

LOOKING AHEAD

Daily Office this week: 8am & 5.30pm except Thursday & Friday

Sun 11 Sept 10am	Mass to celebrate the renewal of our building and 100 years since the birth of Fr. Gresham Kirkby
Sat 17 Sept 10am-5pm	Open House
Sun 18 Sept 1-5pm	Open House
Sun 18 Sept 10am	Mass for St Matthew (Preacher: Fr Kevin Scully)
Wed 21 Sept 6.45pm	PCC Meeting
Sun 25 Sept 10am	Mass for Michael & All Angels
Sun 2 October 10am	Mass for St Francis with baptism
Sun 2 October 2pm	A Service of Thanksgiving & Blessing for our pets and other animals
Sun 9 October 10am	Mass for Harvest (All Age Service)
Sun 16 October 10am	Mass for St Luke
Sun 23 October 10 am	Bible Sunday
Sun 30 October 10am	Mass for All Saints Day
Wed 2 November 7pm	Mass for All Souls
Sun 6 November 10am	Mass for Third Sunday before Advent

Monthly Church Clean - Dates for 2016

Saturdays 10-12 noon: 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December



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Next Sunday: Mass for the Feast of St Matthew

Hymns: Sheet 188 St Matthew 494 music group
Proverbs 3:13-18 Nikki **2 Corinthians 4:106** Safia
Psalms 119 **Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13** **Intercessions:** Mary Mc
Chalice: Hendrika **Sidespeople:** Mary S/Ayo/Cathy

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Churchwarden: Safia Dimsdale



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❖ THE PARISH OF
ST. PAUL WITH ST. LUKE ❖
BOW COMMON

Sunday 11th September 2016



16th Sunday after Trinity
Special Thanksgiving Mass

Hymns: 77 313 533 510 music group

Exodus 32:7-14 Cathy **1 Timothy 1:12-17** Joanna

Psalm 51 Gospel: Luke 15:1-10 Intercessions: Burnette

Chalice: Safia **Sidespeople:** Hendrika/Nikki

Celebrant & Preacher: The Venerable Elizabeth Adekunle

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Edmond Brien, William Jarvis, Naomi Harris, Esther Christian, Margaret Lind-Smith, Anthony Ali; Margaret Diss, John Christian, Rachel Christian, Jackie Lelkes, Jim Mulhern, Isobel Coates, Ray Williams, Charlie Berry Dawn Smith, Sharni Josephine, Nojahan Hamid, Margaret Whiteley Mark Emmerson, Jane Keefe, Cresta Adcock Jim Moore, Audrey Mameni, Jeane, Iyabode Kadhiri, John Rowe, Sheena McMain, Blesie Smith, John McLean.

For our link church of **Santa Monica, Maputo** in Mozambique
September Year's Mind: Sylvia Fellows, Bishop Jim Thomson

Today we welcome the **Venerable Elizabeth Adekunle**, Archdeacon of Hackney, who will be presiding and preaching at our special Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate our return to worshipping as one Body around the altar.

The story so far...

In July 2013 a wood wool slab fell from the lantern during a confirmation rehearsal missing the former incumbent Fr Duncan Ross, the candidates and their sponsors. This resulted in the central altar being cordoned off for health and safety reasons.

It was quickly realised that we would need to fundraise a significant amount of money to repair the wood wool in the lantern. The vision of the churchwardens and PCC at the time was to use the opportunity not only to repair the wood wool but to repair the drains and leaky roof. We engaged Nicholas Morgan (fundraiser) and Kelley Christ (architect) and set up a Building Group to take this work forward. I joined St Paul's in October 2014 at the development stage of the project.



My initial impressions were of a church camped out in its own building. A temporary altar had been set up and we all made the best we could of the situation with good cheer and church life continued.

The delivery stage of the repairs started at the end of October 2015 by which time we had raised the necessary funding. The interior of the church was transformed into a building site with scaffolding going right up to the lantern. Once more, we continued to worship God with good cheer amidst the scaffolding.



Our funding came from the Heritage Lottery Fund, National Churches Trust, Wolfson Foundation, Rank and All Churches Trust who we would like to thank for their generosity. The Heritage Lottery funding also included resources that enabled us to engage the community with the heritage of the building, develop our website and produce high quality leaflets.

We drew on our friends and supporters and put on a range of interesting and creative events. Charles Lutyens gave a wonderful talk on the

'Heavenly Host'; Robert Drake from the Twentieth Century Society and Eddie Tulasiewicz from National Churches Trust increased our knowledge of the uniqueness of St Paul's and the post war context and David Longbottom gave an excellent presentation on the work of Ralph Beyer. We even did some mosaic making and sewing with the help of Katie from Stitches in Time. Our church school worked hard last summer and created a wonderful hanging which lifted our spirits as the scaffolding blocked out our natural light from the lantern.



Thank you all for the support you have given us!

Finally, in March 2016 the repairs had been completed and we were able to gather as one Body around the altar to worship once again as was intended in the design of the building.



As we are a community that honours our past and those who have gone before us, we have used the occasion to remember Fr. Gresham Kirkby who was born 100 years ago this year. It was his vision and commitment

that led to this church being built and it was he who led the first congregation to worship in this building.



We are also blessed to have some members of the early congregation still worshipping with us, and others who have joined us today for this special celebration where we give thanks to God.



Do take a look at our display board for more information about the repairs project and for a special display about Fr. Kirkby and the life of the early congregation.

*With every blessing
Mthr. Bernadette*