

Autumn
2016



Grosvenor Chapel
Unafraid to Reason, Unashamed to Adore

From your Priest

As a group of fifteen of our own prepare to go on Pilgrimage at the beginning of October to earthquake shaken Umbria, the land of Syrian hermits, St Benedict and St Francis, it might be appropriate to reflect on our own common pilgrimage as a Chapel. As the Jewish thinker Abraham Heschel wrote: "Faith is not the clinging to a shrine, but an endless pilgrimage of the heart." In which direction may our collective pilgrimage be going?

I sense a new impetus in the life of the Chapel. There are new faces on the Chapel's governing committee, new Chapel Wardens and Treasurer, and, of course, a new Assistant Priest. It is a ripe time to reconsider the Chapel's mission. We have received encouragement from the Grosvenor Estate, which has been an important partner to us. They are encouraging us to think about how our site could be better used by the local community and to think in a bold way. The church building has its own integrity, but the areas around and even under the church could provide possibilities for more engagement with our local community, both working and residential. We are a parochial church and so the more that we can serve our local community, the better we fulfil our mission. Examples of our creative outreach work are: "Hymns & Pimms" for those living with dementia and their carers; and last spring's community art exhibition, "Gardens of the Imagination," that carried out art workshops in local businesses and for local residents, and brought their work into the Chapel.

Weekly Services

Monday to Friday
12.30 pm Daily Prayer or
Said Eucharist (on Holy Days)

Thursday
8.00 am Said Eucharist
12.30 pm Said Eucharist

Sunday
11.00 am Sung Eucharist

Monthly Services ~ last Thursday of month

10.15 am Healing Eucharist of
the Guild of St Raphael
followed by coffee morning

Office opening hours

Monday to Friday
9.30 am – 4.30 pm

The Chapel is usually open
for visitors 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Monthly Fellowship Group

After the 11.00 am Sunday
Service on 2nd October,
6th November, 4th December



The Bishop of London at the Second Confirmation Service of the year

The Chapel is a welcoming place that receives many people for Baptisms and Weddings. In 2016 we will have conducted fifteen weddings, and sixteen baptisms – record numbers in my time and very time-consuming, though joyously, for me personally. In the last two years seventeen people have been confirmed at the Chapel. We need to build on this by offering opportunities for people to learn more about the faith and come together in mutually supportive fellowship. We have had a mid-week, evening “Fellowship Group” before, but it has always been a little hit and miss in attendance. So we have decided to re-launch our “Fellowship Group” on the first Sunday of every month, from October. This will allow people to come together for study, prayer and the opportunity to get to know one another over lunch. The first Fellowship Group will be on Sunday 2nd October. There is also scope to work more with families of the young children baptised at the Chapel.



Joanna Clark has also encouraged us to initiate a “Bring a Friend to Church” Sunday, which is set for 18th September. It reminds us that the responsibility for mission actually rests with each member of the congregation and not the clergy alone.

We are blessed to share a Church School, and although the vast majority of families live outside the Parish, we need to continue to renew each year our efforts to reach out to

the parents of our school children. So from September 30th, we are planning to start a monthly coffee morning on Fridays after the School Assembly in the Chapel for the parents of our school.

In sum, our Pilgrimage is as ever at the Chapel, an active and joyously rich one, working on two key fronts: (a.) consolidating the relationships we already have formed with married couples, baptism families, our existing community; (b.) looking beyond to see how new future relationships could be created both through outreach and creative ways of using the space with which we are blessed in the service of others.



The Abbey of San Pietro in Valle, untouched by earthquakes

It is to this Chapel, on its journey now in its two hundredth and eighty sixth year, that our new Archdeacon, Fr Luke Miller will come on 23rd October to celebrate with us the Festival of our Dedication, which will be followed by a celebratory lunch – just another staging post in our common pilgrimage together.

Every blessing,

Fr Richard

Fabric Report

The Chapel Organ

We plan to start the cleaning and overhaul in January. The work will take about 3 months so it will be ready and back in use for Easter. We will use the little box organ or the piano for services in the meantime.

Many generous donors have contributed, but more is needed, especially if we are to carry out a few small improvements over and above the basic cleaning. We also need offers of bed and breakfast for the organ builders (two of them), who will be in London from Monday to Friday each week. Please have a word with me if you think you can help.

The photographs show the organ as it was from 1930 until 1991 when the present instrument by William Drake was installed in the case, and the organ as it is now.

Richard Hobson



Welcome to new Organ Scholar

Born in Hong Kong, Kayol Lam started piano and violin lessons at an early age and has obtained DipABRSM in both instruments.

Kayol completed her undergraduate degree, with honours, in Music at Durham University, where she was Organ Scholar at the College of St Hild and St Bede and Organist at St Cuthbert's Church.

She is currently pursuing postgraduate studies at the Royal College of Music in London, where she studies organ with Margaret Phillips and violin with Yuri Zhislin.

She has been offered the organ scholarship at the Grosvenor Chapel from September 2016.



A Summer Album

Celebrating HM The Queen's 90th Birthday

A Royal Dinner Party

In June, The Chapel celebrated Her Majesty's landmark birthday 'street party style'. Members of the congregation and local Mayfair residents enjoyed roast beef, bunting, a trumpeter and music, poetry and prose.



Outgoing Organ Scholar

The Hymns and Pimms Group

Remembering some of the high points of HM The Queen's reign. Jeanne and Jim Foster shared some fascinating memories of Jim's photographic assignments around the world whilst photographing the royal entourage.





The Gardens of the Imagination Art Exhibition

The opening night of the exhibition! The Chapel joined forces again with The Royal Academy of Arts to present art inspired by the exhibition at the Royal Academy 'The Modern Garden: Monet to Matisse'. Participating artists came from local businesses and residents, St George's School, the RA's club for vulnerable adults and we welcomed back the young artists who previously presented their work in 2015.



Staff from Grosvenor Estates taking part in an art workshop



Some of the exhibits inspired by stained glass

The Summer Fair

The Chapel's contribution to the event included a 'Garden of Eden' this year. Here children could listen to story telling, learn how to make origami animals and birds and decorate biscuits. Adults enjoyed traditional Pimms and some new punches. The tombola did brisk business. 'The Tranquil Tearoom'... offered a quiet moment and an opportunity to discover the Chapel rooms.



Daniel and Teddy try out Laura's 'Adam and Eve' for size



'Let them eat cake!' Lorraine and Ruth organising the Chapel tearooms



Lis Hasted preparing for the Summer Fair's 'Garden of Eden'

The Great Bluebird Care Bake Off

Peter Slough of Bluebird Care Westminster has been a great supporter of 'Hymns and Pimms' our group run for those living with dementia and memory problems and their carers. The Bluebird Care teams baked cakes for a competition based on 'The Wizard of Oz'. Gina Goldhammer and Lady Christabel Flight judged the spectacular entries in the competition which were later consumed by 35 guests. The proceeds of the afternoon were donated to Hymns and Pimms and received with grateful thanks to Bluebird Care Westminster.



Happiness is a slice of Cake



Gina and Cllr Christabel Flight get down to some judging

Programme of Events September - December 2016

Sunday 18th September 'Bring a Friend' Sunday.

Members of the congregation are invited to introduce friends to the Chapel on this Sunday. The service will be followed by a lunch in The Garden Room. £6.00 a head.

Tuesday 27th September 'Hymns and Pimms' 3.00-4.30 pm. A monthly occasion welcoming people living with dementia or memory problems and for those who care for them. Come together to enjoy friendship, singing and refreshment.

Thursday 29th September Coffee Morning. 11.00 am in the Garden Room. All welcome!

Friday 30th September The World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support. In the Garden Room between 9.30 am and 11.30 am. Donations of cakes are sought.

Sunday 2nd October at 12.45 pm Chapel Fellowship Group in the Garden Room. An opportunity to learn more about faith, discuss it with others, pray for each other and share fellowship over a bring and share meal.

Sunday 9th October Harvest Sunday with a food collection for the In Deep Charity for elderly and isolated people. Through a variety of activities and services, this charity brings together different cultures and backgrounds in a spirit of friendship and understanding. You are invited to bring non perishable food donations to be blessed during the service.

Sunday 23rd October Dedication Festival to be followed by a celebratory lunch. The venue is to be confirmed. The cost will be circa £35.00 a head to include a three course lunch including wine, coffee and service.

Tuesday 25th October 'Hymns and Pimms' 3.00-4.30 pm. A monthly occasion welcoming people living with dementia or memory problems and for those who care for them.

Come together to enjoy friendship, singing and refreshment.

Thursday 27th October Coffee Morning. 11.00 am in the Garden Room. All welcome!

Sunday 30th October 'Shakespeare and me' a late reply to Giles Coren. 12.45 pm in The Garden Room. Giles Coren - the famous Food Critic - once interviewed Stewart Trotter about William Shakespeare for 'The Times'. Giles said he completely believed Stewart's ideas - but wanted to know HOW he came by them. Stewart didn't know what to say. Now, nearly twenty years later, he attempts a very personal reply. Amanda Walker and Karen Little will be the readers. Bring sandwiches to share. There will be a collection for the Chapel.

Sunday 6th November at 12.45 pm Chapel Fellowship Group in the Garden Room. The second session in a series to learn more about faith, discuss it with others, pray for each other and share fellowship over a bring and share meal.

Thursday 24th November Coffee Morning. 11.00 am in the Garden Room. All welcome!

Tuesday 29th November 'Hymns and Pimms' 3.00-4.30 pm. A monthly occasion welcoming people living with dementia or memory problems and for those who care for them. Come together to enjoy friendship, singing and refreshment.

Sunday 4th December at 12.45 pm Chapel Fellowship Group. The third session in a series to learn more about faith, discuss it with others, pray for each other and share fellowship over a meal.

Tuesday 6th December Carol Singing around Mayfair. 6.30-8.30pm. O come all ye faithful and join the Chapel Choir and the Mayfair Community Choir to bring the Christmas spirit to local residents, businesses and retailers.

Tuesday 13th December The Community Carol Service at 7.00 pm.

Tuesday 20th December 'Christmas Hymns and Pimms' 3.00-4.30 pm.

Service Details

Sunday 4th September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Orlandus Lassus Missa super Frere Thibault
Thomas Tallis O sacrum convivium
L-N Clerambault Caprice sur les grand jeux

Sunday 11th September

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

James MacMillan Missa Brevis
Bob Chilcott Be thou my vision
J.S.Bach Toccata in D minor (Dorian)

Sunday 18th September

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

W.A.Mozart Missa Brevis in B flat K275
John Blow Salvator mundi salva nos
J.S.Bach Fugue in D minor BWV 538

Sunday 25th September

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Charles Wood Missa Portae Honora
Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck Laudate Dominum
Leon Boëllmann Minuet Gothique

Sunday 2nd October

St Michael & All Angels

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

G.P.da Palestrina Missa sicut lillium inter spinas
Richard Dering Factum est silentium
Dietrich Buxtehude Praeludium in D major

Sunday 9th October

Harvest Sunday

T.L da Victoria Missa Ave maris stella
T.L.da Victoria Ego sum panis vivus
John Stanley Voluntary in F

Sunday 16th October

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Joseph Haydn Missa Brevis in F
H Purcell Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei
J.S.Bach Prelude in C minor BWV 546

Sunday 23rd October

Last Sunday after Trinity

Feast of the Dedication

Joseph Rheinberger Mass in E flat
Johannes Brahms Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen
Siegfried Karg-Elert Nun danket alle Gott
Sunday 30th October

All Saints Sunday

T.L.da Victoria Missa Vidi Speciosam
G.P da Palestrina Vidi turbam magnam
J.A.Guillain Dialogue sur les grands jeux

Wednesday 2nd November

All Souls' Service at 7.00 pm

Sunday 6th November

Third Sunday before Advent

Harold Darke Communion Service in E
Henry Purcell O God, thou art my God
Max Reger Toccata & Fugue in D Op 59

Sunday 13th November

Remembrance Sunday

Gabriel Fauré Requiem Mass (with orchestra)

Sunday 20th November

Christ the King

W.A.Mozart Missa Brevis in C K259
Henry Purcell Declare his honour
Eugène Gigout Toccata

Sunday 27th November

Advent Sunday

Plainsong The Advent Prose
William Byrd Mass for Five Voices
William Byrd Laetentur coeli
Andrew Carter Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Sunday 4th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Domenico Scarlatti Mass for Four Voices
Orlando Gibbons This is the record of John
Johann Pachelbel Toccata in E minor

Sunday 11th December

Third Sunday of Advent

Richard Hobson Missa Brevis
James MacMillan O radiant dawn
J.S.Bach Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Tuesday 13th December

Community Carol Service at 7.00 pm

Sunday 18th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Juan Esquivel Missa Ave Virgo sanctissima
Francisco Guerrero Ave virgo sanctissima
Garth Edmundson
Toccata-Prelude on *Vom Himmel hoch*

Mayfair Organ Concerts

*A weekly lunchtime concert at
Grosvenor Chapel
South Audley Street
or St George's Church
Hanover Square
London W1*

*Tuesdays 1.10 pm – 1.50 pm
Admission free. Retiring collection.*

6th September Grosvenor Chapel
Christopher Marks
(University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA)

13th September St George's
Frederick Stocken
(St George's Cathedral, Southwark)

20th September Grosvenor Chapel
David Graham (Farm Street Church)



27th September St George's
Kristiaan Seynhave (Belgium)

4th October Grosvenor Chapel
James Johnstone
(Trinity Laban Conservatoire)

11th October St George's
Andrew Benson Wilson (Basingstoke)

18th October Grosvenor Chapel
Simon Williams (St George's)

25th October St George's
Richard Moore (London)

1st November Grosvenor Chapel
Andrew Benson Wilson (Basingstoke)

8th November St George's
Robin Walker (St George's)

15th November Grosvenor Chapel
Thomas Allery
(Marylebone Parish Church)

22nd November St George's
David Saint (St Chad's, Birmingham)

29th November Grosvenor Chapel
Peter Stevens (Westminster Cathedral)

6th December St George's
David Ponsford (Cardiff University)

13th December Grosvenor Chapel
Richard Hobson

20th December St George's
Wyatt Smith



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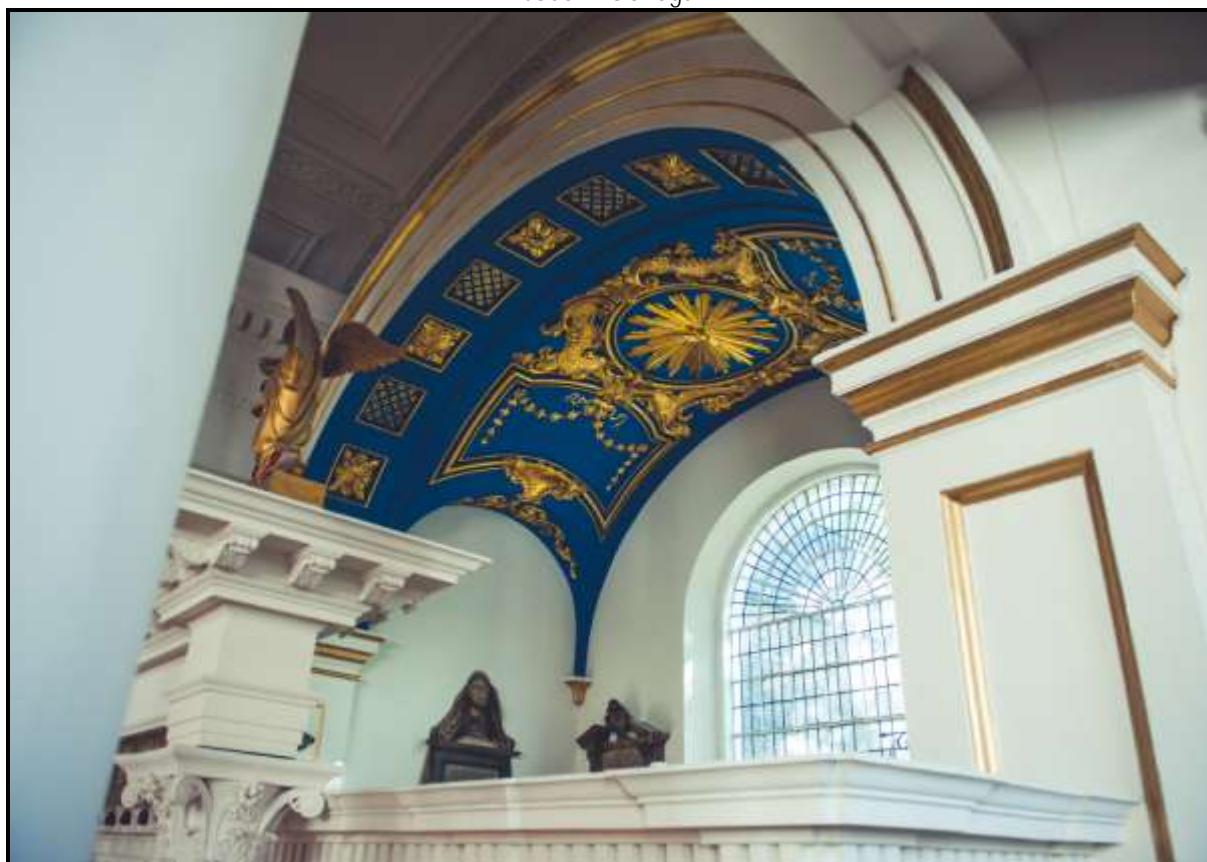
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