders.

Those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

David Woolley	1 March
William Humbert	4 March
Mark Johnstone	5 March
Audrey Simons	5 March
Olive Ferdinando	5 March
Ronnie Lindsay	6 March

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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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