



# Weekly Bulletin

September 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 Trinity 12 /  
Browning Sunday

St Marylebone Changing Lives for 900 years

*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:** Sweelink, *Unter der Linden grüne*

**Mass Setting:** Vaughan-Williams, *Mass in G minor*

**Processional Hymn:** 232

*Please sit for Gloria and stand for the Collect*

**Reading:** Deuteronomy 30.15-20 read by Leanne George

**Gradual:** Grahl, *How do I love thee*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel:** Luke 14.25-33

**A Presentation for Browning Sunday:**

with Helen Fospero, Peter Wight, Neil Stuke and Nick Barber

*After the Peace*

**Offertory Hymn:** 336

*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:** Elgar, *Sabbath Morning at Sea* (Sea Pictures)

**Post Communion Hymn:** 235

**Organ Voluntary:** Bach, *Prelude and Fugue in C major BWV 547*

### Collect of the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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.

**Large print editions** of the *Weekly Bulletin*, *Order of Service* and the *Hymnal* are available from the Sidesmen.

**Giving:** We have a contactless payment donation box in which you can donate cash or make a debit payment of £5, £10, £15 or £20, or multiples thereof.

It costs £4500.00 a day to keep St Marylebone Parish Church open. Please be generous in your giving. If you pay tax in the UK please use a yellow envelope. You can also give by text and by debit card swipe. **To donate £5 by text, text SMPC001 to 70970; to donate £10, text SMPC001 to 70191.**

**JUNIOR CHOIR** is on a summer break until 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**YOUNG CHURCH** resumes today and 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. Please fill out a slip and put it in the Prayer and Registration Box.

### Post Communion Prayer:

Merciful God, who in this holy sacrament hast put away our sins and given us thy healing; grant that, as we are made whole in Christ, so we may bring thy healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## MUSIC NOTES

Written in 1920/21, **Vaughan-Williams'** *Mass in G minor* is scored for double choir and four soloists. Dedicated to Gustav Holst, and first performed by Holst's Whitsuntide Singers in Birmingham Symphony Hall in 1922, this work was also taken up by R.R. Terry and the choir of Westminster Cathedral, who gave the first liturgical performance. The unaccompanied vocal writing is infused with Vaughan Williams' characteristic folk-like modality. The music alternates sonorous passages of homophony with dancing counterpoint, and takes full advantage of the possibilities offered by its rich scoring. In the Gloria we can perceive the earlier polyphonic style of Josquin and Dufay contrasting with the rich textures and harmonies expected of Russian choral music of the time. The opening of the Sanctus calls to mind Vaughan Williams' Pastoral Symphony with its oscillating chords at the opening and contrasts with the Ländler-like feel that the Hosanna creates. The Agnus Dei encapsulates almost all of these devices resulting in an extraordinarily powerful conclusion. The success of the Mass in G minor as a liturgical work in post-war Britain, is best summed up in Terry's own words to Vaughan Williams: 'I'm quite sincere when I say that it is the work one has all along been waiting for. In your individual and modern idiom you have really captured the old liturgical spirit and atmosphere.'

Former Director of Music at St Marylebone **Steven Grahl** (b. 1979) is now Organist and Director of Music at Peterborough Cathedral. He wrote this setting of Elizabeth Barrett-Browning's words to mark the bicentenary of the birth of Robert Browning. It was first performed by the choir of St Marylebone Parish Church on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**Edward Elgar's** (1857-1934) *Sea Pictures* was premiered in 1899 by the legendary contralto Clara Butt. In these songs we find the composers genius as an oratorio composer with sensitivity to the text and rich orchestral colours. The third song of the cycle *Sabbath Morning at Sea* sets a poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning (first published in 1839). On board a solitary vessel, the voice (today sung by one of St Marylebone's consummate sopranis, Amanda Pitt) humbly contrasts the untroubled sky with the turbulent sea; turning then to God, who created both sea and sky, as well as man.

Text:

*The ship went on with solemn face;  
To meet the darkness on the deep,  
The solemn ship went onward.  
I bowed down weary in the place;  
For parting tears and present sleep  
Had weighed mine eyelids downward.*

*The new sight, the new wondrous sight!  
The waters around me, turbulent,  
The skies, impassive o'er me,  
Calm in a moonless, sunless light,  
As glorified by even the intent  
Of holding the day glory!*

*Love me, sweet friends, this Sabbath day.  
The sea sings round me while ye roll  
Afar the hymn, unaltered,  
And kneel, where once I knelt to pray,  
And bless me deeper in your soul  
Because your voice has faltered.*

*And though this sabbath comes to me  
Without the stolèd minister,  
And chanting congregation,  
God's Spirit shall give comfort. He  
Who brooded soft on waters drear,  
Creator on creation.*

*He shall assist me to look higher,  
He shall assist me to look higher,  
Where keep the saints, with harp and song,  
An endless endless sabbath morning,  
An endless sabbath morning,  
And, on that sea commixed with fire,  
And that sea commixed with fire,  
Oft drop their eyelids raised too long  
To the full Godhead's burning.  
The full Godhead's burning.*

**SERVICES NEXT WEEKEND    SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**TRINITY 13**

**8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant & Preacher:  
The Revd Stephen Evans

**11.00 am CHORAL EUCHARIST with Baptism**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Jack Noble  
Readings: 1 Tim 1.12-17 and Luke 15.1-10

**Noticeboard**

**Browning Sunday 2019:** Today we keep our annual commemoration of the marriage here of poets Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett (12th September 1846). The presentation about the poets during the 11am service will be followed by a two-course lunch for those who have pre-booked. If you haven't booked the lunch, please do come along to the afternoon events including an afternoon lecture by Dr Simon Avery entitled "Elizabeth Barrett Browning & the Anti-Slavery Cause". The afternoon will finish with tea and cake.

**Young Church Picnic:** after the 11am Eucharist today if weather permits.

**Open House Weekend:** St Marylebone Parish Church will be opening its doors as part of Open House London on the **21st and 22nd September**. We will be providing guided tours, including behind the scenes and the Healing and Counselling Centre at the following times:

Sat 21st – 1pm and 3pm,

Sun 22nd – 1.30 and 3.30pm

Spaces are limited so if you would like to book a place please contact Ginny Walton [activity@stmarylebone.org](mailto:activity@stmarylebone.org) There is a sign-up sheet in the Browning Room for volunteers to help out on either day with welcoming guests and selling merchandise. If you have never had a tour of the building or roof, why not come along and find out about your parish church?

**Harvest Thanksgiving:** we shall be giving thanks for the harvest on **Sunday 29th September**. Gifts of tinned foods, fresh fruit and vegetables and toiletries (unopened) are most welcome and will be donated to the Church Army's Marylebone Project.

**Silver Sunday:** Join us on **October 6<sup>th</sup>** for an afternoon Music Hall performance from The Players Theatre Club to celebrate Westminster's older residents from 1.30 – 3.30 pm. This event is free and refreshments will be provided but please contact Ginny Walton [activities@stmarylebone.org](mailto:activities@stmarylebone.org) 0207 563 1389 to book your place or for more information.

**Music for the Moment:** The next concert by students of the Royal Academy of Music will take place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019** at St Marylebone Parish Church, with a performance by Sally Palmer, flautist. 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** continues at the parish church on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm with a recital by Chris Paraskevopoulos (German Church of Athens). Admission is free with a retiring collection.

**Open Door** is an informal gathering over tea and coffee which provides an opportunity for fellowship and discussion. The group will meet again on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 2.30-4pm**. Dates of all Open Door 2019 meetings are available on the website or from the Parish Office. Meetings take place in the Undercroft, in the Crypt.

**AgeUk Tea & Chat afternoons:** Every third Thursday of the month, 2 - 4pm. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September** with musicians from the Royal Academy of Music.

**Oscar & George On Film:** Starting soon a series of six films will be screened at 7pm in the Crypt featuring the works of Oscar Wilde and George Bernard Shaw with introductions by Professor Paul Loosley. Tickets £5 each film or £25 for all 6 screenings can be obtained on the door or via the parish office, telephone: 020 7935 7315, email: parishoffice@stmarylebone.org More details available on the website. All proceeds are for the Roof Appeal. Please sign the list in the Browning Rm if you are intending to come along.

10th September George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*

24th September Oscar Wilde's *An Ideal Husband*

8th October George Bernard Shaw's *Major Barbara*

22nd October Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan*

5th November George Bernard Shaw's *Saint Joan*

19th November Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*

**Katyuli Lloyd Exhibition, *Flush*:** An exhibition and sale of prints. *Flush*, written by Virginia Woolf, tells the story of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's cocker spaniel and is told, for the most part, from the point of view of the dog. Katyuli Lloyd's delightful illustrations are now on view in the Crypt Hall until Sunday 22nd September. Please check with the parish office on 020 7935 7315 before planning your visit because the Crypt Hall is sometimes occupied for meetings. All prints are for sale.

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*If you would like a visit at home or in hospital or wish to speak to a members of the team, please contact the parish office to arrange a time with Fr Stephen or Fr Jack.*

### **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

St Marylebone Parish Church is committed to safeguarding all people. If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child or adult at risk please speak to our Safeguarding Officer, Will Everitt, (02079357315).