

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES:

Sunday: 22 January 2017

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Mass at 11:00

Missa Vinum Bonum - Lassus

See, see, the word is incarnate –

Gibbons

Cibavit Eos - Byrd

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

Monday: 23 January 2017

Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Tuesday: 24 January 2017

Francis de Sales, bishop & teacher

Mass at 08:00

Meditation at 08:30

Wednesday: 25 January 2017

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Conversion of St Paul

Mass at 08:00

Solemn Evensong at 19:00

Thursday: 26 January 2017

Timothy & Titus, companions

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Friday: 27 January 2017

Feria

Mass at 18:00

Saturday: 28 January 2017

Thomas Aquinas, teacher

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at noon

Sunday: 29 January 2017

Patronal Festival Sunday

The Conversion of St Paul

Solemn Mass at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Orchestral Mass

Mozart Missa in C K 259

Happy and blest are they –

Mendelssohn (St Paul)

Post Church

Postmodernity has spawned a multitude of 'posts' over the last 30 years: post-Christian, post-secular, post-evangelical, post-communist, post-politics, even (truly!) post-postmodernity... and, more recently, post-Brexit and post-truth.

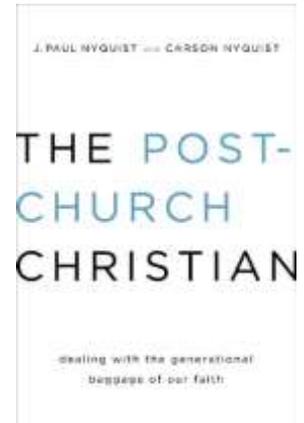
During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity I have been contemplating the growing number of my friends, including former theological students, who are post-church. They used to go regularly; they would mostly identify themselves as Christian; they pray, sometimes read the Bible and often meditate in some form or another; they will gladly come to church on the odd occasion; they are glad that we are here.

There's another group who are not exactly post-church in the sense that they didn't grow up with it, but at some time they made contact with the church,

perhaps through, a wedding, baptism, funeral, carol service... They may think of themselves as 'spiritual' or Christian agnostics and again they are often very grateful for the church and all it has to offer; they are glad that we are here.

There is an interesting book on the subject, albeit from a sensible evangelical American perspective, written by a father, Paul Nyquist (Baby-boomer) and his son, Carson Nyquist (Millennial), *The Post-Church Christian: Dealing with the Generational Baggage of Our Faith*. (Although it doesn't use the idea of post-church in quite the way I'm talking about it here.)

The common factor of all these post-churchgoers is that they don't go very often, they rarely give any money to support the church's buildings or ministry, and they feel little commitment to any



particular congregation or denomination.

It's a challenge to find ways of gently encouraging some of the post-church to see that following Jesus entails some sort of commitment to his Church. He is the Head of the Church, his Body. And a body doesn't function nearly as well when the different parts are not joined up! The Church in London of all denominations serves our great City in so many ways, but we can only continue to do this through commitments that are beyond admiration and an occasional visit.

Fr Nick Mercer

Patronal Festival 25-29 January

On **Wednesday 25th January at 7:00pm**: Solemn Evensong. Music by Victoria, Mendelssohn and Stanford; the preacher is Fr Nick Mercer. The service will be followed by a reception.

Friday 27th at lunchtime from 1 till 2pm: a free 'drop-in' concert for

friends, local residents and workers with Howard Shelley (piano) and the London Mozart Players.

On **Saturday 28th January at 7:30pm**: Tamila Salimdjanova (SPK Music Scholar) and the Thames Chamber Orchestra will perform the Chopin Piano Concert No. 2.

On **Sunday morning, January 29th at 11:00** there will be an orchestral mass with the first performance of a new composition by Findlay Spence (SPK Music Scholar). The preacher is Fr Alan Gyle. Please note that there is only one Mass on this day at 11:00am.

Fuller details at: www.spkb.org



In brief

Thank you to all our volunteers who came and shared in the church cleaning on Saturday in preparation for our Patronal Festival . A huge thank you to Serena Butt for co-ordinating everyone's contribution.

On the first Sunday of the month a Parish Lunch is served in the parish hall following the Solemn Eucharist. The next lunch will be on prepared by Lucas and Fernanda Guimaraes on Sunday, 5th February. Please

add you name to the list at the back of church to give us an idea of numbers.

If you or someone you know would value a pastoral visit from a member of the clergy team, please speak to one of the clergy or call the office.

Your life of prayer in 2017



Three opportunities for expanding your prayer horizons in the coming year.

MEDITATION: Every Tuesday morning at 8:30am, after the 8:00am mass, Fr Louis Darrant leads a time of quiet meditation in the Chancel. This form of silent, imageless prayer using a mantra or prayer word is rooted in the Gospel, the letters of St Paul and originated with the early Desert Fathers of the 4th century. Newcomers are welcome to share in this

space which includes quiet music, a reading from the writings of the late Fr John Main, followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation. If this time of the morning is difficult for you to commit to and you would like to explore Christian Meditation, please speak to Fr Louis.

PRAYER BRANCH: On the third Tuesday evening of each month (next meeting Tuesday 17th January), the parish Prayer Branch meets in Elm Park Gardens. Through creating a sense of peace and quietness away from our normal pressures we are able to feel at ease with each other and discuss and share thoughts on

biblical passages and the complexities of trying in a meaningful way to live the Christian life, with time too for silence and reflection. And we meet as a committed nucleus for specific and general intercessory prayers. For details please contact Cecily Worrall on 020 7352 7844

INTERCESSION WORKSHOP: A workshop (postponed from November) will be held in church on Saturday, 4th February from 10.00am to 11.30am to help intercessors develop their practice. For more information please speak to Fr Louis.

“expand your prayer horizons in 2017”

ALMA Lent Appeal in 2017

Lent this coming year will begin on Wednesday 1st March. The Diocesan Lent Appeal will be for the work of ALMA. Our particular focus in the parish will be to raise funds to promote our emerging link with the parish of All Saints Namhavila in Mozambique –

hopefully even to find a way to bring Fr Alfredo Nhabetse to join us in London.

Please will you put your thinking caps on to identify innovative ways to raise funds for this important work? Host a dinner? Plan an event? Come up with a cunning strategy? And then

will you speak to Fr Alan or Fr Louis about it?

You are, after all, one of the more enterprising congregations in London...

Retreats, Pilgrimages & Trips in 2017

Booking will open on 4th January for three excursions with a spiritual dimension.

The Parish Retreat will take place in the five star **Donnafugata Hotel and Spa, Sicily** from Monday 15th – Friday 19th May 2017. This all inclusive ‘Mind, Body, Spirit’ holistic retreat will be led by Alan Gyle with Jackie Cameron and Lindsey Gray.

For those who wish to stay closer to home, join us for

the Parish Pilgrimage to the historic and beautiful **Llŷn Peninsula in Snowdonia, North Wales** from Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th September 2017 for an experience of Welsh spirituality and to visit the shrines of the ancient saints.

And on 24th June 2017 there will be a day trip to **Salisbury Cathedral in Wiltshire**.

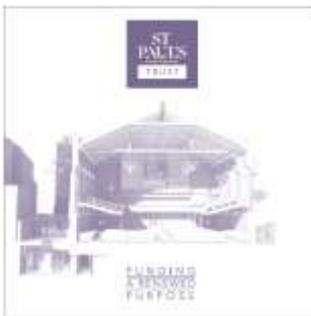
For all these trips, please save the date – and register

your interest through our website at www.spkb.org



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Funding a Renewed Purpose



Please pray for members of the PCC and for those in leadership at St Paul’s as we move into 2017.

Following six months of hard work in the background by the staff team, in February the PCC will have an away day to consider the recently completed draft Strategic Development Plan for St Paul’s and outline for an £8M appeal for phase 1 of the development.

The aim of this is to see St Paul’s set-up to be a lively and missional Christian presence for the next century

– and to add to its already healthy congregational and worshipping life some strands of outreach.

We are calling this appeal ‘Funding a renewed purpose’ – and we are excited about the next steps.

We will look forward to presenting the plan and proposed programme to the congregation in due course after the PCC Away Day.

Please pray for...

We pray this week for:
The Bishop of London; St Paul’s, K Street, Washington DC; Fr Alfredo and the people of All Saints, Nhamavila, Mozambique; President Trump and the people of the USA; our political leaders in Europe; those who work with the homeless; all who live with mental illness and their families.

Among the sick and those in need:
Patricia Dopheide; Nick Samuelson; John Watson; Michael Cooke; John King; Alain Jouret, William Guise; Shands Prevost; Ian Powe; Gregoriy Galitzine; John Udal; Dan Gadow; Mary Ann Brashler; John Roberts; Juliette Gimon; Francis Faber; John Wood.

And we pray for the recently departed:
Stuart MacDowall; Anthony Sheil; Teresa Jones; Lorraine Purbrick; Mike Ovey, priest.; Craig Barber, priest.

Year’s mind:
Thomas Robinson 22/1
Elisabeth Moorwood 23/1
Henry Worsley 24/1
William Digby-Seymour 26/1

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(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 Louis is unavailable on Fridays.

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VOLUNTEERING

St Paul's has a small paid staff and a large team of volunteers who enable us to do far more than our staffing budget allows. If you would like to get involved, please have a word with us, whether you are willing to 'lend a hand' or whether you bring specialist or professional skills. We also recognise that many people simply want to come and go as regular worshippers – and so if you don't want to get involved, that's fine too!

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