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DAILY SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Sunday 4th November 2018:

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Family Mass at 09:00 (NM)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

(+MC) *Preacher: Fr Victor Stock*

Monday 5th: Feria

Low Mass at 18:00 (+MC)

Tuesday 6th: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at 18:00 (NM)

Wednesday 7th: Willibrord

Wednesday Evening Mass at

19:00 (VS)

Thursday 8th November: Saints
& Martyrs of England

Low Mass at 18:00 (AG)

Friday 9th: Feria

Morning Prayer at 09:00

SOLEMN REQUIEM at 19:00

(AG)

Saturday 10th: Pope St Leo the
Great

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at noon (AG)

Sunday 11th: November 2018:

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Act of Remembrance &

Solemn Requiem at 10:55 (AG)

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

This week at St Paul's:

A quieter week, thank heavens! The Hall will be in use on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings by 12-step support groups. On Tuesday the PCC meets at 7pm. On Saturday the Church is used by Sinfonia Temesa at 7:30pm for a concert. On Sunday, after the Remembrance Day celebrations, Charlie Warren's Hesperos Choir will perform The Brahms Requiem at 5pm. Otherwise, the church is open daily for prayer.

Bright The Vision



This weekend the skies above London are bright with fireworks, cheering the warmly-wrapped-up crowds in public parks and private gardens below. Sensible nations unleash fireworks for their national celebrations in warmer months of the year: think France, think the United States. Only the British wait for the dark and chill evenings of Autumn when the fireworks' flashes and twinkling stand out against pitch-black skies and their crackling is augmented by freezing still air. It's a nightmare for terrified pets, of course, and a stretching time for the fire and ambulance services: but this is a time of year we all love – part of British life. *"Remember, remember..."*

This weekend coincides with the Church's keeping of All Saintside – and in common with many churches we at St Paul's keep the Feast on the closest Sunday. The juxtaposition of the darkness of Friday's All Souls' Day, with its quiet and plaintive remembering of our lost loved ones, and the brightness of the Feast of All Saints couldn't be more stark; today is all about heavenly glory and the glittering triumph of those in whom God has been honoured.

I think that we too-readily, in our imaginations, turn the Saints into a league of super-humans: spectacular, but not helpful because we are not 'super-human' but merely the ordinary (and often slightly disappointing) real thing. Wrongly imagined, All Saints Day can create an untraversable gulf between 'us' and 'them' – and in the process turn the cult of the saints into a sort of fantasy entertainment experience (think ecclesiastical Game of Thrones!).

Instead, the keeping of All Saints' Day is meant to push our thinking in two slightly different though related directions. The first is to contemplate the possibility that lurks in ordinary humanity, especially when informed by deep faith. If we are 'often disappointing,' we can sometimes be astonishing – and down through the centuries of human experience, many have found that what makes the difference between the two is a vision of the call to serve others in a way that is totally focused and totally self-giving. In our faith, it is the vision of Christ that motivates us to truer and richer living.

The second, is a reminder that in the end it is not all about us! Fulness of living and human thriving flows – despite the attempts of a million motivational life gurus to persuade us otherwise – not from our own self-mastery and focus, but from something that we find beyond ourselves in the grace of God. We triumph because we find in life a transformative power that flows from simple sacramental living out of God's goodness. That power sanctifies and makes us holy.

This is who the saints are: those whose focus on God has allowed God's goodness to be seen in them. And, cheerfully, that is a possibility for us all!

Fr Alan Gyle

Today at St Paul's

Parish Lunch at 1pm

Each month, on the first Sunday, we sit down together for a simple parish lunch cooked by volunteers. There is the opportunity to make a small donation to offset the cost of lunch. Chef du jour: Veronica Scott. All welcome.

Sunday Recital Series at 2pm



Join us after the Parish Lunch on 4th November for what promises to be a stunning piano recital by Danilo Mascetti, Bechstein Scholar at the Royal College of Music, who will play works by Beethoven and Schubert.

Who is doing what this Sunday?

The Family Mass at 09:00

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer
Reader: Virginia Craven
Server: Phil Davies

The Solemn Mass at 11:00

Celebrant: Bishop Michael Colclough
Deacon: Fr Nick Mercer
Preacher: Fr Victor Stock
Subdeacon: James Wilcox
Reader: Claudio Cornini
Intercessor: Melissa Longley
Hospitality: Michael & Veronica Scott

For your prayers

We pray this week for:

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

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

Among the sick and those in need:

Hope Bennett; Raymond Willetts; Mylène Leenhardt; Maya Habboush; Alan Bennyworth; Sall Allen; David Eckland; Joanna Panasiuk; Nicky Lindsay; Penny Higgs; Fr Bill Scott; Alastair Sword; Benjamin Sword; Martin Pritchard; Derrick Adlington.

All the recently departed

Ingrid Gray

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

Gordon Fenwick	2nd
Nora Powell	2nd
Felicity Millais	3rd
Sally Windham	5th
Charlie Green	6th
Kerry St Johnston	6th
Guna Marita Ligere	14th
Hamish Nicholson	15th
Terry H Stanford	16th
Alfred Sydney Frederick Maitland, priest	27th
David Vick	28th

LOOKING AHEAD

The Parochial Church Council Tuesday 6th November at 19:00

Members of the PCC are reminded of the planned meeting of the Council in the Church Hall in Kinnerton Street on Tuesday evening. Apologies for absence, please, to Philip Davies in the Church Office.

Sinfonia Temesa

Saturday 10th November at 19:30

You are invited to a concert of the music of Sibelius in St Paul's Knightsbridge on Saturday 10th; programme includes: Scenes with Cranes, The Violin Concerto (soloist: David le Page) and Symphony No.2 Sibelius Tickets (£15/£10) can be booked online until 1 hour before the performance begins – or at the door. sinfoniatamesa.org.uk

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 11th November at 10:55

A reminder that on Sunday 11th November our main Sunday morning service begins at 10:55am to accommodate the keeping of the Two Minutes' Silence at 11am. Please do be seated in good time with space likely to be at a premium. Music: For the Fallen – Guest; Requiem – Fauré; Preacher: The Vicar.

Hesperos Choir concert

Sunday 11th November at 17:00

Charlie Warren, sometime Organ Scholar, invites you to a Remembrance Sunday performance of the Brahms Requiem at 5pm. Tickets £7-£15 available through Eventbrite (Google: Hesperos) or on the door.

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; Fr Nick Mercer;

A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist 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.

LAY OFFICERS



(l-r) Churchwardens: Lorna Gradden & Robert Clouston (wardens@spkb.org)

Treasurer: Noel Craven Safeguarding officer: Margaret Gadow

The Deputy Churchwardens & their responsibilities:

Caroline Docker (Hospitality); Gardenia Griffith (Welcoming); Roland Brunner (Volunteering); Serena Butt (Incorporation) Margaret Gadow (Safeguarding); Virginia Craven (Children's Advocacy); Susie Thornton (Communication & brand); Sarah Tytherleigh (Vestments, fabric & plate); Tom Tull (Wednesday evenings); Aidan Linton-Smith (Family Mass); Jeremy Orlebar (Building maintenance)

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



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

Assistant Director of Music Michael Papadopoulos (michael.pap514@gmail.com)

Music Scholars Benjamin Newlove (organ) & Findlay Spence ('cello and composition)

IN THE PARISH OFFICE



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