



Weekly Bulletin

December 9th 2018 Advent 2

*Welcome to St Marylebone Parish Church
Please switch your mobile telephone to silent*

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

BCP Holy Communion: p. 237

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Jack Noble

11.00 am CHORAL EUCHARIST

CW(1) Traditional

Celebrant: The Revd Stephen Evans

Organ Voluntary: Buxtehude, *Passacaglia in D Minor*

BuxWV 161

Mass Setting: Byrd, *Mass a 5*

Processional Hymn: 5

Please sit for Kyries and stand for the Collect

The Gathering and sending out of Young Church

Reading: Baruch 5.1-9 *read by Helen Fospero*

Gradual Anthem: Naylor, *Vox dicentis*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

Preacher: The Revd Stephen Evans

After the Peace

Offertory Hymn: 9

Please kneel or sit whilst the choir sings Sanctus and Benedictus. If you are a baptised Christian and are used to receiving the bread and wine at Communion, you are welcome to do so today. During Communion the choir sings Agnus Dei.

Communion: Gibbons, *This is the record of John*

Post Communion Hymn: 8 (128ii)

Organ Voluntary: J.S Bach, *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*
BWV 661

Gluten free: *Communicants who would prefer a gluten-free wafer should ask a sidesman for a gluten free ticket on arrival at the Church to display at the altar rail when taking communion.*

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JUNIOR CHOIR rehearses on Sundays in the parish church, gathering in the choir stalls at 12.30pm after the service. We are now recruiting singers between the age of 8 and 18. For further information please contact our Assistant Director of Music, Jamie, on asstdirectorofmusic@stmarylebone.org

YOUNG CHURCH gathers after the Collect at the foot of the choir steps before proceeding to the Crypt for their teaching; they re-join the congregation for Communion. Parents with babies and younger children may use the Browning Room, where a speaker relays the service. Children must be accompanied to or from the Browning Room and must never be left unattended.

Collect of the Week:

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer:

Heavenly Father, who didst send thy Son to redeem the world and wilt send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he shall come again, we may be found ready to greet him with joyful love and steadfast faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MUSIC NOTES

William Byrd (1543-1623), Organist of Lincoln Cathedral and Gentleman of the Chapel Royal, is arguably the most significant English church musician of his day. The quality of his vocal music is second to none, and as significant is his establishment of a truly English style of instrumental writing. Perhaps it is for these reasons that his Roman Catholicism was at least partially tolerated, although he and his wife were not without their share of trouble from the authorities. Much of the fine Latin music he composed was for private, illegal services, at which Byrd was often present. The *Mass for Five Voices* sees each line of the text is set expressively, the imitative phrases sculpted to the stresses and meaning of the words. Especially beautiful is the building up of parts in the *Agnus Dei*, creating an ever more impassioned plea for God's mercy.

Edward Woodall Naylor (1867 - 1934) was the son of John Naylor who had been organist of York Minster. He studied at Emmanuel College, Cambridge where he gained a choral scholarship, and at the Royal College of Music from 1888 to 1892. After spending eight years as organist of two London churches he returned to Cambridge where he became both the assistant master at the Leys School and organist of Emmanuel College. It was during his time in Cambridge that Naylor wrote the majority of his choral works. In the anthem *Vox Dicentis* - the voice crying in the wilderness - there are several contrasting sections, of which the last, featuring two soloists, uses the text 'He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; and he shall gather the lambs with his arm' also set by Handel in *The Messiah*.

Translation:

Hark a voice is calling, is calling; Hark, 'tis calling!

Flesh shall fail and perish, and all the glory of man shall fall as a flower of the field.

Man is withered as the grass; as the grass is dried up, so the flower must fall.

Howbeit, now the word of God the Lord standeth, everlasting; stands forever.

Up the heights of the mountains ascending now, give this message unto Zion;

Lift up thy voice with strength, be thou not afraid:

'Good tidings, good tidings!' Say to the cities of Judah,

'See the Monarch, see the Ruler, it is God is with us.'

See the Godhead, God is with us!

See Him! See Him! God the King of the earth and the heavens is coming with strength to us.

His arm shall defeat all of His enemies;

His reward is with Him, His work is before Him:

Mercy and truth shall go before Him.

As a shepherd leads his flock He leads them (as a shepherd),

And gathers the lambs so gently in His bosom (as a shepherd):

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,

He shall gather them gently in His bosom ('Tis the Godhead with us') like a shepherd;

Leads them; feeds them.

This is the record of John is a classic example of the English verse anthem – where a solo voice alternates with chorus sections. **Orlando Gibbons** (1583-1625) was a chorister at King's College, Cambridge, and later worked at the Chapel Royal and as Organist of Westminster Abbey.

SERVICES NEXT WEEKEND**SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER 2018****ADVENT 3****8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION**Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rector**11.00 am CHORAL EUCHARIST
AND YOUNG CHURCH NATIVITY**

Celebrant: The Chaplain

**6 pm The Marylebone Village Service of
IX LESSONS & CAROLS**

followed by hot chocolate & Sachertorte served by Fisher's, and mulled wine in the Crypt

Noticeboard

Beer & Carols: Join a few members of the choir of the Parish Church singing carols and having a drink at The Prince Regent, Marylebone High Street, from **8.30pm on Friday 14th December**. For more details see Fr Jack.

Earlier, at **6pm** the same day, members of the Junior Choir and friends will be singing carols on Marylebone High Street. For more details on this please contact Jamie on asstdirectorofmusic@stmarylebone.org

Open Door Christmas Lunch will be taking place on **Tuesday December 11th at 1pm** in the Undercroft. If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office.

Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Services at the Parish Church: A full list of all services and carol concerts over the festive season is available on the website as are leaflets at the back of the parish church. The parish church is the venue for a number of star-studded charity carol concerts and we are delighted that Fischer's has again offered to serve hot chocolate and Sachertorte after the service of IX Festivals and Carols at 6 pm on Sunday 16th December.

129th Annual Commemoration of the Death of Robert Browning: The annual lecture, wreath laying in Poets' Corner and reception - all following Choral Evensong in Westminster Abbey will take place on **Friday 14th December**. Seats will be reserved in the Abbey's Choir and in Poets' Corner for those who wish to attend. Tickets for the Reception (to be held in nearby Dartmouth Street) can be purchased from the Secretary to The Browning Society, jsmith2847@aol.com, or from the parish office, parishoffice@stmarylebone.org

Coffee rota: There are still a few gaps on the rota to serve refreshments after the Sunday Choral Eucharist. Please do sign up to help if you can. The list is in the Browning Room.

Christmas Cards are on sale after the 11am service on Sunday mornings. If you are able to volunteer for just half an hour to sell them at the back of the church straight after the service, please sign the sheet in the Browning Room. The cards are also available to buy during the week if you come to the parish office, or you can email parishoffice@stmarylebone.org or telephone: 020 7935 7315.

R E Wells' Painting: A signed and numbered authorised limited edition print of the parish church from York Gate hanging in the Browning Room is now on sale at a price of £100.00. If you would like a copy please contact parishoffice@stmarylebone.org The print measures 495mm square, is printed on silk vinyl and is unframed with white borders. Greetings cards are now on sale at £5 for packs of 5 cards.

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Music for the Moment: The next concert by students of the Royal Academy of Music will take place on **Friday 11th January 2019** at St Marylebone Parish Church. Refreshments will be served from 2.30pm by students from the St Marylebone CE School and the concert will start at 3pm. These free concerts are devised with those living with dementia and their carers in mind but all are welcome.

The 2019 Organ Recital Series begins at the parish church on Sunday 3rd February 2019 at 4pm. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

Open Door is an informal gathering over tea and coffee which provides an opportunity for Christian fellowship and discussion. The next meeting of the group will take place on **Tuesday December 11th from 2.30-4pm**. Dates of 2019 meetings are available on the website or from the Parish Office. The Open Door Christmas Lunch will take place the same day, start time **1pm**, in the Undercroft.

Coffee Morning AgeUK and St Marylebone Parish Church: The next meeting of this monthly coffee morning will take place on **Thursday 17th January, 10am-12pm** in the Undercroft. These meetings take place every third Thursday of the month and provide an opportunity to chat, get advice from AgeUK, take part in activities and listen to guest speakers, all whilst enjoying tea and cake.

Crypt Art Exhibition: The current Contemporary British Painting exhibition in the Crypt Hall is entitled "*New Painting*", and will be on display until 17th January. The Crypt Hall is often occupied for meetings so please check with Parish Office (020 7935 7315) before planning your visit.

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WEEKLY SERVICES & PRAYERS

All services take place in the Crypt Chapels

Holy Eucharist – Wednesday at 1.10 pm and Friday at 9.30 am

Morning Prayer – Monday to Wednesday at 9.30 am

Evening Prayer – Monday to Wednesday and Friday at 5 pm