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DAILY SERVICES

Sunday 14th : PALM SUNDAY
Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (+M)
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Monday 15th: Monday of Holy Week - No services.

Tuesday 16th :
Tuesday of Holy Week
Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday 17th :
Wednesday of Holy Week
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Wednesday Evening Service at 19:00 (AG)

Thursday 18th :
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Solemn Mass with Foot Washing & watch till midnight at 19:30

Friday 19th : GOOD FRIDAY
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Liturgy for children at 10:30
Preaching the Cross from noon till 14:00
Solemn Liturgy at 14:00

Saturday 20th : EASTER EVE
Morning Prayer at 09:00
Church Cleaning from 10:00
New Fire, Vigil and First Mass of Easter at 20:30

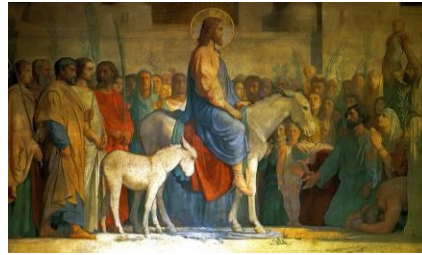
Sunday 21st : EASTER DAY
Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)
Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (+M)
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Keith Butt RIP

The funeral of Keith Butt will take place in church on Thursday, 18th April at noon.

LITTLE DONKEY?!



Why, in the picture, are there both a donkey and a foal? Artistic license? Sentimentality on the part of the artist? An attempt to present the story in such a way as to tug our heart strings even more? Actually, the truth is stranger...

In a saying widely known in first century Judaism, the Prophet Zechariah had described the future entry of the people's King into Jerusalem in the following terms: 'Behold thy King will come to thee, the just and saviour: he is poor, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.' (Zechariah 9:9). Many Old Testament scholars think that this is simply a good example of the tradition in Hebrew poetry (think of the Psalms) in which a line is repeated for emphasis and not for the purposes of duplication!

Whereas the stories in St Mark's and St Luke's gospels understood this and had only one Palm Sunday donkey, St Matthew's gospel latched onto this saying of Zechariah's with an uncritical and over-literalistic eye. If you listen carefully to the Palm Gospel this morning, St Matthew therefore gives us not one donkey but two! And this convention has been taken up by generations of Christian artists (as in the aforementioned image).

G.K. Chesterton – well known for his popular poem *The Donkey* (printed opposite for your Palm Sunday enjoyment!) – was one of the early Twentieth Century's greatest Christian apologists. In his very fine book *The Everlasting Man* he addresses the issue of how we retell the Holy Week story. Chesterton notes the tendency of writers, artist and preachers, in retelling this story in these days, to do so in such a way as to attempt to increase its pathos, their use of rhetoric to tug at our heart strings, and their embroidery of the simple narrative of the Gospel story.

Chesterton rebukes them for their efforts: *Every attempt to amplify that story has diminished it. The task has been attempted by many men of real genius and eloquence*

as well as by only too many vulgar sentimentalists and self-conscious rhetoricians. The tale has been retold with patronising pathos by elegant sceptics and with fluent enthusiasm by boisterous best-sellers... The grinding power of the plain words of the Gospel story is like the power of mill-stones; and those who can read them simply enough will feel as if rocks had been rolled upon them...

Whether we find being milled or crushed a helpful metaphor, I'm not sure: but what is certain is that this Holy Week we need deploy very little artifice, nor strive for clever presentation. All we need is to allow the story to speak simply and profoundly to us again. This it will do, if we give it time and space in our hearts and minds in the days ahead.

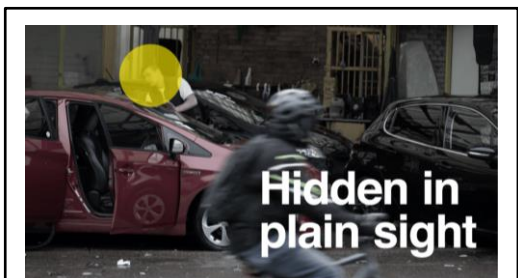
Fr Alan Gyle

The Donkey by G.K. Chesterton
When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fiercer hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.



DIOCESAN LENT APPEAL
If you have not yet given to the Lent Appeal, you can do so today – placing your contribution in a yellow envelope CLEARLY MARKED 'LENT' or do so through the link on the Parish Website. This year we are supporting five agencies combatting modern day slavery in London. Please give generously.

THIS IS HOLY WEEK

This week we keep the pinnacle of the church's year - the sacred *triduum* - as we recall the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ – one liturgy in three acts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday – do join us.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 18th April

19:30 Liturgy of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet followed by the

Watch of the Passion until midnight – please sign up for a 30-minute slot.

Preacher: Bp Michael Colclough

Music: *Christus Factus Est – Anerio; Missa Brevis – Palestrina; Ubi Caritas – Duruflé.*

GOOD FRIDAY 19th April

10:30 Liturgy for children

Noon The Seven Last Words of our Saviour from the Cross with Bach's Cello Sonata No. 5 in C minor
Fr Alan Gyle, speaker & Findlay Spence, cello.

14:00 Solemn Liturgy

EASTER EVE 20th April

20:30 Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter with Confirmation followed by

champagne and canapés

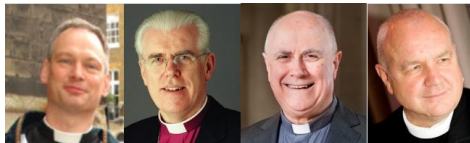
Messe Solenelle – Vierne

When thou, Lord, hadst arisen – Rachmaninov

My beloved spake – Hadley

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 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)
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) **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

Who is doing what this Sunday?

The Family Mass at 09:00

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Server: Tim Pontius

The Solemn Eucharist at 11:00

Celebrant: Bishop Michael Colclough
Deacon & preacher: Fr Alan Gyle
Subdeacon: Roland Brunner
Reader: Veronica Scott
Intercessions: Emily Bueno

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:

Maya Habboush; Sall Allen; David Eckland; Nicky Lindsay; Penny Higgs; Amanda Orlebar; Tessa Murphy; Reg Francis; Philippe Romano; Cecily Worrall; Ronald Bartle.

All the recently departed:

Keith Butt.

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

John Murphy	1 st
Joan Bull	2 nd
Joan Sheehan	2 nd
Phoebe Bartulovic	2 nd
Malcolm Aird	6 th
Ross Davies	14 th
Francis Lyall	21 st
Walter Clarke	24 th
Alethea Lyall	28 th
Valery Tweddle	29 th
Sam Bartosik	30 th

EASTER DAY 21st April

9:00 Family Mass – Fr Alan Gyle

11:00 Solemn Eucharist

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Missa Vidi Speciosam – Victoria

Haec dies – Byrd

Surrexit Christus hodie – Scheidt

FINAL CALL! PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO CHARTRES

Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd May

It's not too late to sign up for the parish pilgrimage to Chartres with Fr Alan Gyle – the first of two foreign pilgrimages in 2019 to sites of some of the most distinguished stained glass in Europe. Full details - including transport and hotel suggestions – and sign-up details at www.spkb.org/chartres, or by calling the parish office.



THANK YOU!

Our thanks go to Nikki, Jackie, Patrick and the rest of the team who made possible a very successful Jumble Sale in the Hall yesterday afternoon raising just over £1,000 for church funds.