

# ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

## The Sixth Sunday of Eastertide 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015 THE 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

Friday afternoon's wreath laying at the Cenotaph in Whitehall was the last appearance of several party leaders who had signalled their intention of resigning their posts as soon as this last public duty was out of the way. There was a strange irony in the juxtaposition of the General Election on Thursday and the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day on Friday: the one so focussed on our divisions and differences, the other such a celebration of unity in time of victory. This weekend Cathedral and Church bells have been rung, beacons have been lit, parties and public events have been organised. Today, at Westminster Abbey, there is a national service of thanksgiving for the end of the Second World War in Europe.

Part of the Church of England's provision for special services this weekend is a so-called 'Act of Rededication' designed to be led by a Veteran of the Second World War and a young person. It weaves together two themes: past conflict and future commitment. It goes like this:

*Voice 1:* We fought for peace, that the world might never again know such violence and destruction.

*Voice 2:* Will you work for peace and reconciliation in your homes and

*communities, and promote peace throughout the world?*

**All: With the help of God, we will.**

*Voice 1:* We fought for justice, that the scourge of prejudice and oppression might never again take root in our societies.

*Voice 2:* Will you work for a world in which hatred and injustice never have the final

*word, and where all people can flourish with dignity and hope?*

**All: With the help of God, we will.**

*Voice 1:* We struggled so that the whole human family might know good will, security, and freedom.

*Voice 2:* Will you always acknowledge how precious are the gifts

*which God has entrusted to us, and exercise the freedoms and responsibilities you have with gratitude and humility?*

**All: With the help of God, we will.**

*And it concludes:* May almighty God, who has given us the will to undertake these things, bless us with the strength to perform them. **Amen.**

This focus on what *has* happened and what *will* be is powerful. It is a reminder that 'freedom' is always 'freedom for...' and never simply 'freedom from...'. The question is always: now that the conflict is over, what are we doing with the freedom won at so great a cost. A good question for a new set of MPs - but a good question for all citizens, for us.

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.

## ASCENSION DAY MASS & PARTY

Please join us on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm for the Solemn Eucharist on Ascension Day, followed by a drinks reception in the Vicarage (and Garden, if dry). Please use the



opportunity as one to bring along a friend or friends – and enjoy some of the Church's most thrilling music. Preacher: Fr Alan

## VISIT TO CHICHESTER

On Saturday 13 June 2015. Non-refundable deposits of £65 per person are due to Fr. Andrew Sloane by Wednesday, 13 May along with a completed Invoice slip (found at the back of the church).

## THANK YOU

In 2014 the Haydn Society was given permission to put up a plaque to Haydn on the site of the building where he stayed on his first visit in 1791 – 18 Great Pulteney Street, London W1.

On 24 November 2014, The Haydn Society of Great Britain successfully met a fundraising goal to enable them to commission and put up the plaque. It was unveiled on 24 March 2015. Many members of the congregation contributed to the successful appeal. Thank you for helping this important connection to be marked.



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION



### AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...

In the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the Apostles are commissioned: "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the

ends of the earth."

If you think about it 'spatially', the commission describes a series of concentric circles of witness, each pushing further out from the centre. That move from the centre out is – Christians have traditionally understood – part of the calling of God. It sits, though, uncomfortably, with our centripetal instinct to move anxiously from the outside back to the centre. One of the things that maddens many people about the Church is its parochialism and its obsession with its own life. God, by contrast, calls the Church away from self-obsession to healthy engagement with the world 'out there'. This coming term, we will be thinking about the move 'from the centre'. You will be welcome to join us.

### EVENTS:

**\*\*\*CONTINUES THIS WEEK\*\*\***

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 18:45:**

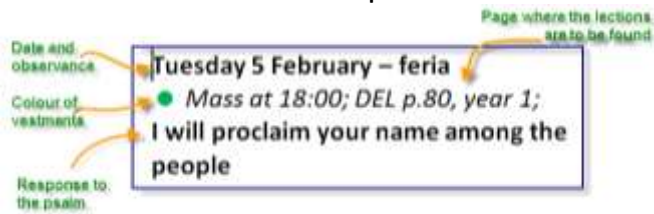
**Eucharist & Study Group:** 'Mission at Home Mission. Why? How?' – with Fr Alan Gyle and Fr Andrew Sloane

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 13:00 – 'Plus-1 Outreach Community Lunch':** In the Vicarage. Please speak to Fr Andrew Sloane or the Vicar to secure an invitation for you and your invitee!

**20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May at 18:45:** **Eucharist & Study Group:** 'Mission Abroad' - with Fr Andrew Sloane

## 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 EASTER 6

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.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ doth give the water of eternal life: may we ever thirst for thee, the spring of life and fountain of goodness, through him who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

### Sunday 10 May – 6th Sunday of Easter

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### Monday 11 May – Rogation Day

○ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 231;

***Sing to the Lord a new song.***

### Tuesday 12 May – Rogation Day

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 232;

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

### Wednesday 13 May – Rogation Day

● Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 233;

***The name of the Lord is exalted.***

### Thursday 14 May – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

● Solemn Mass at 19:00

### Friday 15 May – St Matthias

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 191;

**Stand on the mountain before your God.**

### Saturday 16 May – feria of Ascensiontide

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 236;

***God has gone up with a merry noise.***

### Sunday 17 May – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

### We pray daily for:

- The people of Nepal in the wake of the natural disaster there
- For all the newly elected Members of Parliament
- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street and its Rector Designate
- 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:

Ian Powe; Bernard Gordon-Lennox; Jane Elstub; Heidi Hoell; 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; 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; Margaret Beatrice Cocking; Heather;

### We pray for all the recently departed,

John Hollamby;

### and those whose Year's Mind is at this time:

Helen Newton	14 May
Sophie Hodgson	15 May
Cecilia Lawson	17 May

# ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

## WHO'S WHO

### THE PARISH OFFICE

32a Wilton Place, London SW1X 8SH  
Telephone 020 7201 9999  
info@spkb.org

### THE PARISH CLERGY

**Vicar**

Fr Alan Gyle  
alan@spkb.org  
020 7201 9999 • 07939 805970

**Associate Vicar**

Fr Andrew Sloane  
AndrewSloane@spkb.org  
020 7201 9996 • 07429 806173

**Honorary Assistant Clergy**

(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 and Fr Andrew Sloane on Fridays.

### IN THE PARISH OFFICE

**Vicar's PA**

Felicity Cranfield  
felicitycranfield@spkb.org  
020 7201 9999

### THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

**Director of Music**

Stevie Farr  
stephen.farr@yahoo.co.uk  
07930 542555

**Assistant Director of Music**

Jeremy Cole  
jr.c@live.co.uk  
07774517584

**Organ Scholar**

Luke Navin

### LAY OFFICERS & OTHER STAFF

**Churchwarden**

John Tweddle  
john.tweddle@bidwells.co.uk

020 77363878

**Churchwarden**

Phil Davies  
philip@spkb.org  
07989 387198

**Deputy Churchwardens**

Caroline Docker, Margaret Gadow, Nicoletta Lindsay, Aidan Linton-Smith, Jeremy Orlebar and Susie Thornton.

**Treasurer:** Noel Craven**Lady Verger & Churchwardens' Deputy**

Veronica Scott  
veronicamscott@hotmail.com  
020 7603 7680