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## DAILY SERVICES

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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

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

*Preacher: Bp Michael Colclough*

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> : Martyrs of Uganda**  
No services

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

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> : Boniface**  
**Morning Prayer at 09:00**  
**The Wednesday Evening Service at 19:00**

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> : Feria**  
**Morning Prayer at 09:00**  
**Wedding of Tally Hackett and Alex Gilbert at 14:00**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> : Thomas Ken**  
**Morning Prayer at 09:00**  
**Low Mass at noon (VS)**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June:**  
**Pentecost**  
**Family Mass with Confirmation at 09:00 (+MC)**  
**Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 (AG)**  
*Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle*

## LICENSING

Please pray for Roland Brunner as he prepares to be licensed as a Lay Minister in the Diocese of London this Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> June.



## SOOT AND SCARS



For many centuries, pilgrims have beaten a path to Chartres Cathedral to pray at the shrine of Our Lady of Chartres on the North side of the ambulatory. The Shrine is the oldest in France and many claim that the veneration of the Madonna here predates even Christianity! How so? It is said that the Cathedral is built on the site of an ancient Druid shrine and that the legend of the apparition of an image of a mother and child on the site is very ancient indeed; in the same way that St Paul 'claimed' the Altar to an unknown god in Athens as the altar of the true and only God, so too it is suggested the early Christian Church 'Christianised' this pagan shrine and made it a place of pilgrimage and prayer.

Over the last 10 years, Chartres has undergone a remarkable restoration – and a highly controversial one. Whereas many restorations 'make good' the wear and tear of the centuries but leave visitors in no doubt that the patina of age is part of the history of the place, the restorers of Chartres took the more radical approach of recreating in parts of the Cathedral a version of what it would originally have looked like. So, in many places the stonework in pristine; statuary looks like it was carved only yesterday; and the world-famous glass shines with a brilliance that betrays nothing of its eight or nine centuries of life.

One of the most controversial bits of this radical restoration project was the cleaning of the statue of Our Lady in the Shrine. Over the centuries, the soot from candles and the rising and then settling of incense had given the Madonna a dark complexion – so much so that she had, many centuries ago, become known as 'The Black Madonna of Chartres.' The restoration of the statue literally wiped off these centuries of smoky accretion leaving the 'Black' Madonna white. In

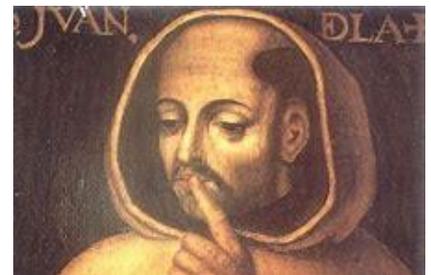
France – constantly struggling with the challenges of racial integration and cultural pluralism – this was, to say the least, a bold decision and a controversial one.

What do you think? Is it right to be nostalgic about the patina of age – 'sentimental about soot,' as one American commentator put it – or should we take a day one approach to buildings and their restoration, seeking to wipe away the soot and scars of the centuries? Something of the same challenge faces us as we contemplate the future restoration of the Reredos in St Paul's Knightsbridge. Should we allow visitors to see G.F Bodley's stunning work as it would have been in 1893 – or should we see it, cared for and sensitively cleaned, as it now is over a century and a quarter later?

One Ascensiontide reflection might be pertinent. It is axiomatic in depicting the risen and ascended Christ that the scars of the cross are shown. Scripture is clear that as he appeared to his disciples, Jesus showed them his hands and his side. Resurrection life does not wipe away what has happened, but rather preserves the scars and marks of life's experience in newer and fuller life. Resurrection is never an undoing and a wiping away of what has happened – it is always a transformation and transcending of experience, good and bad.

Perhaps this view of life needs to inform our restoration of Christian buildings – and certainly ought to inform our prayer life, whether we pause to offer prayer at some ancient Shrine, or simply in the silence of our hearts.

*Fr Alan Gyle*



*Ah! Gentle and so loving  
you wake within me proving  
that you are there in secret and alone;  
your fragrant breathing stills me,  
your grace, your glory fills me  
so tenderly your love becomes my own.*

**The Living Flame of Love**  
**St John of the Cross**

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### TODAY! PARISH LUNCH & RECITAL

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Join us after the 11AM Mass 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.



### NEXT WEEK PENTECOST: CONFIRMATION & FAMILY BRUNCH

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 9AM

Bishop Michael will preside at Mass with Confirmation at 9AM on the Feast of Pentecost - 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.spkb.org/brunch)

### DAY TRIP: YORK MINSTER

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.spkb.org/york) or by calling the parish office.

## 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.

*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

## Who is doing what this Sunday?

### The Family Mass at 09:00

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Victor Stock  
Server: Robert Thomas  
Reader: Aidan Linton-Smith

### The Sung Eucharist at 11:00

Celebrant: Fr Alan Gyle  
Deacon: Fr Victor Stock  
Subdeacon: Phil Davies  
Preacher: Bishop Michael Colclough  
Reader: Serena Butt  
Intercessor: Tom Hyde

## 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 June:

Hugh Leggatt	1 <sup>st</sup>
Eric Symes Abbott, priest	6 <sup>th</sup>
Patricia Farr	7 <sup>th</sup>
Arthur Colley	12 <sup>th</sup>
Mimi Hashemi	13 <sup>th</sup>
Patricia Johnson	16 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Muirhead	18 <sup>th</sup>
Geaffrey Sanders	18 <sup>th</sup>
George Walsh	18 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Garrett	19 <sup>th</sup>
Beverly Williams Kaplan	19 <sup>th</sup>