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## DAILY SERVICES THIS WEEK:

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018:**  
**ADVENT SUNDAY**

**Family Mass** at 09:00 (AG)  
**Solemn Eucharist** at 11:00 (NM)  
*Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle*  
**Advent Carol Service** at 18:00

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Francis Xavier  
No services today

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>:** Nicholas Ferrar  
**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> :** Feria of Advent  
**Morning Prayer** at 09:00  
**Low Mass** at Noon (AG)

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>:** Nicholas  
**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>:** Ambrose  
**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>:** Conception of  
the BVM  
**Morning Prayer** at 09:00  
**Low Mass** at noon (AG)

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December:**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Family Mass** at 09:00 (AG)  
**Solemn Eucharist** at 11:00 (AG)  
*Preacher: Bp Michael Colclough*

### This week at St Paul's:

Oscar Yilmaz will be baptized in church on Thursday morning. On Saturday there will be a service for the blessing of the marriage of Elizabeth and Alistair Gourlay following which will be the wedding of Syliva Napier and John Gilman. The Vicar will bless the Christmas Tree in Wilton Crescent Gardens at 5pm on Tuesday evening, after which will be the Foundation Carol Service in aid of St Paul's Knightsbridge. We will host carol services for Mothers2Mothers (Mon), Prostate Cancer UK (Wed), The Rainbow Trust (Thurs) and SANDS (Fri). The Hall will be in use by 12-step support groups in the evenings.

## KEEPING A GOOD ADVENT



Bishop Sarah Mullally, our bishop, and the Society For Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) launched a new app for Advent this past week - A Good Advent. Each day in Advent has an image to ponder, a reflection and a prayer, a Bible passage to read or to listen to and a discussion starter. The new app, available for iOS and Android, includes an introduction to Advent written by Bishop Sarah, who was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral on 12th May.

Bishop Sarah writes that: "During St Paul's Cathedral's dramatic Advent service, a procession moves from darkness to light, mirrored by music and words, reflecting hope and despair. To appreciate the light and hope, you need to wait in the darkness. Advent is a time to be still in the midst of our busy lives. We should make space in the darkness to appreciate the light, and to find time to focus on hope."

The app also includes a short daily Advent meditation, suitable for Christians or people on the edges of faith who wish to make the most of the season. SPCK's most recent app, for Thy Kingdom Come 2018, was recently selected as App of the Year at the Premier Digital Awards 2018.

SPCK yesterday released research from ComRes showing that 92% of British adults are aware of Advent, and 39% expect to do something to celebrate it. Out of the options

tested, the new survey showed that Advent calendars are the most popular way of marking Advent, with 30% of adults (37% of women and 22% of men) expecting to use one. 12% of respondents expect to attend a church service or Carol service during Advent, 7% expect to pray, 2% expect to read an Advent book, and 3% expect to mark Advent in some other way.

Sam Richardson, CEO of SPCK, said: "We are delighted to be partnering with Bishop Sarah and the Diocese of London to launch this innovative new app. As this new research shows, the idea of Advent resonates with people of all faith and none, and we hope the app will encourage people to find deeper meaning even during this busy time of the year."

Details of how to download the app can be found on [www.aGoodAdvent.co.uk](http://www.aGoodAdvent.co.uk) The Bishop's chapter is also available in print and ebook form.

Here at St Paul's (in what is always a terribly busy month) we have two points of stillness during the week: a mass on Wednesday at lunchtime at noon and another mass at noon on Saturdays. In addition to this, Morning Prayer is said daily, Tuesday to Saturday at 9am. Morning Prayer lasts about 20 minutes and is a quiet, contemplative space with readings and intercessions.

And to encourage you in the daily keeping of a quiet time of prayer and reflection, we have a number of Advent Candles for you to take home and to light daily. They are available at the back of church; a donation of £3 each is invited.

*Fr Alan Gyle*





## Who is doing what this Sunday?

### The Family Mass at 09:00

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle  
Reader: Claire Pilton  
Server: Tim Pontius

### The Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Celebrant: Fr Nick Mercer  
Deacon & preacher: Fr Alan Gyle  
Subdeacon: James Wilcox  
Reader: John Tweddle

## 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.

### All the recently departed

George Bush, Roy Armitage.

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

Jean Steers	
Peter Buckley	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Millicent Worrall	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Margaret Moore	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Colin Tytherleigh	10 <sup>th</sup>
Letitia McMullan	12 <sup>th</sup>
Francis Leith Boyd, priest	13 <sup>th</sup>
William King	13 <sup>th</sup>
Maud King	14 <sup>th</sup>
Jimmy Newton	15 <sup>th</sup>
Eric Day	15 <sup>th</sup>
James Elstub	20 <sup>th</sup>
Patricia Engel	24 <sup>th</sup>
Joan Easton	25 <sup>th</sup>
Stanley Llewellyn	26 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Magee	28 <sup>th</sup>
Elsbeth Loasby	28 <sup>th</sup>
James Oliver	29 <sup>th</sup>
Huw Griffith	30 <sup>th</sup>

## LOOKING AHEAD

### TODAY: Advent Sunday Parish Lunch

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 12:45 after the main mass

Chef du jour, Patricia Dopheide. All welcome.

### TODAY: Advent Carol Service

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 18:00 in association with Harrods

We mark the start of the Church's year with a sequence of readings and music sung by the congregation and the choir of St Paul's. Followed by refreshments at the West End of the church provided by Harrods.

### SERVICE TIMES IN DECEMBER

During the month of December we host charity carol services on most weekdays. To make this possible we will operate a modified weekday service schedule: **Morning prayer:** Daily Tuesday to Saturday at 9am.

**Low Masses:** Wednesdays and Saturdays at noon.

Sunday services, as usual, at 9am (Family Mass) and 11am (High Mass).

### The Parish Carol Service

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 19:00 in association with THE HARI

But if celebrities and champagne are not for you, fear not: our own Parish Carol Service is the traditional 'real thing' – with readings for the season from Scripture and traditional carols for congregation and choir. What's more, it is entirely free. Come along and bring your friends. Refreshments at the end courtesy of The Hari Hotel.

## WHO'S WHO at ST PAUL'S?

### THE CLERGY



(l-r) The Vicar Fr Alan Gyle ([alan@spkb.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sforganist@gmail.com))

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

### IN THE PARISH OFFICE



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