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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

12 November 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Mon 13 November: Charles Simeon

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Tue 14 November: Feria

Mass at 08:00

Wed 15 November: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday Evening Service at
19:00

Thu 16 November: Margaret

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Fri 17 November: Hugh

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 18:00

Sat 18 November: Elizabeth

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Mass at 12:00

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

19 November 2017

Family Mass at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Louis Darrant

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Around the world War Memorials are inscribed with an epitaph composed by the English Classicist John Maxwell Edmonds (1875 -1958): *"When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say, For Their Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today."*

This Remembrance Sunday morning we pause and remember the tragedy of past conflict and the sacrifice of so many lives that achieved peace in Europe, even as we remember continuing conflicts elsewhere. The fragile peace of the present is never achieved without cost and, as the epitaph suggests, remembrance of past conflict and thanksgiving for present peace are inextricably linked in this annual act of prayer.

For Christians this linking of past and present finds special expression in the Eucharist: which on this day annually at 11 o'clock is a solemn mass of requiem. Traditionally of course requiem masses (masses offered for the departed) with their tone of mourning, judgement and

darkness are not celebrated on Sundays; for Christians Sunday is always the day of resurrection (darkness and death are done away in Christ rising from the dead, and 'alleluia' is our song). But good rules are made to be broken! This morning, as we remember so many deaths, the liturgical colour is black, and the music is the familiar and beautiful music of Gabriel Fauré.

In the Eucharist, in the simple and solemn breaking of bread, we not only find ourselves united with the generations of Christian people who have found unity and meaning at God's altar – whether the elegant and sculpted high altar of a great cathedral or the hastily improvised altar on the battlefield – we are united with Christ himself who commanded us to 'do this in remembrance of me.' It is a remembrance not only of his life, teaching and his fellowship with the first disciples, but remembrance supremely of his death, which we plead before God at every mass. Christ gave his life – his 'today' – for the 'tomorrow' of the whole world, even unto eternity – and the peace his death brings is not a fragile halt amidst conflict but that deep and enduring peace which is God's will and God's gift.

Fr Alan Gyle

Recital

MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 8PM

Marie-Elizabeth Seager, former soprano in the choir of St Paul's Knightsbridge, accompanied by Michael Papadopoulos (piano) will give a recital of music by Ireland, Mahler, Wagner, De Falla, Duparc, and Bizet. The recital will be followed by refreshments.



Who's who this Sunday

At 09:00

Celebrant: Fr Louis Darrant

At 11:00

Celebrant: Fr Alan Gyle

Deacon: Fr Louis Darrant

Subdeacon: James Wilcox

Reader: Lt. Col. Tim Villiers

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Intercessor: Jeremy Orlebar



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.



Foundation Carol Service : Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 6:30pm.

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

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www.spkb.org

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Stewardship

A particular task 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 when we find ourselves in a climate that is making people feel hesitant, not confident. It is one big leap.

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 have 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 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?

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
Y Y	2	£200	£50	£250	£3,000
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Y Y	25	£32 (=£1 per day)	£8	£40	£480



New Head of Fundraising

We are delighted to welcome to the team Anne Hayward who will be supporting our Capital Campaign. With over 27 years in the voluntary sector Anne has extensive experience at a senior level working with some big household names such as Great Ormond Street Hospital and Save the Children as well as small and medium size organisations.

Please pray for...

We pray this week for: Bishop Pete, Acting Bishop of London; for our Sister Parish, St Paul's K-Street in Washington DC and the clergy and people of All Saints Namavilah in Mozambique; We pray for peace amidst the tension of the Middle East and for the people of Lebanon; we pray for all involved in the Brexit negotiations.

Among the sick and those in need:

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

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

And at their year's mind in November:

Guna Marita Ligere - 14th
Terry Stanford - 16th

And on this Remembrance Sunday, we pray for the dead of two World Wars and all who have died in conflicts since.