

# ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015

## BEING CHILDLIKE

Pablo Picasso's famous painting of his daughter 'Maya with her doll' was painted in 1938, a year after the creation of his famous *Guernica* (inspired by the atrocities of the Spanish Civil War), one of the most shocking depictions of human violence and arguably one of the most significant cultural icons of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

By contrast with *Guernica*, this portrait is simple, charming, domestic. Yet Picasso's distorting cubist style is evident in the depiction of his daughter, and he plays in the painting with the idea of innocence and normality (note that the doll, unlike his daughter, has a 'normal' face!). Maya, for all her childish innocence, has a 'knowing' quality; there is a disturbing maturity about her; she 'sees', even as she is seen by the artist. Being a child brought up against the background of violence is tough.



If our thoughts immediately turn to the question of whom to blame, perhaps a more fruitful reflection this Lent would be on what we are doing in our encounters with the young and innocent to sustain authentically childlike existence – and what that means we need to do for them, and for ourselves. Where does responsibility sit?

'Do for ourselves?' There is, somewhere in all of this, the task of monitoring our own capacity for being innocent, childlike and playful – rather than adult and cynical. Bishop George Appleton once wrote:<sup>1</sup>

*Grant me, O God, the heart of a child, pure and transparent as a spring; a simple heart, which never harbours sorrows; a heart glorious in self-giving, tender in compassion; a heart faithful and*

*generous, which will never forget any good or bear a grudge for any evil. Make me a heart gentle and humble, loving without asking any return, largehearted and undaunted, which no ingratitude can sour and no indifference can weary; a heart penetrated by the love of Jesus whose desire will only be satisfied in heaven. Grant me, O Lord, the mind and heart of thy dear Son.*

News on Friday that three teenage girls, Shamima Begum, 15, Kadiza Sultana, 16, and an unnamed 15-year-old girl, who all attended Bethnal Green Academy in Tower Hamlets, had fled to Turkey, thence to Syria to join ISIS, was shocking. Of course fifteen year olds are not infants, but what has happened to childhood – and what has gone wrong if schools in London are cradles for the radicalisation of those who should be playing and learning in safety, not fighting and killing?

Innocence may be lost, but childlikeness can be restored. It was Pablo Picasso who said, "It takes a very long time to become young."  
**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 first 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.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

### TODAY: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2015

**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 first Wednesday Evening Lent Course: Rule of Life

**ON SATURDAY:** The Standing Committee meets at 10:00

### NEXT SUNDAY: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## VISIT TO CHICHESTER

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** On Saturday 13 June 2015 we plan 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 20<sup>th</sup> March (flights are plentiful and cheap), and to return on the evening of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. And book to stay centrally in any of the many approachably-priced hotels.

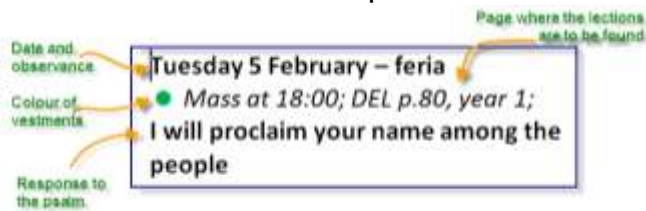
The programme for the visit will include time for daily prayer and reflection, a **visit to the Rijksmuseum** to explore the theme of the Passion of Christ, and on Saturday afternoon a trip to **see and hear the organs of the Laurenskerk at Alkmaar** played by our Director of Music, Stephen Farr.

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.



## 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, whose Son, Jesus Christ, did fast forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to thy Spirit; and, as thou knowest our weakness, so may we know thy power to save; 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 Lord our God, who hast renewed us with the living bread from heaven, and dost thereby nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: incline our hearts always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and give us grace to live by every word that proceedeth out of thy mouth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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#### Sunday 22 Feb – The Sunday before Lent

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

#### Monday 23 – feria of Lent; commem St Polycarp

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 94

**The judgements of the Lord are true: more to be desired than gold.**

#### Tuesday 24 – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 96

**The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous.**

#### Wednesday 25 – Ember Day

● Masses at 18:45

#### Thursday 26 – feria of Lent

● Mass at 18:00; DEL, p. 99

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

#### Friday 27 – feria of Lent; commem George Herbert; Ember Day

● Mass at 18:00; DEL, p. 101

**My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning.**

#### Saturday 28 – feria of Lent; Ember Day

● Mass at noon; DEL p. 102

**Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.**

#### We pray daily for:

- The keeping of a good Lent.
- The renewal of the Church.
- our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street
- our emerging mission link with All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- 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:

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:

Hector Dowd	23 February
David Pilton	26 February
Charles Ashton James	28 February

# PARISH INFORMATION

## THE PARISH CLERGY

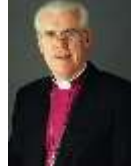
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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, 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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