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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 15th September:
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (AG)
Preacher: Fr Victor Stock

Monday 16th : Ninian
No services

Tuesday 17th : Hildegard
Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday 18th : Feria
Morning Prayer at 09:00
The Wednesday Evening Service
at 19:00 Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Thursday 19th : Theodore
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Memorial Service for the late
Tommy Sopwith at 11:00

Friday 20th : John Coleridge
Patteson
Morning Prayer at 09:00

Saturday 21st : Matthew
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Low Mass at noon (AG)

Sunday 22nd September:
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (MC)
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

DIAMOND JUBILEE

Join us after the 11AM Mass next Sunday, 22nd September, to raise a glass to Fr Graham Palmer as he celebrates the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.



ORDINARY HOMILETICS



As someone who has – several times now – flown to the United States to participate in the Annual Festival of Homiletics (that's 'preaching,' for the uninitiated!), it was galling to be unable to attend a similar event here in the UK last week due to prior commitments in the diary. The second Church Times Festival of Preaching at Christ Church, Oxford, brought together some of the nation's best-known preachers to inspire and encourage those of us who mount the steps to the pulpit (12 feet above contradiction!) week after week. By all accounts it was a huge success.

If the idea of a clergyman voluntarily going to a preaching festival sounds like a bit of a busman's holiday (yes, at these things we really *do* sit hour after hour listening to sermons and lectures about homiletical theory, at the feet of those who are recognized master-practitioners), it is actually great fun, and being with those hungry to learn is always encouraging. The downside of our English parish system is that – of course – we are always hearing our own voice, and seldom that of others... and by 'voice' I mean not only its sound, but our own style, philosophical pitch and the theological bias we bring up there with us week after week. Reading books, though vital, is not really a substitute – because, I believe, the spoken text and the written text are quite different things: the only thing to do to gain real stimulation as a preacher is to listen to others. One of the great things about being vicar here is that I get to hear accomplished colleagues challenging and stimulating me...

One of the workshops in Oxford, run by The Reverend Ally Barrett, author and Director of Pastoral Studies at Westcott House, Cambridge was – apparently – a huge success. In it she challenged her

audience to get out of their heads and to use the things they had to hand or saw around them as a way of talking about the Kingdom of God. That, after all, is what Jesus did in his parables: for him, lost sheep and coins, seed being sown, the daily task and equipment of a fisherman became keys with which to unlock the mysteries of the Kingdom.

Coincidentally, at much the same time, but in Bavaria and not Oxford, Roland Brunner our LLM and I were playing a similar game (passing the time as we drove around on a recce to finalise plans for next month's Parish Visit to Augsburg and Ingolstadt). We spoke about how free association of ideas can spark the creation of a sermon (or, in the case we were discussing, a piece for the front of the Weekly Sheet!); how to make a simple idea memorable, and how to use ordinary things to bring to life an understanding of the Kingdom or an insight into the nature of God and the divine economy. Just use ordinary things...



Flying back yesterday afternoon I was reading about the Woodland Trust's Tree of the Year Competition (for which voting is now open, closing on 27th September.) My eye was caught by an image of one tree I have never seen – though perhaps you have. It is the 'Fallen Oak' in Richmond Park (near Ham Gate, apparently). A victim of one of the great storms, I find myself completely captivated by it and I hope I wins! How might it be used to stimulate thinking?

Free association: Fallen Oak. Storm. Uprooted. Spacious place. Deracinated. Clinging on. Dead. And alive. New growth. New direction. Propensity for life.

What would Jesus have said of it?

Fr Alan Gyle



Who is doing what this Sunday?

The Family Mass at 09:00

Celebrant & Preacher: *Fr Alan Gyle*
Server: *Phil Davies*

The Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Celebrant: *Fr Alan Gyle*
Deacon & Preacher: *Fr Victor Stock*
Subdeacon: *Phil Davies*
Reader: *John Tweddle*
Intercessor: *Tom Hyde*
Hospitality: *Jeremy Orlebar*

For your prayers

We pray this week for:

Sarah, Bishop of London; Lorna Gradden and Rob Clouston, our Churchwardens; our staff team; our Sister and Partner Parishes, St Paul's K-Street in Washington DC and All Saints, Nhamavilah, Mozambique;

Those who lead the church that they may do so with integrity, and we pray for the constant renewal of the church.

The Queen and her government; the leaders of the nations.

Among the sick and those in need:

Victoria Jones; Maya Habboush; Sall Allen; David Eckland; Nicky Lindsay; Penny Higgs; Tessa Murphy; Reg Francis; Philippe Romano; Paule Bedford; Nicole Lejeune; Stewart Bell; Rosemary Gomersall.

All the recently departed:

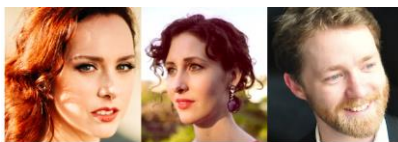
Ada Dawnay; Johnnie Cunningham.

And we pray for those whose year's mind falls during the month of September:

David Loveridge 1st
Ian Powe 2nd
Victor Danenza 3rd
Henry Montagu Villiers, priest 9th
Richard Coke 12th
John McMullan 12th
Caroline Imrie 13th
Ian Cullerne Bown 23rd
William Haite 25th
Joyce Eileen McGee 25th
Hisako Bartle 25th
John King 25th
Doris Palmer 29th
Peter Edwards 29th

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SONGHAVEN – BBC Music Day
Thursday 26th September at 3pm



Our next dementia-friendly tea concert will form part of national BBC Music Day on Thursday 26th September at 3pm. Come join us – all welcome!

If you are interested in helping with welcoming our guests, please be in touch with Caroline Docker via the parish office.

PARISH LUNCH & RECITAL

Sunday 6th October

Join us after the 11am Mass on Sunday, 6th October, for **Parish Lunch** followed at 2pm by a **Songhaven dementia-friendly recital featuring our own Eleanor Ross and Paul Sheehan!** This will be a great opportunity to experience our music outreach work with those living with dementia along with their carers and friends – all welcome.

WHO'S WHO at ST PAUL'S?

THE CLERGY



(l-r) **The Vicar** Fr Alan Gyle (alan@spkb.org);
Honorary Assistant Clergy
Bishop Michael Colclough;
Fr Victor Stock.

A priest is available before or after services 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.

LICENSED LAY MINISTER



Roland Brunner

LAY OFFICERS



(l-r) **Churchwardens:** Lorna Gradden & Robert Clouston (wardens@spkb.org)
Treasurer: Noel Craven
Safeguarding officer: David Hayton

The Deputy Churchwardens & their responsibilities:

Virginia Craven (Children's Advocacy); Caroline Docker (Hospitality); Gardenia Griffith (Welcoming); Iago Griffith (Electoral Roll Officer & Incorporation); David Hayton (Safeguarding); Steven Hicks (Archives); Aidan Linton-Smith (Family Mass); Tom Tull (Wednesday evenings); Sarah Tytherleigh (Vestments, fabric & plate).

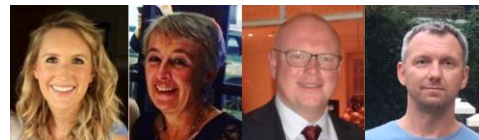
THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



(l-r) **Director of Music** Dr Stephen Farr (sforganist@gmail.com)

Music Scholars Michael Koenig (organ) & Findlay Spence ('cello and composition)

IN THE PARISH OFFICE



(l-r) **Vicar's PA:** Felicity Cranfield (felicity@spkb.org), Claire Pilton (claire@spkb.org);
Head of Future Programmes: Phil Davies (phil@spkb.org); **Caretaker:** Adam Modzelewski

LEARNING AT THE CATHEDRAL

There is an excellent programme of workshops and talks exploring the Christian faith at St Paul's Cathedral. Upcoming events include:



The Eucharist in Six Objects

Saturday 21st September, 2pm-4:30pm

Canon James Milne (Precentor) will explore the meaning of the Eucharist through six objects – ranging from the everyday to precious works of art - recognizing that partaking in the Eucharist is not merely a cerebral experience but a physical encounter in which all our senses are engaged. *Tickets: £15, available on the Cathedral's website.*

Where Love Is The Way: The Jesus Movement Now

Thursday 3rd October at 6:30pm

Bishop Michael Curry (Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the USA) will explore how Christians can make a world of integrity, justice and compassion, where every single person has dignity and freedom. *Free tickets available on the Cathedral's website.*



Full details of these and other events available at www.stpauls.co.uk