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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

5 November 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer

Mon 6 November: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Tue 7 November: Willibrord

No mass today

Wed 8 November: Saints & Martyrs of England

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday Evening Service at 19:00

Thu 9 November: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Fri 10 November: Leo

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Sat 11 November: Martin

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 12:00

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

12 November 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

“Or for many men with teaspoons...”

The headmaster of my school in Scotland – the Rector – was a distant authority figure and somewhat terrifying. I think he hated pupils. And he was a man of few words. When he did speak, it was usually in slightly metaphorical terms which left staff and pupils nodding, but not always in understanding!

On one particular day, I remember a conversation about some work taking place in the centre of town to reshape the public realm. “It’s a huge job,” someone ventured. “Yes,” said another, “but the machinery they’ve got is massive.” “Yes,” interjected the headmaster, “it’s a job for one man with a big machine, or perhaps for many men with teaspoons...” Polite but slightly watery smiles greeted this cryptic pronouncement. What fool would dig up the town centre with a teaspoon? But the puzzling image haunted me.

Now, some 35 years later, I find myself thinking the same way about the Stewardship task that confronts us this month. We have to stretch our pledged giving from a regular £94k p.a. to £130k p.a. - no small task in a time when there are many demands on our finances and and when we find ourselves in a climate that is making people feel hesitant, not confident. It is one big leap.

And then the Rector’s voice returns. The task is ‘one big thing’ – or maybe it is ‘a lot of small things for many people’.

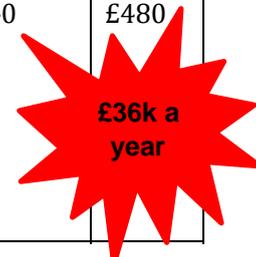
After some deft analysis, we find that we only need 38 people ‘with teaspoons!’ to hit the target. The Gift Aid scheme allows you to make any gift you make worth 25% more straight away – and if you sign up to the new Direct Debit system (forms available at the back) the whole laborious process of claiming tax is done free for St Paul’s by the national church.

Together we can add the extra we need to make our 2018 budget work in one small set of deft moves within the next 30 days. For many of you who are not yet in pledged giving, you can play your part by giving £1 per day – or maybe, if you think God has a greater call on your life than that, say £10 or £20 per week, through the pledged giving scheme. Some of you will easily be able to give more – and may feel you ought to. Only one of you needs to pledge £400 per month – or £100 a week.

When you’re contacted over the next week or so, please will you think and pray about the opportunity?

Fr Alan Gyle

Number of new (or increased) donors		You pay (per month)	We claim tax you have already paid	Total value of your pledge per month	And per year
Y	1	£400	£100	£500	£6,000
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Who's who this Sunday At 09:00

Celebrant: Fr Nick Mercer

At 11:00

Celebrant: Fr Louis Darrant
Deacon: Fr Alan Gyle
Subdeacon: James Wilcox
Reader: Ronald Bartle
Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer
Intercessor: Sarah Tytherleigh

Preacher on Wed

Please join us for the Wednesday evening service this week at 19:00. Preacher: Roland Brunner.

Next Sunday's start time

Don't forget the slightly earlier start time next Sunday (Remembrance Sunday) of 10:56 – to allow for the keeping of the Two Minutes' Silence at 11:00.

Parish Lunch

TODAY: You are warmly invited to join us at our next Parish Lunch on **today** when the chefs-du-jour will be Robert Clouston and Steven Harrison. Please join us after the Solemn Mass in the Parish Hall on Kinnerton Street.

Advent Pilgrimage

On Saturday 16th December there will be a day pilgrimage to the ancient chapel of St Peter at Bradwell on Sea in Essex. If you would like to join us or have any questions about the pilgrimage please speak to Fr Louis.



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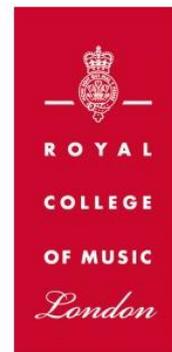
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AND REGISTER FOR OUR WEEKLY EMAIL

Sunday recital: 5th November at 2:30pm

TODAY: We are delighted to welcome pianist **Yuanwei Ping** for the first in our series of Sunday afternoon recitals in partnership with the Royal College of Music. Yuanwei will be performing a programme of Liszt, Brahms, Szymanowski, and Dun on our 1990 Steinway Concert Grand.

Free entry; duration 1 hour



Remembrancetide Concert

THIS SATURDAY: Tickets are now available for a fabulous evening of remembrancetide music and readings in St Paul's Knightsbridge, with Keith Marshall and the Thames Chamber Orchestra, Paul Hopwood (tenor), Michael Papadopoulos (Organ) and Alan Gyle. Poulenc's Organ Concerto along with music by Elgar, Finzi, Barber and Arnold will be interspersed with readings for the season. **7:30pm on Saturday 11th November 2017.** See www.spkb.org and click the banner on the home page to book online.

Christmas Lunch

If you do not have plans for Christmas Day and would like to come to a Festive Parish lunch, please sign the book at the back of church or get in touch with Bramble Badenach-Nicolson and Claire Pilton or the Church Office We are currently gauging interest and hope to have a good idea of numbers by 19th November please. This will then give people enough time to make alternative plans if the lunch does not prove sufficiently popular (minimum 24).

Foundation Carol Service

The familiar purple invitations for the annual Foundation Carol Service are now available. Please book your tickets online via the Parish Website.



Please pray for...

We pray this week for: Bishop Pete, Acting Bishop of London; for the ministry of Fr Neil Bunker, Westminster Mental Health Liaison Chaplain; for students at the Royal College of Music; for all who continued to be affected by the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower fire.

Among the sick and those in need:

Cecily Worrall; John King; Patricia Dopheide; Sue Ko; Elizabeth Gordon; Judy Davis; Ingrid Gray; Val Hiscock; Gregoriy Galitzine; Maya Habboush; Nora Shishkovskaya; Adam Curtis and Alan Bennegworth; Fr Alfredo.

And we pray for the recently departed: Robert Hardy; Charles Gordon Lennox; Julie Bond; Pauline Round.

And at their year's mind in November:

Sally Windham – 5th
Charlie Green – 6th
Kerry St Johnston – 6th