

The Church is open for quiet thought or prayer from 8am – 5.30pm, Monday –Friday,
11am – 4pm on Saturday.
Monday – Friday there is a daily Mass at 12.15pm – 12.40pm.
Monday 1.05pm – 1.30pm Mediation group.
On Sunday there is a Sung Eucharist at 11am.

Notices

22nd September is a Car Free Day in the City of London.

Fr Paul has been invited by Fr Doug Ousley, The Church of The Incarnation in New York for a long weekend, 18-22 October. Parishioners are welcome to join him and accommodation can be provided. Please let Paul know if you wish to join him.

Diary

21/22 September	Open House Weekend in The City.
22 Sept 12noon	PCC meeting after Service
29 Sept 11am	Holy Baptism & Eucharist Service
8 Oct 9.45am	Parish Breakfast
18 – 22 Oct	Trip to USA , Church of the Incarnation

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8th September, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrant: Fr Paul Kennedy

Setting: Parish Mass - Alcoat

Hymn: 186 Tell Out my Soul

Micah 5:2-4

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

Psalm: 1

R: Lord, my delight is in your law.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on this law day and night. **R**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked: they are like chaff which the wind blows away; **R**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. **R**

Romans 8:28-30

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Matthew 1:18-23

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

For your prayers:

Those who are ill: Rachel Harrington, Hannah Rae, Alison Hird, Richard Shepherd, Jean Kennedy, Tracey Llewellyn,

Those who have died recently especially: Fred Wisbey, Peter Stevens

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Harris, Barbara Hesford

Offertory hymn: 297 Lord Jesus You Have Come to Us

Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you - Rutter

Thanksgiving hymn: 478 Ye Watches and Ye Holy Ones

Readings next Sunday, Trinity 13 Exodus 32: 7-14
1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10

8 Sept Birth of Mary

O what must it have cost the angels
not suddenly to burst into song, as one bursts into tears,
since indeed they knew: on this night the mother is being
born to the boy, the One, who shall soon appear.

Soaring they held themselves silent and showed the direction
where, alone, Joachim's farm lay;
ah, they felt in themselves and in space the pure precipitation,
but none might go down to him.

For the two were already quite beside themselves with ado.
A neighbor-woman came and played wise and did not know how,
and the old man, carefully, went and withheld the mooing
Of a dark cow. For so it had never yet been.

– *Rainer Maria Rilke*

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