

Newsletter

of the Parish Church of
St George Hanover Square
incorporating
The Grosvenor Chapel

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March - June 2013



Icon of St George, one of a dozen Byzantine & Renaissance icons by Ivan Djidjev exhibited in St George's, Hanover Square between 27 February & 10 March 2013. See also pp 13, 14 & 15.

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Lent Discussions introduced by Canon Rex Davis

The Rector is away on sabbatical. During his absence, Canon Rex Davis is holding the fort. Here he writes about the Lent Discussions being held jointly with St John's, Hyde Park at the Grosvenor Chapel at 7.00pm on Wednesdays during the penitential season. Details of the remaining Discussions follow Canon Davis's remarks.

Jo Bailey Wells brilliantly launched the Lent course in the cosy Garden Rooms at the Grosvenor Chapel on Wednesday 20th February. The team from St John's Hyde Park had provided hot soup and an array of cheeses and fruits for a Lenten supper before the meeting began.

Asking us to imagine being a grumpy and disconsolate bunch of wandering Israelites, still dripping wet from crossing the Red Sea, we were led, metaphorically, to the foot hills of Mount Sinai to gaze at the thunder filled black clouds as Moses went for his interview with the Lord to get a grip on the Law. Dr Wells showed herself a stimulating teacher as she unfolded the background to the narrative and the text of the Mosaic Law, from blessings to Abraham to the ambiguous "If" of the Covenant. Each question asked by a rapt audience led to even more fascinating thoughts. And in the discussion we began to unpack some of the layers of problems hidden in

the jam-packed story of the Exodus.

A fine start to the Lenten programme "A New Commandment". The next step takes us from the theological underpinning of the Law, an exploration in which both Luther and Calvin were slapped on the wrist for misunderstanding both Moses and Paul, a real double jeopardy, and very much a NO NO!! for Jo Bailey Wells, to some of the practicalities in our lives. For on Wednesday 27th February Dr Jim Walters, Chaplain at the LSE well bed us down in 'tax avoidance and banker bashing'. The series ends with Bishop Robert Hardy on "Imprisoned by Sin" on 20th March.

Last year the course focussed on the Christian's responsible use of money, and again an interesting list of panelists spoke of a number of issues. Roddy Leece, the Rector, Dr Brutus Green and Dr Richard Fermer have put their heads together to arrange this year's speakers, and it promises to be a stimulating session judged from its start with Jo Bailey Wells.

Despite the bitter weather there was a fair turnout. But, sadly, it struck me that St George's was poorly represented. It may be a good Lenten discipline to join the 5.45 pm congregation at the Eucharist and then take the brisk walk by Grosvenor Square to the Chapel, to be rewarded with a piping hot bowl of soup, followed by the challenge of a sharp talk and interesting discussion. All is over by 9 pm. Not too late.

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CHURCHES AROUND HYDE PARK

St George's Hanover Square
Grosvenor Chapel
St John's Hyde Park

LENT DISCUSSIONS 2013

'A New Commandment'
Law, Redemption and a Just Society

Wednesdays in Lent at the
Grosvenor Chapel
starting at 7.00pm with a light
supper of soup & cheese
Discussion begins at 7.30pm
with a presentation & time for
questions
Closing: 8.30pm

Wednesday 6th March
'Retribution or Rehabilitation'
Prof Clemens Sedmak FD
*Maurice Professor of Moral & Social
Theology King's College, London*

Wednesday 13th March
'Crime & Punishment for Christians'
The Revd Justin Gau
*Barrister at Pump Court Chamber
Curate at St John of Jerusalem,
South Hackney,
Chancellor of the Diocese of Bristol
Deputy Chancellor of the Dioceses
of Lincoln & Bath & Wells*

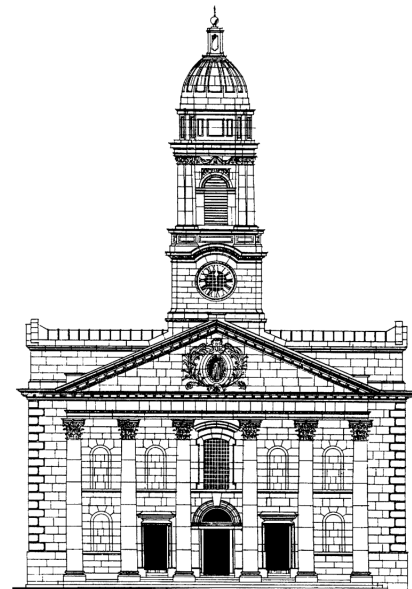
Wednesday 20th March
'Imprisoned by Sin?'
Bishop Robert Hardy CBE
*Former Bishop of Lincoln
Bishop to Her Majesty's Prisons*

Entrance free -
donations welcome

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Services at St George's

March—June 2013



Friday 1st March
St David, Bishop of Minevia, Patron of Wales, c 601
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd March
The Third Sunday in Lent
 8.30am Holy Communion (said)
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 Canon Rex Davis
 Mass in G minor
 (Vaughan Williams)
 O Lord in thy wrath (Gibbons)
 Fantasia II 'Jesus Christus, unser
 Heiland (Scheidemann)

Monday 4th March
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 5th March
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 6th March
 12.10pm Midday Prayer
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 7th March
St Perpetua, Martyr at Carthage, 203
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 8th March
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 10th March
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mothering Sunday
 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant: Canon Rex Davis
 Preacher: Kirsty Ross
 Missa Brevis in D minor (Mozart)
 Ave Maria (Parsons)
 Improvisation (Krippner)

Monday 11th March
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 12th March
St Gregory the Great, Pope, 604
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 13th March
 12.10pm Midday Prayer
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 14th March
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 15th March
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 17th March
Passion Sunday
 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd
 Richard Fermer
 Mass for 5 voices (Byrd)
 Crucifixus (Lotti)
 Prelude in B minor (Bach)

Monday 18th March
St Edward, King of the West Saxons, 978
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 19th March
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 20th March
 12.10pm Midday Prayer
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 21st March
St Benedict, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c 550
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 22nd March
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 24th March
Palm Sunday
 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 Canon Rex Davis
 Missa Sine Nomine (Hassler)
 St Matthew Passion (Lassus)
 Lift up your heads (Handel)
 King's Ceremonial March (Krippner)

Monday 25th March
Monday in Holy Week
 12.10pm Midday Prayer
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 26th March
Tuesday in Holy Week
 12.10pm Midday Prayer
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 27th March
Wednesday in Holy Week
 12.10pm Midday Prayer
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 28th March
Maundy Thursday
 12.10pm Midday Prayer
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Friday 22nd March
Good Friday
 10.00am Good Friday Liturgy
 2.30pm Vespers
 St Matthew Passion (J S Bach)
 (Admission by ticket only
 Box office: 01460 54660)

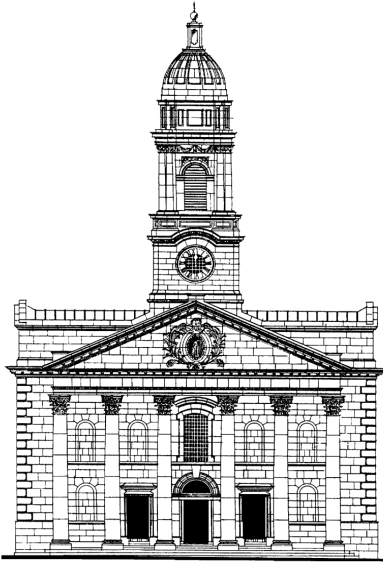
Sunday 31st March
EASTER DAY
 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & preacher:
 Canon Rex Davis
 Coronation Mass (Mozart)
 Hallelujah (Handel)
 Final from Symphony No 2 (Widor)

Monday 1st April
 Church closed

Tuesday 2nd April
Tuesday in Easter Week
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 3rd April
Wednesday in Easter Week
 12.10pm Midday Prayer
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 4th April
St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397
 12.10pm Midday Prayer



Services at St George's

March–June 2013 (continued)

Friday 5th April
Friday in Easter Week
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 7th April
The First Sunday after Easter
 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant: Canon Rex Davis
 Preacher: Peter Portal
 Missa Collegium Regale
 (Howells)
 Surgens Jesus (Philips)
 Finale Vivace (Widor)

Monday 8th April
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 12.10 Holy Communion

Tuesday 9th April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Wednesday 10th April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 11th April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Friday 12th April
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 14th April
The Second Sunday after Easter
 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 Canon Rex Davis
 Mass in F sharp minor (Widor)
 Geistliches Lied (Brahms)
 Improvisation (Krippner)

Monday 15th April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Tuesday 16th April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Wednesday 17th April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 18th April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Friday 19th April
St Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr 1012
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 21st April
St George's Patronal Festival
 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector
Missa Brevis (Grayston Ives)
My Soul there is a country (Parry)
Exsultate (Byan Kelly)

Monday 22nd April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Tuesday 23rd April
St George, Martyr, Patron of England c 304
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Wednesday 24th April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 25th April
St Mark the Evangelist
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Friday 26th April
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 28th April
Fourth Sunday after Easter
 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector
 Missa Brevis (Palestrina)
 Exsultate Deo (Palestrina)
 Fantasia in G (Bach)

Monday 29th April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Tuesday 30th April
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Wednesday 1st May
SS Philip & James, Apostle
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd May
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Friday 3rd May
The Invention of the Cross
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 5th May
Rogation Sunday
 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 followed by the Beating of the Bounds
 Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector
 Missa Ego Flos Campi (Padilla)
 Beati quorum via (Stanford)
 March on a theme of Handel
 (Guilmant)

Monday 6th May
St John the Evangelist ante Portam Latinam
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Tuesday 7th May
Rogation Day
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Wednesday 8th May
Rogation Day
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 9th May
ASCENSION DAY
 12.10pm Holy Communion

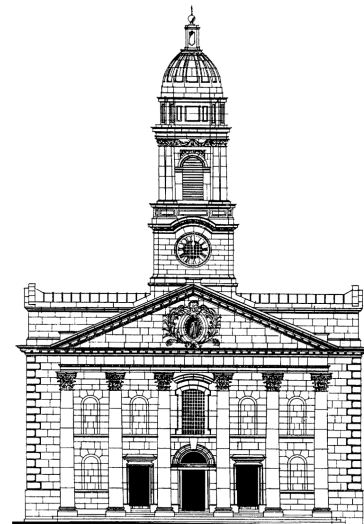
Friday 10th May
Rogation Day
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 12th May
Sunday after Ascension
 8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector
 Missa Ascendens Christi (Victoria)
 Ascendit Deus (Philips)
 Prelude in D (Bach)

Monday 13th May
 12.10pm MIDDAY PRAYER

Services at St George's

March—June 2013 (continued)



Tuesday 14th May
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 15th May
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 16th May
12.10pm Holy Communion

Friday 17th May
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 19th May
Whit Sunday
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector
Messe Solennelle (Vierne)
Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis)
Final from 1st Symphony (Vierne)

Monday 20th May
Monday in Whitsun Week
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 21st May
Tuesday in Witsun Week
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 22nd May
Ember Day
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd May
Ember Day
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Friday 24th May
Ember Day
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 26th May
Trinity Sunday
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector
Spatzen Messe (Mozart)
Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky)
Fugue in E flat (Bach)

Monday 27th May
The Venerable Bede,
Monk of Jarrow,
Scholar, Historian, 735
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 28th May
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 29th May
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 30th May
Corpus Christi
12.10pm Holy Communion

Friday 31st May
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd June
First Sunday after Trinity
(60th Anniversary of the Coronation)
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector
Stanford in B flat
Zadok the Priest (Handel)
Imperial March (Elgar)

Monday 3rd June
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 4th June
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 5th June
St Boniface of Crediton, Martyr 754
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 6th June
12.10pm Holy Communion

Friday 7th June
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 9th June
Second Sunday after Trinity
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector
Mass in E flat (Rheinberger)
Ave verum corpus (Elgar)
1st movement from
Sonata No 2 (Hindemith)

Monday 10th June
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 11th June
St Barnabas the Apostle
12.10pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 12th June
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 13th June
12.10pm Holy Communion

Friday 14th June
12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 16th June
Third Sunday after Trinity
8.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rector
Whitlock in G
The Lord hath been mindful of
us (S S Wesley)
Choral Song & Fugue
(S S Wesley)

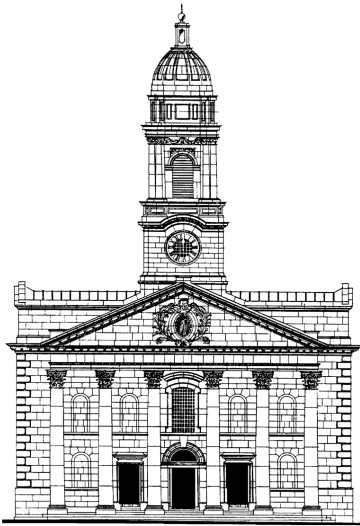
Monday 17th June
St Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c 250
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Tuesday 18th June
12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 19th June
12.10pm Midday Prayer
5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 20th June
Translation of St Edward,
King of the West Saxons, 979
12.10pm Holy Communion

Friday 21st June
12.10pm Holy Communion



Mayfair Organ Concerts
A weekly series of lunchtime concerts
at
The Grosvenor Chapel
&
St George's Church Hanover Square
Tuesdays 1.10-1.50pm

Sunday 23rd June
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist &
 Renewal of Marriage Vows
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 The Rector
 Missa Brevis in D (Mozart)
 Ubi caritas (Duruflé)
 Toccata from 5th Symphony
 (Widor)

Monday 24th June
The Nativity of John the Baptist
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 25th June
 12.10pm Midday Prayer

Wednesday 26th June
 12.10pm Midday Prayer
 5.45pm Holy Communion

Thursday 27th June
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Friday 28st June
St Peter the Apostle
(transferred)
 12.10pm Holy Communion

Sunday 30th June
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 The Rector
 Missa Aeterna Christi Munera
 (Palestrina)
 O sacrum convivium (Tallis)
 Carillon (Mathias)

Tuesday 5th March
St George's
 Andrew Benson-Wilson
Music by Scheidemann & Scheidt

Tuesday 12th March*
Grosvenor Chapel
 James Johnstone
Music by Bach, Pachelbel & Zachow

Tuesday 19th March*
St George's
 Richard Moore (St Paul's Cathedral)
*Music by Camidge, Grainger, Handel,
 Liddle, Purcell & Russell*

Tuesday 26th March*
Grosvenor Chapel
 Richard Hobson with
 Katy Cooper & Sarah Dacey (sopranos)
Passiontide music by Bach & Couperin

Tuesday 2nd April*
St George's
 Peter Holder (Westminster Abbey)
*Music by Andriessen, Guilmant, Handel
 & Scheidemann*

Tuesday 9th April*
Grosvenor Chapel
 Thomas Allery (Magdalen College,
 Oxford)
*Music by Bach, Buxtehude, Handel &
 Walther*

Tuesday 16th April*
St George's
 Robert Wooley (Royal College of Music)
*Toccatas, Variations and Fantasias by
 Jan Pieterszoon Sweelkinck*

Tuesday 23rd April
Grosvenor Chapel
 Joe Sentance (St Stephen, Walbrook)

**Concerts presented in association
 with the London Handel Festival**

Tuesday 30th April
St George's
 The Roden Boys Choir
 (Netherlands)
 Rintje te Wies (Director of Music)
 Sietze de Vries (organ)
*Music by Andriessen, Sweelinck,
 Manneke, de Klerk & Sietze de
 Vries*

Tuesday 7th May
Grosvenor Chapel
 Mario Duella (Portula, Italy)

Tuesday 14th May
St George's
 Gary Sieling (Bromley Parish
 Church)

Tuesday 21st May
Grosvenor Chapel
 Robin Walker
*Music by Purcell, Boyce, Stanley &
 Russell*

Tuesday 28th May
St George's
 To be announced

Tuesday 4th June
Grosvenor Chapel
 Richard Hobson &
 Moyra Montagu (oboe)

Tuesday 11th June
St George's
 To be announced

Tuesday 18th June
Grosvenor Chapel
 Andrew Smith (St Peter Eaton
 Square)

Tuesday 25th June
St George's
 Adrian Gunning (St John, Islington)

To mark the forthcoming 36th Annual London Handel Festival and the long association St. George's Church has had with the Festival, a screening of the acclaimed film of Handel's life

THE GREAT Mr. HANDEL

in association with The British Film Institute to benefit St. George's Organ Fund

Sunday, 3rd March, 2013 at 6.00pm

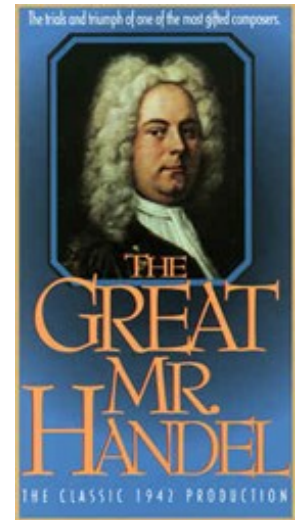
Doors open 5pm

Admission Free

(Retiring collection with a suggested minimum £5 donation)

Popcorn and refreshments will be available.

The screening will be preceded at 5.30pm by an organ medley played by Mr. Ronny Krippner (Assistant Director of Music at St George's) of tunes and popular music from the 1940s, with a Handelian flavour on the new Richards Fowkes organ.



Organ Improvisation Recital at St George's

Thursday 14th March at 6.30pm

Organ students from Birmingham Conservatoire and Trinity Laban Conservatoire London will combine their prodigious talents and improvise in concert, showcasing the new Richards Fowkes organ at St George's. All students are currently studying improvisation with Ronny Krippner, Assistant Director of Music at St George's, and the one-hour concert will include *ad hoc* music in various styles and on given themes: Baroque Preludes and Fugues, Passacaglias, Hymn Partitas as well as Variations on Gregorian Chants.

Admission: £5.00.

ST GEORGE'S CONCERT

Thursday 25th April 2013

Hosted by Martyn Lewis, this is a concert of wonderful music brought to you by the choir of St George's Church with support from The Royal British Legion's own Central Band as well as prose and poetry given by our celebrity guest readers including Sophie Thompson, Nichola McAuliffe and Tim Pigott-Smith. Followed by a champagne and canapés reception at the Lansdowne Club in Berkeley Square. Tickets are £35 for the concert only or £75 for the concert and reception.

Contact Rebecca Pride on 020 3207 2272 or rpride@britishlegion.org.uk for booking details.



2013 LONDON HANDEL FESTIVAL ST GEORGE'S HANOVER SQUARE & THE GROSVENOR CHAPEL

Monday 11th March
St George's
Lunchtime Recital
1.00-2.00pm
Alexander Sprague (tenor)
Music by Telemann, Purcell & Handel

Tuesday 12th March
Grosvenor Chapel
Mayfair Organ Concerts
1.10-1.50pm
James Johnstone (organ)

Thursday 14th March
St George's
Lunchtime Recital
1.00-2.00pm
Students from the Guildhall
School of Music & Drama
Music by Handel

Friday 15th March
St George's
Lunchtime Recital
1.00-2.00pm
Rebecca Ockenden (soprano)
& Sofie vanden Eynde (lute)
Music by Dowland & Ferrabosco

Saturday 16th March
Grosvenor Chapel
11.00am-5.30pm
Little Baroque Company
Sing Coronation Anthems

Monday 18th March
St George's
7.00pm
Classical Opera
Telemann Orpheus

Tuesday 19th March
St George's
Mayfair Organ Concerts
1.10-1.50pm
Richard Moore (organ)

Tuesday 19th March
6.00pm
St George's
7.00pm
Handel Singing Competition 2013
Semi-final

Wednesday 20th March
St George's
7.00pm
Handel Singing Competition 2012
Finalists' Showcase

Thursday 21st March
St George's
Lunchtime Concert
1.00-2.00pm
Trinity Laban Baroque Orchestra
Music by Handel, Biber, Vivaldi & Bach

7.00pm
La Nuova Musica
Handel Il Triofo del tempo e del disinganno

Friday 22nd March
St George's
Lunchtime Concert
1.00-2.00pm
Students of the RCM
Music by Handel, Corelli, Vivaldi & Geminiani

Tuesday 26th March
Grosvenor Chapel
Mayfair Organ Concerts
1.10-1.50pm
Music for Passiontide

Friday 29th March
St George's
2.30pm
Bach St Matthew Passion

Tuesday 2nd April
St George's
Mayfair Organ Concerts
1.10-1.50pm
Peter Holder (organ)

Thursday 4th April
St George's
Lunchtime Recital
1.00-2.00pm
Lucy Hall (soprano)
Handel arias & cantatas

Thursday 4th April
Grosvenor Chapel
7.00pm
Il Bacio & Syrinx
Music by Purcell, Draghi, Finger, Geminiani, Paisible & Handel

Friday 5th April
St George's
Lunchtime Recital
1.00-2.00pm
Anna Gorbachyova (soprano)
Music by Handel

7.00pm
London Handel Players
& Francis Colpron (recorder/flute)
Music by Telemann & Bach

Saturday 6th April
Grosvenor Chapel
4.00-9.00pm
Ensemble Serse
Hasse Lucio Papiro Dittatore

Monday 8th April
St George's
Lunchtime Recital
1.00-2.00pm
Raphaella Papadakis (soprano)
Music by Handel

Tuesday 9th April
Grosvenor Chapel
Mayfair Organ Concerts
1.10-1.50pm
Thomas Allery (organ)

Wednesday 10th April
St George's
Lunchtime Recital
1.00-2.00pm
Anna Starushkevych (mezzo-soprano)
Music by Handel, Bernasconi, Pergolesi & Vivaldi

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MISSIONARY MUSINGS

by the Revd Dr Richard M. Fermer
Priest-in-charge, Grosvenor Chapel



God's mission has a church, has an agent and this is our calling. Mission then becomes, alongside worship and prayer, something which is essential to the nature of what it is to be a follower of Christ.

In conclusion, both a proper understanding of the nature of mission and a facing up to our own social context and challenges should lead us to reflect more deeply on God's mission as it relates to the calling of our two churches here in Mayfair. A response to the challenges that face us would seem to come from an intensification of the Christian life and not its dumbing down. If we are ever to address the challenges, we need to be more authentically Christian, ever more people of the Bible, of deep prayer, of knowledge of the tradition, of social engagement, and not less so. At the same time, we need to become more flexible, to imagine Christian life outside the confines of what we have *learnt to expect* from our habitual Sunday service and pattern. We need to be prepared to step outside and plant the Christian message, which we are to embody in our lives, in unexpected places and to make the connections between those places - the workplace, the school, social groups and organisations - with our church. I look forward to working alongside you to help articulate our mission to Mayfair.

It is not an easy time to be part of an institutional church today. We all face our challenges, and although bricks and mortar, or how to pay for majestic organs, may loom large, they are not all from that source alone. It is a reality for both churches in this parish, St George's and the Chapel, that more people now come to our buildings for a wedding, a memorial service or a concert than for regular Sunday worship. We are faced with the fragmentation and frenzy of modern life, the rise of secularism/consumerism and the decline of institutional religion. It leaves us with a quite large gap or disconnect, between the committed church life of the core and what we can expect from those occasionally entering our churches. Over a third of the UK population no longer has any significant experience of the church; it is no longer an explicit part of their cultural baggage, despite the history. That means we cannot assume that people will just come to us or even if they do, that they will have any idea about what they are coming to or what is going on. So we find ourselves in this rather strange, uncomfortable space, a space that our churches have never before faced.

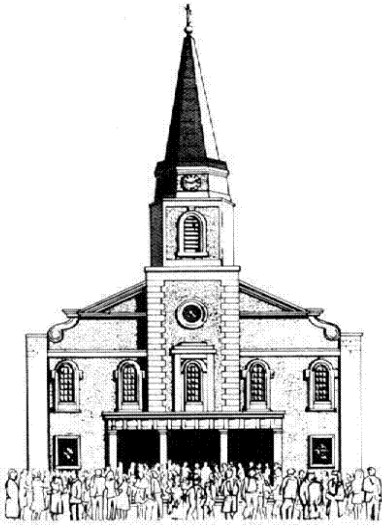
Some sociologists refer to this phenomenon as "Post-Christendom". Since Constantine, Christianity grew to hold a central place in western society, exercising, as it did, considerable power. Now it is increasingly gravitating to the margins, a place from which it emerged in the Early Church. The rector of St George's, for example, can no longer expect to be granted an audience with leaders of local business, when just forty years ago this would have been taken for granted. By the way, the thesis does not constitute a challenge to

the place of Christianity in the shaping of our culture and institutions in history.

The problem, however, is not just a changing world, it is also lies with our own perspective as church members. The missiologist and practitioner Alan Hirsch writes: "It is high time for us to dethrone Constantine; as far as matters of church go, it seems he is *still* the emperor of our imaginations." What Hirsch is trying to say is that although we may live in a "post-Christendom" land, our own thinking, as Christians is still decisively shaped by that paradigm. It is still the goal of most of our efforts. As Hirsch describes it:

"In the Christendom era the church perceived itself as central to society and hence operated in the *attractional* mode. In this, people *come to church* to hear the gospel, to be taught in the faith, and to partake of the sacraments." The problem is they are no longer coming, or more fairly, fewer and fewer are coming, despite the upbeat statistics of the Diocese of London.

A common error of Christians from institutional churches is to assume that mission is merely something unruly evangelicals do or is just another function or activity of the Church, coming somewhere on the bottom of our list. This manifests theological ignorance. Mission is first of all God's mission and is related to His very nature. *Missio*, which in Latin refers to "sending", has to do not merely with the sending of the Son and the Spirit by the Father, but also to God's inner being, that in Himself God is a communion bound in love. God's dynamic inner life flows out into creation and the redemption of the world. We, then, participate in God's mission, which is essentially the same thing as saying that we participate in His life. We have managed to get things back to front. Mission is not an instrument of the Church, rather *the* mission,



Services at the Grosvenor Chapel

March-June 2013

Friday 1st March
St David, Bishop of Menevia,
Patron of Wales, c 601
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 3rd March
Third Sunday of Lent
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
Mass for Five Voices (Byrd)
Civitas sancti tui (Byrd)

Monday 4th March
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 5th March
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 6th March
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 7th March
SS Perpetua & Felicity and
their Companions,
Martyrs at Carthage, 203
 8.00am Holy Communion
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 8th March
Edward King, Bp of Lincoln,
1910
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 10th March
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering (Rose) Sunday
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
Messe Basse (Fauré)
As truly as God is our Father
(Mathias)
Jesus Christus, unser Heiland
(Bach)

Monday 11th March
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 12th March
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 13th March
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 14th March
 8.00am Holy Communion
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 15th March
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 17th March
Fifth Sunday of Lent
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 The Revd Canon Alistair Macdonald-
 Radcliffe
Missa ave maris stella (Victoria)
Improperium (Lassus)

Monday 18th March
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 19th March
St Joseph of Nazareth
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 20th March
St Cuthbert, Bp of Lindisfarne,
Missionary 687
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 21st March, 1556
Thomas Cranmer,
Archbishop of Canterbury,
Reformation Martyr
 8.00am Holy Communion
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 22nd March
 12.30pm Daily Prayer
 7.00pm Pesach Meal with
 the community of St Thomas'
 Clapton Common
 Led by The Revd Dr Richard Fermer &
 The Revd William Campbell-Taylor

Sunday 24th March
Palm Sunday
 10.45am Blessing of Palms,
 Procession & Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant:
 The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
 Preacher: The Revd Alan Piggot
 Hosanna to the Son of David
 (Weelkes)
 St Matthew Passion (Victoria)
 Missa Brevis (Walton)
 Christus factus est (Bruckner)

Monday 25th March
Monday of Holy Week
 12.30pm Daily Prayer
 7.00pm Meditation for Holy Week

Tuesday 26th March
Tuesday of Holy Week
 12.30pm Daily Prayer
 7.00pm Meditation for Holy Week

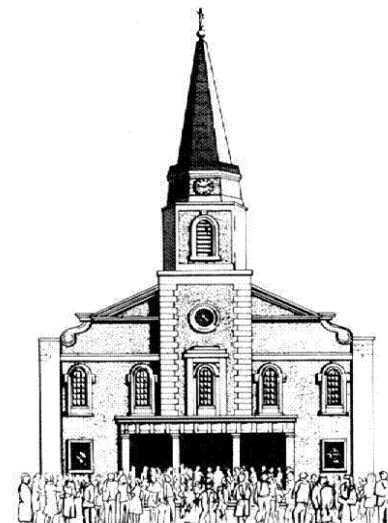
Wednesday 27th March
Wednesday of Holy Week
 12.30pm Daily Prayer
 7.00pm Meditation for Holy Week

Thursday 28th March
Maundy Thursday
 8.00am Holy Communion
 12.30pm Daily Prayer
 7.00pm Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant:
 The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
 Preacher: The Revd Dr Alan Piggot
Missa Quarti Toni (Victoria)
Gloria in C (Stanford)
Ubi Caritas (Durufle)
Love bade me welcome (Vaughan
Williams)
Ave verum corpus (Lassus)
The Lamentation of Jeremiah
(Tallis)

Friday 29th March
Good Friday
 1.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's passion
 St John Passion (Plainsong)
Crux Fidelis (John of Portugal)
The Reproaches (Sanders)
Steal away (Tippett)
O vos omnes (Gesualdo)

Services at the Grosvenor Chapel

March-June 2013 (continued)



Sunday 31st March

EASTER DAY

6.00am Dawn Mass of the Resurrection

11.00am Sung Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Vows (with orchestra)

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Richard Fermer

O sons & daughters (Walford Davies)

Coronation Mass K317 (Mozart)

Regina coeli K276 (Mozart)

Tuesday 2nd April

Tuesday of Easter Week

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 3rd April

Wednesday of Easter Week

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 4th April

Thursday of Easter Week

8.00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 5th April

Friday of Easter Week

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 7th April

Second Sunday of Easter

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Richard Fermer

With hymns & organ music

Monday 8th April

The Annunciation (transferred)

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 9th April

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 10th April

William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 11th April

8.00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 12th April

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 14th April

Third Sunday of Easter

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Richard Fermer

Missa Paschalis (Lassus)

Victimae paschal laudes (Byrd)

Christ ist erstanden BWV627 (Bach)

Monday 15th April

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 16th April

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 17th April

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 18th April

8.00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 19th April

Alphege, Archbp of Canterbury,

Martyr 1012

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 21st April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Richard Fermer

Missa Brevis (Grayston Ives)

Surrexit pastor bonus (Lassus)

Fanfare (Leighton)

Monday 22nd April

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 23rd April

St George, Martyr,

Patron of England

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 24th April

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 25th April

St Mark the Evangelist

8.00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 26th April

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 28th April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Visiting Celebrant & Preacher:

TBA

Spatzenmesse K220 (Mozart)

Cantate Domino (Mpdnteverdi)

Canzon post il commune

(Frescobaldi)

Monday 29th April

Catherine of Siena,

Teacher 1380

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 30th April

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 1st May

Ss Philip & James, Apostles

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 2nd May

St Athanasius, Bp of Alexandria,

Teacher 373

8.00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 3rd May

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 5th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Revd Dr Richard Fermer

Communion Service in F (Darke)

Greater Love (Ireland)

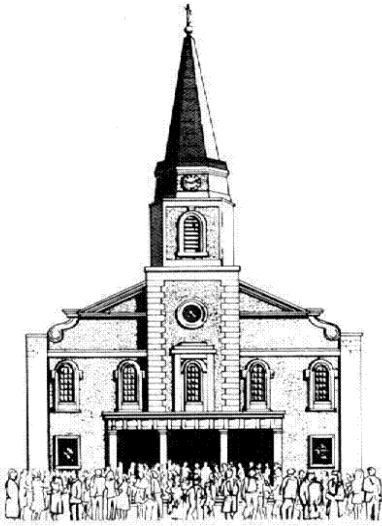
Festal Flourish (Jacob)

Monday 6th May

12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 7th May

12.30pm Daily Prayer



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March-June 2013 (continued)

Wednesday 8th May
Julian of Norwich
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 9th May
Ascension Day
 8.00am Holy Communion
 12.30pm Prayer during the day
 7.00pm Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
Missa O Rex gloriae
O God the King of glory (Purcell)
Voluntary X in G minor (Russell)

Friday 10th May
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 12th May
Sunday after Ascension
Formation Sunday
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant:
 The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
 Preacher: The Revd Dr Paul Avis
Missa O Rex Gloria (Marenzio)
O God, the King of glory (Purcell)
Voluntary X in G minor (Russell)

Monday 13th May
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 14th May
St Matthias the Apostle
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 15th May
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 16th May
 8.00am Holy Communion
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 17th May
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 19th May
Day of Pentecost
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
Missa Euge bone (Tye)
Loquebantur variis linguis (Tallis)
Komm, Heiliger Geist BWV651
(Bach)

Monday 20th May
Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of
Tours 804
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 21st May
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 22nd May
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 23rd May
 8.00am Holy Communion
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 24th May
John & Charles Wesley
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 26th May
Trinity Sunday
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
Missa Sanctae Nicolae (Haydn)
Hymn to the Cherubim
(Rachmaninov)
Fugue in E flat (Bach)

Monday 27th May
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 28th May
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 29th May
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 30th May
Corpus Christi
 8.00am Holy Communion
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 31st May
The Visitation
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 2nd June
First Sunday after Trinity
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
Mass in E major (Rheinberger)
O sacrum convivium (Messiaen)
Praeludium in D (Buxtehude)

Monday 3rd June
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 4th June
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 5th June
St Boniface of Crediton,
Apostle of Germany, Martyr 754
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 6th June
 8.00am Holy Communion
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 7th June
The Visitation
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 9th June
Second Sunday after Trinity
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
 Celebrant & Preacher:
 The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
Mass for five voices (Scarlatti)
Tibi laus, tibi Gloria (Phillips)
Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux (de
Grigny)

Monday 10th June
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 11th June
St Barnabas the Apostle
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 12th June
St Boniface the Apostle
 2.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 13th June
 8.00am Holy Communion
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 14th June
 12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 16th June
Third Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher:
The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
Missa Vidi seciosam (Victoria)
O God, thou art my God
(Purcell)
Voluntary on the Old 100th
(Purcell)

Monday 17th June
12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 18th June
12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 19th June
12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 20th June
8.00am Holy Communion
12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 21st June
12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 23rd June
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher:
The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
Missa Capella Regalis (Cesar)
Hear, O my Lord (Whitlock)
Carillon de Longpont (Vierne)

Monday 24th June
12.30pm Daily Prayer

Tuesday 25th June
12.30pm Daily Prayer

Wednesday 26th June
12.30pm Daily Prayer

Thursday 27th June
8.00am Holy Communion
12.30pm Daily Prayer

Friday 28th June
12.30pm Daily Prayer

Sunday 30th June
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Sung Eucharist
Celebrant & Preacher:
The Revd Dr Richard Fermer
Missa O soberana lux
(Magalhães)
Siderum rector (Byrd)
Tiento de 4° tono lleno
(Cabanilles)



Icon of the Three Holy Hierarchs (Ss Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian & John Chrysostom), one of a dozen Byzantine & Renaissance icons by Ivan Djidjev exhibited in St George's, Hanover Square between 27 February & 10 March 2013.

For further information: www.ivandjidjev.com

Sunday Concerts at St George's

Sunday 10th March 12.30–1.10pm

Richard Hobson (organ)

Music by Bruhns, Bach, Franck & John Cook



**2013 LONDON HANDEL FESTIVAL
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Thursday 11th April
St George's
7.00pm
Handel Singing Competition 2013
Final

Friday 12th April
St George's
7.00pm
Southbank Sinfonia Baroque
Music by Handel, Rameau,
Zelenka & Corelli

Tuesday 16th April
St George's
Mayfair Organ Concerts
1.10-1.50pm
Robert Wooley (organ)

7.00pm
London Handel Orchestra &
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***Christ Enthroned*, one of a dozen Byzantine &
Renaissance icons by Ivan Djidjev exhibited in St George's,
Hanover Square between 27 February & 10 March 2013.**

For further information: www.ivandjidjev.com

Saturday April 20th 3.30pm at Grosvenor Chapel

Organ Concert by

Margaret Phillips

Music by Bach, Dowland, Walond, Russell, Hindemith, Smart & Frederic Sixten.

Admission £8 (£5). Full programme on the Grosvenor Chapel website: www.grosvenorchapel.org.uk

This concert concludes the British Institute of Organ Studies Conference and AGM

Full details on the BIOS website: www.bios.org.uk

Hyde Park Place Estate Charity

HYDE PARK PLACE ESTATE CHARITY CIVIL TRUSTEES

The Hyde Park Place Estate Charity provides financial support for residents of Westminster who are vulnerable and needy and are referred by a variety of agencies. It also helps fund need based social action in the community.

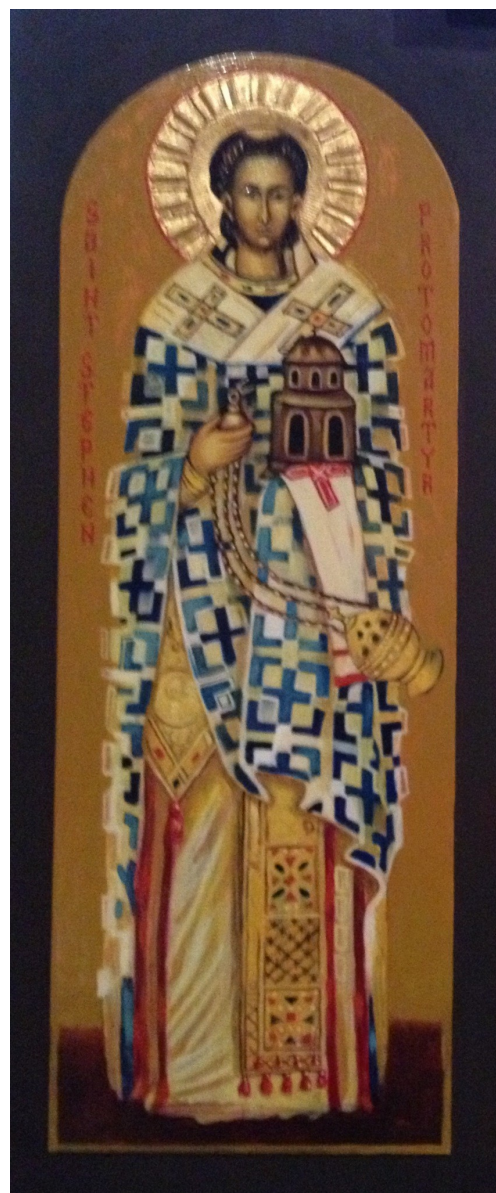
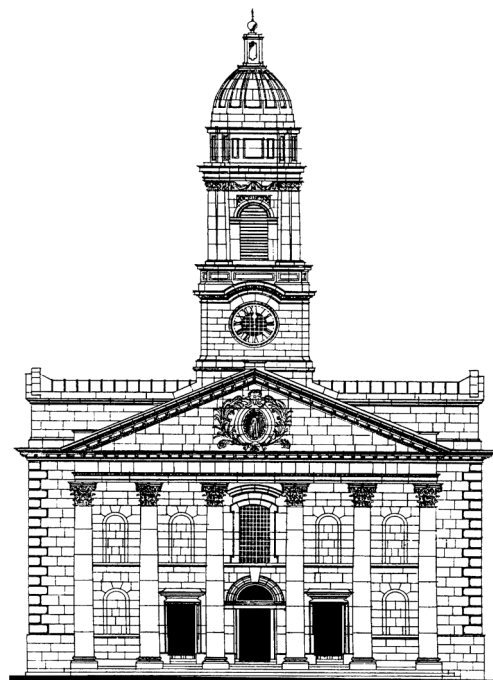
At their meeting on Wednesday 5th December 2012, the Civil Trustees of the Hyde Park Place Estate Charity awarded grants totalling £29,040 to the following organisations:

Depaul UK
Back to Work
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Central & Cecil Housing Trust
Westminster Befriend a Family
FareShare
Friends of the Elderly
Listening Books
Age Concern Westminster
Crisis UK
St George's School
St George's Hanover Square - Refreshment Coupon Scheme

Since this meeting, 32 further grants totalling £4,675 have been made under the small grants scheme.

The next meeting of the Civil Trustees will be held on Wednesday 5th June , and applications will need to be received by Friday 24th May in order to be considered. A further meeting will be held in September.

Shirley Vaughan
Clerk to the Trustees
Hyde Park Place Estate Charity
2A Mill Street
London W1S 1FX



St Stephen, one of a dozen Byzantine & Renaissance icons by Ivan Djidjev exhibited in St George's, Hanover Square between 27 February & 10 March 2013.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years parishes are obliged to prepare a new Electoral Roll. It is six years since this was last done so a new roll has now to be prepared in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 30th April.

The process is governed by the Church Representation Rules. Accordingly all those wishing to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether they are on the present Roll or not, are asked to apply for enrolment by completing the enrolment forms available from St George's Vestry or the Grosvenor Chapel Office and returning them to one or other of the addresses given below ***not later than Thursday 4th April***. The new Roll will be published and come into force the following day ie on Friday 5th April. Between that date and the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday 30th April 2013 no new names may be added! The list will be open again after the close of the APCM. Forms will also be sent out by post to everyone on the present roll.

Enrolment forms are available from and should be returned to:-

either

The Electoral Roll Officer, St George's Vestry, 2 A Mill Street, London W1S 1FX

or

The Electoral Roll Officer, Grosvenor Chapel, 24 South Audley Street, London W1K 2PA

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