

The Fourth Sunday of Eastertide 26th April 2015

DEMOCRACY

A season of aggressive democracy is upon us! The question, whether we will see democracy merely as a 'right to vote', or as a set of rights with concomitant responsibilities? Those responsibilities might include making proper enquiry of those seeking election, pondering choices, and taking time to ask deep questions about our 'direction of travel'. Oh, and of course remembering to vote when the opportunity is presented! And this is true



of national elections and more locally too.

Nationally, the media is dominated by noisy debate about party policy manifestos and our postboxes are being stuffed with fliers urging us to vote this way or that. In truth, we seem to be in a new political season in the UK, beyond the days of a simple two-party system and beyond 'left vs. right'; the way many cast their vote this time may have a real impact on the shaping of a governing coalition. Which way will you vote? And will your voting in any way be informed by your Christian convictions? On Thursday 30th April at 1pm, the Church has arranged the traditional 'hustings' at St Mary-le-

Bow to allow parliamentary candidates contesting the seat of the cities of London and Westminster to present their policies and answer questions. All are welcome – but please register if you wish to attend: info@stmarylebow.co.uk

Here at St Paul's Knightsbridge, it is the day of our annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting – at which Churchwardens and PCC members will be elected to serve the parish. I hope very much that you will stay – and participate! *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.

THE PIANO CONCERT

Thank you to all whose commitment of time and whose generosity saw last night's Piano Concert raise a grant total of £34,000 towards the purchase of a Steinway for St Paul's. And thanks too to Maestro John Sunderland whose performance of Mozart's Piano Concert K414 left everyone hugely impressed. A great way to celebrate a birthday!

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 26th April 2015 after the Solemn Eucharist, at 12:30. The Electoral Roll has been revised and is available for inspection in the narthex.

PCC MEETING

There will be a brief meeting of the PCC in St Luke's Chapel on Sunday 3rd May 2015 at 12: 30pm (immediately following the Solemn Eucharist) to elect officers.

ADIEU ET BONNE CHANCE

Today we say farewell to Marie Degodet who leaves the choir of St Paul's to return to Paris where, from the end of the month, she will be singing at the Paris Opera in Schönberg's Moses and Aaron. After mass – and after the Organ Voluntary – there will be a presentation and Marie will sing Mahler's *Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen*, the text by Friedrich Rückert:

Ich bin der Welt abhanden gekommen,
Mit der ich sonst viele Zeit verdorben,
Sie hat so lange nicht von mir vernommen,
Sie mag wohl glauben, ich sei gestorben!

Es ist mir auch gar nichts daran gelegen,
Ob sie mich für gestorben hält,
Ich kann auch gar nichts sagen dagegen,
Denn wirklich bin ich gestorben der Welt.

Ich bin gestorber dem Weltgetümmel,
Und ruh' in einem stillen Gebiet!
Ich leb' allein in meinem Himmel,
In meinem Lieben, in meinem Lied!

*I am lost to the world
with which I used to waste so much time,
It has heard nothing from me for so long
that it may very well believe that I am dead!*

*It is of no consequence to me
Whether it thinks me dead;
I cannot deny it,
for I really am dead to the world.*

*I am dead to the world's tumult,
And I rest in a quiet realm!
I live alone in my heaven,
In my love and in my song*

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). There are some names of the sign-up sheet that are not clear so currently there is no record of your

reservation if yours is one such name. Please check if your name is one of those highlighted and if so please be in touch with Fr. Andrew (andrewsloane@spkb.org) as soon as possible to secure your place.

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:

Wednesday 6th May at 18:45:

Eucharist & Study Group: 'A Theology of Mission'

Wednesday 13th May at 18:45: **Eucharist & Study Group:** 'Mission at Home Mission. Why? How?'

Sunday 24th 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!

20th & 27th May at 18:45: **Eucharist & Study Group:** 'Mission Abroad'

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.

Date and observance → Tuesday 5 February – feria
Colour of vestments → ● Mass at 18:00; DEL p.80, year 1;
Response to the psalm → I will proclaim your name among the people
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COLLECT FOR THE EASTER 4

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O merciful Father, who gavest thy Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us ever under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Sunday 26 April – Easter 4

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

Monday 27 April – feria of Eastertide

Commemoration of Christina Rossetti, poet

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 212;

My soul is athirst for God, the living God.

Tuesday 28 April – feria of Eastertide

Commemoration of Peter Chanel, martyr

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 214;

Glorious things are spoken of you, Zion, city of our God.

Wednesday 29 April – St Catherine of Siena

○ Mass at 18:45; EH p. 129;

Wisdom speaks noble things.

Thursday 30 April – feria of Eastertide

Commemoration of Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator

● Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 217;

I shall sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Friday 1 May – Philip & James, apostles

● Mass at 18:00; EH p. 133;

In returning and rest shall you be saved.

Saturday 2 May – St Athanasius

○ Mass at noon; EH p. 136;

Acknowledge the servants who bow before you, O Lord.

Sunday 3 May – 5th Sunday of Easter

● Masses at 09:00 & 11:00

We pray daily for:

- 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:

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

All the faithful departed,

Tony Wise

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

Alethea Lyall	28 April
Sam Bartosik	30 April
Michael Taylor	2 May
Timothy Green	2 May

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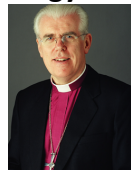
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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour,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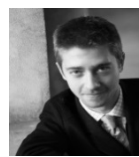
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