

## Dates for February 2020

2nd	9.45am 6.30pm	All-Age Eucharist: Candlemas Evening Prayer
5th	10.00am	Christian Meditation
7th	7.30pm	Clapham Chamber Concerts 'Gem for String Trio'
9th	9.45am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist: 3rd Sunday Before Lent Evening Prayer
12th	10.00am	Christian Meditation
16th	9.45am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist: 2nd Sunday Before Lent 'Just Church' at St Paul's
19th	10.00am	Christian Meditation
22nd	2.00pm	Commemoration of Modern Martyrs at St George's Roman Catholic Cathedral
23rd	9.45am 6.30pm	Parish Eucharist: Sunday next before Lent Evening Prayer
26th	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday: Sung Eucharist with Ashing
28th	9.00am	Funeral of Joan Allinson

Mark your diaries:  
St Paul's Summer Fair 2020  
Saturday 13 June

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## St Paul's, Clapham

### February 2020 Newsletter

Paul's Players  
Presents

Shakespeare's  
*The Winter's Tale*

4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020  
At 7pm  
Doors open 6:30 pm

At St Paul's Church Hall

Special Guest Appearance  
ALEX KINGSTON

£10 ENTRY  
(with free drink)

TO RESERVE SEATS:  
email: admin@stpaulsclapham.org

It was Pope St John Paul II who coined twenty years ago the term 'ecumenism of blood' to describe the way in which all Christians could unite in the celebration of those whose testimony to the Gospel has meant they lost their lives, those we might call 'Modern Martyrs'.

Since my arrival at St Paul's I have hoped to help establish in London a tradition of commemorating contemporary witnesses to Christ in the manner to which I became accustomed in Rome. With the help of members of the Community of Sant'Egidio, Southwark's two cathedrals (Anglican and Catholic), and the participation and encouragement of representatives from a variety of denominations, the first such commemoration of modern martyrs will take place at St George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Southwark, on Saturday 22nd February at 2pm.

The service will be presided over by The Most Revd John Wilson, recently appointed Roman Catholic Archbishop of Southwark, and our own Bishop Christopher will also be present. The preacher will be His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, leader of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Great Britain and Ireland; Archbishop Angaelos is an incredibly charismatic preacher and a faithful and empathetic champion of the memory of the twenty one Coptic Christians murdered by members of Islamic State in Libya in February 2015. Amongst the recent Anglican voices for the gospel to be included in the commemoration will be Archbishop Janani Luwum, a victim of Idi Amin's terror in Uganda, and the members of the Melanesian Brotherhood killed in 2001 during a campaign for peace and reconciliation in the Solomon Islands.

I do hope that some members of St Paul's Church will be able to be present at the commemoration. To understand how a pure, simple and determined witness to Jesus Christ in the face of human danger can draw members of every Christian confession together is an important revelation and one that I really long to share with as many of my brothers and sisters, and especially those entrusted to my pastoral care, as possible. We are all brothers and sisters, adopted through grace, and washed in the blood of Christ - herein lies the truth and treasure of the 'ecumenism of blood', the price paid uniquely by Christ and witnessed to in the life found even in the deaths of our contemporary martyrs. May they be praised and praise God in eternity!

Fr Jonathan

## COMMEMORATION OF MODERN MARTYRS

SATURDAY  
22 FEBRUARY 2PM

ST GEORGE'S  
ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CATHEDRAL SOUTHWARK  
LAMBETH ROAD SE1 6HR



**Ash Wednesday**  
Eucharist with  
Ashing

## ST PAUL'S OPERA

**Masterclass with  
David Butt Philip**

Thursday 5 March  
7.30pm

Tickets are £10  
**[stpaulsopera.org](http://stpaulsopera.org)**

## Want to learn more about the Bible and Church History?

The below sessions are designed for those who have heard many sermons but would like to find out more about how the Bible they love came to be written and whether they can rely on it to shape their lives.

*Organised by the diocese of Southwark, the sessions are  
free of charge and open to all.*

Ground Floor Guide to the New Testament

Saturday 8 February 10am - 12.30pm

Ground Floor Guide to the Old Testament

Saturday 7 March 10am - 12.30pm

Two Thousand Years of Church History in 120 Minutes

Saturday 25 April 10am - 12.30pm

*At Trinity House, off Borough High Street*

Book in advance at [ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:ministryandtraining@southwark.anglican.org).