

St Paul's Knightsbridge

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DAILY SERVICES

Sunday 26th :

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Family Mass at 09:00 (AG)

Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (+MC)

Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle

Monday 27th : Rogation Day

No services

Tuesday 28th : Rogation Day,

Lanfranc

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Wednesday 29th : Rogation Day

Morning Prayer at 09:00

The Wednesday Evening Service

at 19:00

Thursday 30th : **Ascension Day**

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Solemn Eucharist at 19:00 (AG)

Preacher: Fr Victor Stock

Friday 31st : **Visitation of the**

BVM to Elizabeth

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Saturday 1st June : Justin

Morning Prayer at 09:00

Low Mass at noon (VS)

Sunday 2nd June

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Family Mass at 09:00 (VS)

Solemn Eucharist with baptism

at 11:00 (AG)

Preacher: Bp Michael Colclough



Edward Nelson RIP

The funeral of Edward Nelson will take place in church on Wednesday, 12th June at 11a.m.

CHARTRES 2019



With 167 stained glass windows, several windows dating from the mid-12th century and with over 150 from the early 13th century, together the most complete group surviving anywhere in the world from the Middle Ages, there was a great deal in Chartres Cathedral to occupy the attention of the fifteen pilgrims who gathered there from St Paul's Knightsbridge this past week. The windows – and the amazing range of fine statuary and sculpture from the same period – are effectively the story of the universe in stone and glass, carved and created to honour God and to amaze and inform what was then a largely illiterate populace.

For modern day scholars of that period, Chartres offers a unique insight into the worldview of the men and women who lived the Christian life 800 or 900 years ago. Beyond the simple magnificence of the place and the astonishing artistry and skill of the craftsmen of the day, we were struck by many things: the unselfconscious integration of worlds of thought by which horoscopes, the seasons, cycles of nature and Christianity fitted seamlessly together; the side-by-side existence of labour (from barrel-making to butchery) and worship (earthly and heavenly) in a world in which a religious-secular division hadn't yet been imagined; and oddities too – the sculpture of a donkey playing a hurdy-gurdy, the famous statue of the black Madonna now scrubbed white, and the earliest and largest surviving labyrinth in the Western world. Tuesday – the first day of our retreat – was spent soaking in the Cathedral's detail.

We had a sense of what the worldview of their day enabled men and women of the mediaeval period to see and what they were blind to. And such was the theme of two of our workshops: not what *they* could see or not, but what *our* worldview makes clear or obscures in our view of life.

On Wednesday we considered in a workshop entitled 'Being Systemic' our sense of connectedness with the world around us. Unlike our mediaeval forbears, we live in an age of radical individualism: "I," "me" – not "we" and "us," and yet even the single among us live in a tangle of connections, relationships and mutual obligations and commitments. What, we pondered, are the significant connections in our lives – and how might they be strengthened or enriched?

On Thursday we journeyed inwards, 'Being Somatic', making the connection between our 'minds and our 'bodies' which would have seemed so much more obvious and immediate to our mediaeval ancestors. How might we pray more richly by engaging our senses and 'getting out of our heads?' How might sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing – not to mention kinesthetic sense or sense of space – enrich our engagement with one another and with God?

Our days were days of three parts: prayer, study, discussion and the Eucharist in the morning; lunchtime till 7pm free to do what we needed to do (whether visits, sleep, prayer or a mixture of them); and then at 7pm Vespers in the Cathedral, followed by drinks and dinner together to share insights from the day. Comments from a number of participants make me believe this is a winning combination with space for people of all sorts to learn together in a mutually supportive and stimulating environment.

You may not ever have considered this sort of 'retreat.' If not, perhaps you will? This Autumn we will visit Augsburg and Ingolstadt in Bavaria from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th October; next Spring we will go... well, the dust needs to settle on the Chartres trip first – but Italy and Belgium are both in our sights! Details in due course on the Parish website – and if you'd like to learn more, spot one of the participants in the photo above and ask them!

Fr Alan Gyle

Who is doing what this Sunday?

The Family Mass at 09:00

Celebrant & Preacher: *Fr Alan Gyle*
Server: *Phil Davies*
Reader: *Joanna Panasiuk*

The Sung Eucharist at 11:00

Celebrant: *Bishop Michael Colclough*
Deacon & preacher: *Fr Alan Gyle*
Subdeacon: *Roland Brunner*
Reader: *Mike Scott*
Intercessor: *Molly Bartle*

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.

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:

Victoria Jones; Maya Habboush; Sall Allen; David Eckland; Nicky Lindsay; Penny Higgs; Amanda Orlebar; Tessa Murphy; Reg Francis; Philippe Romano; Paule Bedford.

All the recently departed:

Tisha Dunstan; Joyce Turner; Gordon Wesley; Edward Nelson and Armel Cates.

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

Michael Taylor	2 nd
Timothy Green	2 nd
Michael Barney, priest	5 th
Meriel St Clair Green	7 th
Helen Newton	14 th
Sophie Hodgson	15 th
Cecilia Lawson	17 th
Eileen Goode	18 th
Sally Windham	20 th
Eric Knighley Chetwode Hamilton	21 st
Gerard Doyle	22 nd
Dudley Middleton	23 rd
Herbert Robinson	24 th
John Watson	29 th
Robin Hodgson	30 th
Dyan Elizabeth Wade	31 st

UPCOMING EVENTS...

ASCENSION DAY MASS & PARTY

Thursday 30th May at 7:00pm

All are warmly invited to the Solemn High Mass on Ascension Day followed by drinks in the Vicarage garden. Bring your friends, and a plate! The Choir will sing *Schubert in C, God is gone up – Finzi, Coelos ascendit – Stanford*.



PARISH LUNCH & RECITAL

Sunday 2nd June

Join us after the 11AM Mass on Sunday, 2nd June, for Parish Lunch - this month prepared by **Patricia Dopheide** - followed at 2pm by a recital given by **Sam Jenkins** from the St Paul's Choir.



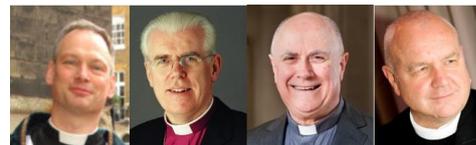
PENTECOST: CONFIRMATION & FAMILY BRUNCH

Sunday 9th June at 9AM

Bishop Michael will preside at Mass with Confirmation at 9AM on the Feast of Pentecost - 9th June - followed by a Family Brunch. Brunch free of charge to regular members of the 9AM congregation and their guests. £5 for other guests who may sign-up at www.spkb.org/brunch

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

DAY TRIP: YORK MINSTER

Saturday 6th July

Join us in York for a guided tour of the great Minster, including restoration of the Great East window. Tickets: £48 to include coffee, entry to Minster, guided tour and lunch. Participants will make their own travel arrangements. Full details at www.spkb.org/york or by calling the parish office.



A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER

14th – 20th July

Are you longing for time to reflect on your prayer life but can't find the time? The London Centre for Spiritual Direction is offering an opportunity to step back and take part in a week of accompanied prayer in July. Over five days you will be invited to pray for half an hour each day followed by a meeting with a spiritual director to support you on your journey.

Venue: The Church of St Edmund the King, Lombard Street, EC3. Cost: £35. Full details at www.lcsd.org.uk/events/wap