

TWENTY FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, 14 SEPTEMBER <i>Preacher: Fr Bill Scott</i> <i>Missa Crux Fidelis - Vivacnos</i>	StM StB StM StM StM	9am Low Mass 9.30am SUNG MASS 11am HIGH MASS 6pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction 7pm Low Mass
Monday 15 September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	StM	No morning Prayer/Mass 6pm Evening Prayer   6.30pm Low Mass
Tuesday 16 September <i>Ss Cornelius, Pp, and Cyprian, B, Mm</i>	StM StM	7.45am Morning Prayer   8am Low Mass 6pm Evening Prayer   6.30pm Low Mass
Wednesday 17 September <i>St Robert Bellarmine, B &amp; Dr</i>	StM StB StM	7.45am Morning Prayer   8am Low Mass 12.45pm Low Mass 6pm Evening Prayer   6.30pm Low Mass
Thursday 18 September <i>Feria</i>	StM StM	7.45am Morning Prayer   8am Low Mass 6pm Evening Prayer   6.30pm Low Mass
Friday 19 September <i>St Theodore of Canterbury, B</i>	StM StM	7.45am Morning Prayer   8am Low Mass 6pm Evening Prayer   6.30pm Low Mass
Saturday 20 September <i>Of our Lady</i>	StM StM	11am Morning Prayer 11.30am Low Mass
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 21 SEPTEMBER <i>Preacher: Fr Stuart Leamy</i> <i>Missa Gabriel Archangelos - Palestrina</i>	StM StB StM StM StM	9am Low Mass 9.30am SUNG MASS 11am HIGH MASS 6pm Solemn Evensong & Benediction 7pm Low Mass
<b>Friday 26 September   7.15pm Organ Recital at St Mary's by David Aprahamian Liddle in aid of the St Barnabas' Organ Restoration Fund.</b>		
<b>Sunday 5 October   The Celebrant &amp; Preacher at High Mass will be the Bishop of London</b>		
<b>Saturday 6 December   11am Confirmation with the Bishop of Fulham</b>		

The two Feasts of the Cross (the *Invention* and the *Exaltation* have been constants of the Calendar of the English Church from early times, both being maintained in various revisions of the Prayer Book. The *Invention* (May 3) follows the tradition that Emperor Constantine's mother, St Helena, discovered the True Cross in about 330; it is now ignored by both Rome and the Church of England. The *Exaltation* (September 14) continues to have the status of Feast. The St Mary's Relic, in its sumptuous Reliquary by Omar Ramsden, was probably given to Lord Halifax by the Cardinal Archbishop of Malines in the 1920s in recognition of his ecumenical efforts. Whether the tiny splinter inside is indeed a part of the True Cross is academic; it is a symbol and spur to prayerful meditation as it watches over the ashes of the faithful in the Columbarium.

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## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

### 14 September 2014

Welcome to St Mary's, especially if you are visiting us for the first time.  
Please join us for drinks after High Mass.

- ❖ The Order of High Mass with the Ordinary texts is provided in the High Mass booklet.
- ❖ The Propers (prayers, readings and verses) of the Mass are set out overleaf.
- ❖ The Hymns are found in The New English Hymnal.

- ❖ **Organ Recital** by David Aprahamian Liddle at St Mary's at 7.15pm on Friday 26 September to raise funds for the refurbishment of the organ at St Barnabas.
- ❖ Parish Passes for free entry to St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey can be borrowed from the church office.
- ❖ St Paul's Forum programme is available in the porch and on St Paul's Cathedral website.
- ❖ Copies of the Autumn Lecture Series at St Martin in the Fields are available in the porch.
- ❖ **Volunteers for Debt Counseling in Pimlico:** Fr Owen Higgs, vicar of St Gabriel's Pimlico, is organising a debt counselling service this autumn in the Parish House. Training will be provided (probably 2 one day sessions) and the service will be Government regulated. Please contact Fr Owen for details: owen.higgs930@btinternet.com
- ❖ **The Study Group is taking a break for the summer** and will next meet on Tuesday 7 October and then 4 November in the Presbytery, 7-9pm.  
Contact Amanda Wright [amanda@londonarttherapy.com](mailto:amanda@londonarttherapy.com)
- ❖ St Barnabas church will be open for London *Open House* & Ride and Stride over the weekend of 20 & 21 September.

THE INTERCESSIONS: *Of your charity please pray for the sick. Please continue to leave the names of the sick on the list at the entrance to church. Copies of the full list are available in the porch.*  
*Recently departed:* Timothy Thompson, pr.

*Anniversaries of death:* Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Sept Daisy Morris, Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Sept Astrid Rowsell, Thu 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Dennis Pearson Dalborg, Jill Perkins

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629 after it had been captured by the Persians; it also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where relics of the Cross were kept, in 335. The Feast celebrates the Cross, the instrument of our salvation, and is in many ways an extension of Good Friday. The Cross is a great and powerful sign of God's love for us – a love stronger than death – and also a daily reality in our lives: the only true path to holiness.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, thou Carpenter of Nazareth,  
who, at the last, through wood and nails,  
didst fashion for us man's whole salvation;  
wield well thy tools in us in this workshop of our lives,  
that we, who come rough-hewn to thy table,  
may, by thy hand, be fashioned to a fuller beauty  
for thy glory's sake.  
Amen.

HYMN ↪ *In the Cross of Christ I glory*

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INTROIT ↪ *Nos autem*

*Galatians 6*

But as for us, it behoveth us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection: by whom we were saved, and obtained our freedom. God be merciful unto us and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.

COLLECT

**O** GOD, WHO AS ON THIS DAY dost gladden us with the yearly festival of the Exaltation of thy Holy Cross: grant, we beseech thee, that we which on earth have known the mystery of the redemption which thou hast wrought for us, may be found worthy to receive the rewards thereof in heaven.

FIRST READING

*Numbers 21.7-9*

**I**N THOSE DAYS: The people came to Moses, and said: 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.' And Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said unto Moses: 'Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.' And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

GRADUAL ↪ *Christus factus est*

*Philippians 2*

Christ became obedient for our sakes unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him: and hath given him a name which is above every name.

EPISTLE

*Philippians 2.5-11*

**B**RETHREN: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a Name which is above every name: that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ALLELUIA ↪ *Dulce lignum*

Alleluia, alleluia. Sweetest wood, sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee: thou only wast counted worthy to sustain him who ruleth in the highest. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

*S<sup>t</sup> John 3.13-17*

**A**T THAT TIME: Jesus said unto Nicodemus: 'No man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.'

SERMON

*Fr Bill Scott*

CREED ↪ *De Angelis*

*p.15 of the High Mass booklet*

OFFERTORY MOTET

*Crux fidelis* ↪ *Alfred Desenclos*

*Crux fidelis, inter omnes arbor una nobilis: nulla silva talem profert, fronde, flore, germine. Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus sustinet. | Faithful cross, above all other, Only one and noble tree: None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be. Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on thee.*

HYMN ↪ *We sing the praise of him who died*

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**O**LORD OUR GOD, who dost suffer us to be fulfilled with the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom thou hast sanctified unto us the standard of the Cross: we humbly beseech thee, that like as we have been counted worthy to venerate that Cross, so we may in everlasting glory be made partakers of the saving benefits of the same.

COMMUNION ↪ *Per signum Crucis*

By the sign of the Cross deliver us from our enemies, O our God.

COMMUNION MOTET

*Salvator mundi I* ↪ *Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585*

*Salvator mundi, salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos, auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster. | O Saviour of the world, save us, who by thy cross and blood hast redeemed us, help us, we pray thee, O Lord our God.*

POSTCOMMUNION

**A**SSIST US MERCIFULLY, O LORD OUR GOD: that we whom thou dost suffer to rejoice in Honouring the Holy Cross, may be defended by the perpetual succour of the same.