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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

4 February 2018

Family Mass at 09:00
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Fr Bill Scott

Mon 5 February: Feria
Low Mass at 18:00 (BS)

**Tues 6 February: The Holy Martyrs
of Japan**
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at 18:00 (NM)

Wed 7 February: Feria
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Wednesday Evening Service at 19:00
(+M)

Thu 8 February: Feria
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

Fri 9 February: Feria
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

Sat 10 February: St Scholastica
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Mass at 12:00 (AG)

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

11 February 2018
Family Mass at 09:00
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Churchwardens and kubernesisis

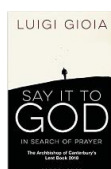


To comply with Canon Law, the Vicar admitted our newest churchwarden, Lorna Gradden, during the Candlemas service on Friday. Standing alongside our 'resident' churchwarden, John Tweddle, Lorna made the necessary public declarations. This enables her, among other things, to take anybody interrupting divine service in the church or the churchyard before the magistrates where they may be fined £200. As officers of the Bishop, John and Lorna are foremost in representing the laity and co-operating with the Vicar.

The office of Churchwarden dates from the 13th century and is one of the earliest forms of recognized lay ministry. The primary function of the office at that time was taking care of the Church building and its contents. John and Lorna are still legal guardians of the fabric and furniture of the church and are required to keep an accurate, up-to-date inventory of all moveable items within the church. Buy them a drink and they may let you see the church terrier (not a dog) and inventory!

Kubernesis is an interesting Greek word used by St Paul in his list of spiritual gifts, often translated as the gift of administration. (1 Corinthians 12.28) But it is probably better understood as the gift of governance – the English word which you can see is derived from kubernesisis. It was a nautical term for a steersman, helmsman, or even captain or pilot. Someone who helps steer a safe course. Together with the Vicar, the churchwardens form part of that team of men and women who use their 'spiritual' gifts (for all secular gifts in the service of the Gospel become spiritual gifts) to keep us on a steady course of mission and ministry that proclaims the love of Christ. Remember to pray for them.

Fr Nick Mercer



SAVE THE DATE

Please plan to join us for a Parish Quiet Day in the church in preparation for Lent on Saturday 17th February from 10:30 till 15:30. The cost of the day is £20, which includes a simple lunch and a copy of the parish's Lent Book, 'Say it to God' by Luigi Gioia. Please ring to secure your place: 020 7201 9999.

Who's who this Sunday At 09:00

Celebrant: Fr Alan Gyle

At 11:00

Celebrant: Fr Nick Mercer
Deacon: Fr Alan Gyle
Subdeacon: Phil Davies
Reader: Hobson Barnes
Preacher: Fr Bill Scott
Intercessor: Gardenia Griffith

St Paul's Cathedral



The new Adult Learning programme from St Paul's Cathedral is now available – copies on the book stand at the back of church. Highlights of the term ahead include a seminar by Mark Oakley and Paula Gooder on 'Scandal & Glory: The Cross in the Bible and in Poetry' on Tuesday 13th March and another on 'Who am I?: Identity, Faith and Being Human' with Rowan Williams and John Swinton on 16th April. Both a free admission events. In addition to these there are many other events, talks, and spiritual explorations. Please pick up a copy and book your places.

Parish Lunch

You are warmly welcome to join us for lunch after the Solemn Eucharist in the Parish Hall. Our chefs-du-jour are Lorraine Bondarenko, Joe Dickerson & Louisa Skipper. Please add your name to the list in church to help us plan the catering. It's a very relaxed affair and a good way to get to know other members of the congregation.

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Forthcoming Events

Free Sunday Recital

TODAY: at 14:30 (after the Parish Lunch in the Hall), Eleanor Ross will give the next of this year's free Sunday afternoon recitals.



The recital follows the regular Parish Lunch in the hall at 13:00.

Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday 13th February at 19:00, there will be Choral Evensong with the choir and musicians of St Paul's Knightsbridge followed by the Vicarage Pancake Party – all are welcome.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday 14th February at 19:00, there will be a Solemn Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes.

Concert: 'Over My Shoulder'

with Clare McCaldin – Mezzo Soprano and Paul Turner – Piano. This is a McCaldin Arts Project about soprano Elisabeth Schumann and a musical comedy star Jessie Matthews. Songs by Mendlessohn, Strauss and Schubert, Noel Coward and Rogers & Hart. Tickets available through the Parish Website: £25/£15/£10.

The Parochial Church Council

The PCC meets in St Paul's Hall in Kinnerton Street on Tuesday 6th February at 7pm. There is a mass in church at 6pm. Apologies, please, to Phil Davies (phil@spkb.org) or 020 7201 9999.

Please pray for...

We pray this week for:

Sarah, Bishop-Designate, and for +Pete Broadbent our acting Bishop; for Lorna Gradden and John Tweddle, our Churchwardens; for all students and staff at the Royal College of Music; for those who live within the parish; for all the housebound;

Among the sick and those in need:

John King; Ingrid Gray; Gregoriy Galitzine; Maya Habboush; Nora Shishkovskaya; Federico Fernandes; Alan Bennyworth.

And we pray for the recently departed:

Bella Emberg.

And we pray for those whose year's mind falls at this time:

James Ball	5 th
James Moorwood	5 th
Mark Baring	6 th
John Russell Villiers	6 th
Joan Watson	8 th
Ian Ferguson Sommerville	11 th

Fr Bill Scott cvo



We are delighted to welcome to the clergy team, Fr Bill Scott. Fr Bill preaches for the first time at 11:00 and over the coming months will become a familiar sight in the sanctuary.

Fr Bill is known to many of us as the former vicar of our neighbouring parish, St Mary's Bourne Street and a Prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral – but his final full-time role before a busy retirement was as a member of the Royal Household as Domestic Chaplain to The Queen, Deputy Clerk of the Closet, Sub-Almoner and Sub-Dean of the Chapel Royal.

As Sub-Dean of the Chapel Royal, he was responsible for providing for the spiritual needs of the Sovereign and for overseeing the daily operations of the Chapel Royal; as Sub-Almoner, he was responsible for the daily operations of the Royal Almonry. Among other functions, the Royal Almonry oversees the annual Royal Maundy Service.

Fr Bill is a much sought-after Spiritual Director. He will usually be the weekday celebrant at 18:00 on a Thursday and will preach and preside on Sundays.