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SERVICES THIS WEEK:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6 May 2018

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Sung Eucharist & Baptism

at 11:00

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Mon 7 May:

Bank Holiday: Parish Office
closed;

Low Mass at 18:00 (+M)

Tues 8 May:

Julian of Norwich

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

Wed 9 May:

Rogation Day

Morning Prayer at 09:00

The Wednesday Evening Service
at 19:00 (AG)

Thu 10 May:

ASCENSION DAY

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Sung Mass at 19:00

Preacher: Fr Victor Stock

Fri 11 May:

Feria of Ascensontide

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

Sat 12 May:

Feria of Ascensontide

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at noon (AG)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

13 May 2018

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Sung Eucharist & Baptism

at 11:00

Preacher: Bishop Michael
Colclough

Home-thoughts from abroad



The Former Bishop of London often used to remark after a particularly harrowing visit overseas: "there's nothing like travel for narrowing the mind!" And I know what he means. Especially sometimes on these long trips (27 days this time). It's a joy to catch up with friends around the world as I've been doing and they have been wonderfully hospitable. And then it's been great to make many new friends, some by complete happenchance, and to share worship in St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, to say mass in a Bali villa with friends celebrating a 50th birthday, to preach for a Patronal Festival in Honolulu – Hollywood and New York still lie ahead.

But, there is a constant feeling that I am not home. I am away from home. Robert Browning's memorable opening to his poem Home-Thoughts, from Abroad, "Oh, to be in England now that April's there..." is not an expression of longing to leave the sunshine of Italy (where he wrote the poem in 1845) for a rainy and chilly British spring day. It is a more generalised longing, even nostalgia, for an idealised 'home'. It's strongly present in TS Eliot's Four Quartets and in much of CS Lewis's work.

A part of the Christian understanding of heaven has always been the sense that on this side of death we are always 'abroad', away from home. My mild homesickness is not only for my home and my beginnings, but it is to realise with TS Eliot that "in my end is my beginning". Christians experience a powerful nostalgia for the future. As our Patron St Paul put it: "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known." (1 Cor 13.12)

Fr Nick Mercer

Fr Nick's round-the-world extravaganza continues until Saturday 12th May. Join us on Sunday 13th for edited highlights!

Ascension Day Mass & Party



Thursday 10th May 2018

Mass at 7pm

Missa brevis in D K194 – Mozart

God is gone up – Finzi

Coelos ascendit – Stanford

Preacher: The Very Reverend Victor Stock

followed by
drinks and canapés

Today: Parish Lunch

Please join us for drinks after mass and then the **Parish Lunch** in the Hall at 13:00 after today's Solemn Eucharist at 11:00am. Chefs du jour, Veronica & Mike Scott. A small donation is invited to defray the costs of food and wine.

Today after lunch: Free Concert



At 14:00 this afternoon, the next in our series of free recitals in partnership with the Royal College of Music sees Matthew Chan (piano) playing Christoph Gluck/Giovanni Sgambati: Melodie from the "Orfeo ed Euridice", Franz Liszt: Piano Sonata in B minor, S. 178, Nikolai Medtner: Piano Sonata in A minor, Op. 30 "After the War".

Who's who this Sunday

At 09:00 (Low Mass)

Celebrant: Fr Alan Gyle

At 11:00 (Sung Mass)

Celebrant & Preacher:

Fr Alan Gyle

Deacon: Fr Andrew Norwood

Subdeacon: Phil Davies

Reader: Kimball Bailey

Intercessor: Molly Bartle

The Music Dinner

LAST FEW PLACES AVAILABLE

for This year's Music Dinner on **Monday 14th May at 7pm for 7:30pm**. Black tie.

Forthcoming Trips

**Coventry Cathedral
Saturday 16th June from
08:00 – 18:00**



A visit to Basil Spence's remarkable 1960s Cathedral and to reflect on its distinctive ministry in the face of conflict. We will travel by train and enjoy a late lunch together after a tour and Eucharist.

**Berwick Church in Sussex,
Saturday 28th July from 09:00
– 17:30**



Grade 1 listed church with extensive 20th Century murals which cover the nave walls, chancel arch, screen and pulpit, painted by the Bloomsbury artists, Duncan Grant, Vanessa Bell and Quentin Bell; followed by a late lunch in the countryside.

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AND REGISTER FOR OUR WEEKLY EMAIL

A New Bishop for London: Sarah Mullally in Conversation



St Paul's Cathedral Monday 4th June 2018 From 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Following her historic installation as the 133rd Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally will be in conversation with David Ison, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, about her faith, her life, what matters to her most, and how she feels about being the first female Bishop of London.

A Londoner for most of her adult life, Sarah Mullally is passionate about how people live well in the city, about health, loneliness, the call to transformed lives, and what the church can offer people in a new century and a fast-changing city.

The event is free and open to everyone, and there will be plenty of time for questions from the audience.

Sarah Mullally is the Bishop of London. Installed on 12 May in St Paul's Cathedral, she was previously Bishop of Crediton, has worked at Salisbury Cathedral and been a parish priest, and before had a career as a nurse, specialising in cancer care. Her very successful career in the NHS culminated in her appointment as the government's Chief Nursing Officer for England at the age of 37, and she was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing and midwifery.

David Ison is the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral. Previously Dean of Bradford in Yorkshire, he began as an inner city priest in Deptford, taught at a training college in Blackheath, worked on a housing estate in Coventry and with inservice training of clergy in Devon, and has a PhD in Early Church History.

This is a FREE EVENT, but those wishing to attend are asked to register now for a free place at:

www.stpauls.co.uk/newbishop

The next Big Wednesday



Once a month our regular Wednesday evening service at 7pm is followed by a sit-down supper in the church. On **Wednesday 23rd May** the celebrant will be Fr Victor Stock and the preacher will be Fr Nick Mercer: please come along. Full details from Tom Tull or Roland Brunner – or see our website.

Brunch for the nine o'clockers



On **Sunday 3rd June** there will be a brunch in the Vicarage for members of the Nine O'Clock congregation after the family mass. All who are regular or even occasional nine o'clockers are very welcome. There will, for others, be a Parish Lunch in the Hall that same day at 13:00.

PCC Meeting

Congratulations to those recently elected to membership of the PCC. The PCC meets next on Tuesday 15th May at 19:00. There will be a low mass in St Luke's Chapel at 18:00 for members of the PCC and others. Papers have been circulated; apologies for absence, please, to Phil Davies in the Parish Office. (phil@spkb.org)

For your prayers

We pray this week for:

Sarah, Bishop of London; Lorna Gradden and Rob Clouston, our Churchwardens; for our staff team; All Christians in the Easter Season and for the renewal of the Church.

Among the sick and those in need:

Fr Alfredo; John King; Gregori Galitzine; Maya Habboush; Federico Fernandes; Alan Bennyworth; John and Julia Watson; Ruth and David; Sall Allen; David Eckland.

And we pray for the recently departed, among them:

Una Hartfield

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

Meriel St Clair Green 7 May