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## DAILY SERVICES

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:**

**Sunday Next before Lent**

**Family Mass** at 09:00 (NM)

**Solemn Eucharist** at 11:00 (AG)

*Preacher: Bp Michael Colclough*

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> :** Feria

No services.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> :** Feria

**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Choral Evensong** at 19:00

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> :** **Ash Wednesday**

**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Masses with Imposition of Ashes:**

**Low Mass** at Noon(+MC)

**Solemn Eucharist** at 19:00 (AG)

*Preacher: Fr Victor Stock*

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> :** Perpetua, Felicity  
& companions

**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> :** Edward King

**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Memorial Service** at noon

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> :** Feria

**Morning Prayer** at 09:00

**Low Mass** at noon (AG)

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> :** **First Sunday of Lent**

**Family Mass** at 09:00 (+MC)

**Solemn Eucharist** at 11:00 (+MC)

*Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle*

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

Every six years each parish in the Church of England has to renew its membership list from scratch. 2019 is such a year, which means that **all** our members need to register, regardless of how long they have been a member of St Paul's! The deadline for registration is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. The easiest way to register is online at [www.spkb.org/member](http://www.spkb.org/member). If you'd prefer a paper form, these are available at the back of church or from the parish office.

## OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES...



I was visiting old friends Steve and Jan last week who have moved to Eynsham to be nearer to their children and grandchildren. Here in the picture I am meeting the newest member of the family, Jake, just a few weeks old, staring up at me with unfocused eyes, clasping my finger and battling with the twin longings for food and sleep. As I sat with Jake and his mother and grandmother, I realised I had spent quite some time feeding his mother, Beth, when she was just a few weeks old in 1985. She had preached to me then and I have never forgotten the sermon.

I was very stressed in 1985, desperately trying to finish my dissertation - "A Critical Analysis of Contemporary Hermeneutical Approaches to Genesis One." I am not a natural 'finisher', only a finisher by necessity. I am an initiator. My desk and rooms are full of things waiting to be finished... this short piece is only finished because I have borrowed someone's laptop and am rushing to get it done before the weekly sheet goes to press. Finishing 80,000 words with a bibliography of 550 books and articles in the days of rather primitive word processors, could not be achieved in a few hours, however frantic those hours were. And I was STRESSED! So I had gone to spend a week with Steve and Jan in Luton, where he was the Baptist

minister and I could get some peace and quiet to get this dissertation finished.

So along comes our preacher, baby Beth, to meet uncle Nicky: "Hello. You look nice. Give me food. Now!" She preferred a darkened room with the food delivered while pacing up and down. So up and down the darkened room in Luton I paced, baby in arms, bottle in hand. And there she eloquently preached her sermon: "Here I am; warm, secure, loved, accepted, fed. Nothing else is important. The exact reference for the footnote on Maimonides will wait. There will be time enough to complete what you have begun. You've done it before." And Maimonides did wait. And I did complete.

Fr Alan was reminding us in last week's sermon that the most common injunction in the Bible is "Fear not!" Fear is at the root of most stress and anxiety. And here was little Jake, named Jacob Nathaniel, reminding me again, 34 years later, that I am loved and fed and need not fear or be anxious. As the prophet reminds us: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43.1)

*Fr Nick Mercer*

### THIS WEEK LENT 2019

#### Shrove Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Join us at **7pm** as we prepare for the Holy Season of Lent with Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of St Paul's, followed by the Vicarage pancake party.

#### Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

##### Noon: Low Mass with Imposition of Ashes

*Celebrant:* Bishop Michael Colclough.

##### 7pm: Solemn Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes with the Choir of St Paul's.

*Celebrant:* Fr Alan Gyle, Vicar  
*Preacher:* Fr Victor Stock

Missa syllabica – Pärt  
Miserere mei – Byrd  
Taedet anima mea (Requiem) – Victoria



## Who is doing what this Sunday?

### **The Family Mass at 09:00**

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Nick Mercer  
Reader: Adam English  
Server: Robert Thomas

### **The Solemn Eucharist at 11:00**

Celebrant: Fr Alan Gyle  
Deacon: Fr Nick Mercer  
Preacher: Bishop Michael Colclough  
Subdeacon: Robert Thomas  
Reader: Dianne Bruce  
Intercessor: Rob Clouston

## 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, Nhamavilah, 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:**

Keith Butt; Maya Habboush; Sall Allen; David Eckland; Nicky Lindsay; Penny Higgs; Amanda Orlebar; Tessa Murphy; Victoria Jones.

### **All the recently departed**

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

David Woolley	1 <sup>st</sup>
William Humbert	4 <sup>th</sup>
Mark Johnstone	5 <sup>th</sup>
Audrey Simons	5 <sup>th</sup>
Olive Ferdinando	5 <sup>th</sup>
Ronnie Lindsay	6 <sup>th</sup>
Joan Kelly	7 <sup>th</sup>
Joy Linton-Smith	7 <sup>th</sup>
William Courtauld	7 <sup>th</sup>
Ross Benson	8 <sup>th</sup>
Richard Austin Butler	8 <sup>th</sup>
Julian Goldsmid	13 <sup>th</sup>
Kathleen Baxter	16 <sup>th</sup>
Margaret Thornton	17 <sup>th</sup>
Irene Swinford-Evans	19 <sup>th</sup>
David Davies	20 <sup>th</sup>
David Llewellyn	21 <sup>st</sup>
Richard Oskatel Latham	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Eileen Gross	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Raymond Linton-Smith	25 <sup>th</sup>
Sheilagh Galitzine	27 <sup>th</sup>
Roland Bull	28 <sup>th</sup>
John Tynan	29 <sup>th</sup>
Henry Karl Ruschmeyer	29 <sup>th</sup>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **TODAY Parish Lunch**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 12:30pm**

Join us for the parish lunch in the church hall on Kinnerton Street. Chefs du jour: Caroline Docker and Sarah Tytherleigh. Suggested donation to offset the cost of lunch: £10, including entry to the Sunday Recital. Do join us for drinks, even if you can't stay for the lunch!

### **TODAY Sunday Recital Series**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2:00pm**



Join us after the parish lunch for our Sunday Recital Series, this month given by **Ning Hui See**, a pianist at the Royal College of Music. Tickets: £10, or free to those who have attended parish lunch.

### **THIS WEEK Songhaven Concert & Tea**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00pm**

A 45 minute dementia-friendly music concert followed by afternoon tea. **Claire Eadington** and **Sam Jenkins**, both from the St Paul's Knightsbridge Choir, will sing favourite melodies from the operatic stage, tunes from the classic musicals, and well-loved songs from the past. Tickets are free, but should be reserved by visiting [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org) or calling the parish office. All welcome!

### **St Paul's Music Programme:**

#### **ST JOHN PASSION**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**

A performance of Bach's magisterial setting of the Passion according to St John by the Choir of St Paul's Knightsbridge with guest soloist **Nick Pritchard** and instrumentalists from the Royal College of Music. Conducted by **Michael Papadopoulos**. Tickets: £35 / £20 available from [www.spkb.org/johnpassion](http://www.spkb.org/johnpassion)

### **St Paul's Knightsbridge Festival Choir**

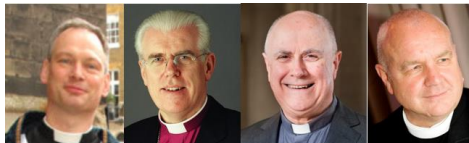
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm**

A special performance of Verdi Requiem to celebrate many years of music making under the baton of Richard Latham as he retires as director of the St Paul's Knightsbridge Festival Choir. Tickets: £20 on the door, or in advance at [www.spkfc.com](http://www.spkfc.com).



## 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 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.*

### 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))  
**Assistant Director of Music** Michael Papadopoulos ([michael.pap514@gmail.com](mailto:michael.pap514@gmail.com))  
**Music Scholars** Benjamin Newlove (organ) & Findlay Spence ('cello and composition)

### IN THE PARISH OFFICE



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