

Beyond the Darkness



A service to commemorate the life of
Mary Ann Nichols
26th August 1845-31st August 1888

St Bride's Church

Sunday 26th August 2018 at 5.30pm



Rector

The Reverend Canon Dr Alison Joyce

Director of Music

Robert Jones

Organist

Matthew Morley

Welcome to this special service of hymns, readings, and choral music, at which we shall be commemorating the life of Mary Ann ('Polly') Nichols (1845-1888), and also remembering vulnerable women in London today who, like her, are affected by sexual exploitation.

Mary Ann Nichols was the first known victim of the unknown Victorian serial killer popularly known as 'Jack the Ripper'. Polly was born in St Bride's parish, and was married in this church. On this, the 173rd anniversary of her birth, we shall be remembering her life, and telling her story, rather than focussing on her killer and the details of her tragic death.

All the hymns at this service were written during the course of the adult life of 'Polly' Nichols, and would have been sung at St Bride's during that time. Our choral music includes modern works by contemporary composers from Eastern Europe: the context from which many vulnerable women in London today have come.

After the service there will be a retiring collection to support the work of 'Beyond the Streets', an organisation that works with women affected by sexual exploitation today.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT
DURING THIS SERVICE
IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**

Introit (*Please remain seated*)

Ubi Caritas – Duruflé

Welcome and Introduction

The Rector

Please Stand

Processional Hymn (1868)

**The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction, grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.**

Tune: Dominus Regit Me by J B Dykes 1823-76
Words: HW Baker 1821-77

Please sit

First Reading

Matthew 25: 1-35

Anthem

Magnificat in G – Stanford

Second Reading

Setting the scene: London in the time of Mary Ann Nichols

Anthem

Only in Sleep – Esenvalds

Address

Mary Ann Nichols: Her Story

Please stand

Hymn (1872)

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**

**drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

**breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!**

Tune: Repton by C H H Parry 1848–1918
Words: J Whittier 1807–92

Please sit

Second Address

Vulnerable women, then and now, and the work of ‘Beyond the Streets’, read by the Revd Andrew Richardson of St Botolph’s, Aldgate.

(Throughout its history, St Botolph Without Aldgate has served an area often defined by poverty, and ministered to those caught up in cycles of prostitution, homelessness and violence. It was close to St Botolph’s that Catherine Eddowes was murdered 130 years ago this September.)

Please remain seated

Anthem

Sacred love – Sviridov

An Act of Commemoration

During the anthem three candles, will be lit,
to represent:

- Mary Ann Nichols
- Other women in Victorian London who shared her fate
- Women affected by sexual exploitation in London today

Prayers

Please stand

Hymn (1874)

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord: thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

The Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude 'O traurigkeit, O hertzeleid' – Ethel Smyth
1858 – 1944

**There will be a retiring collection
to support the work of 'Beyond the Streets'**

**Please join us for refreshments
at the back of church**

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Mary Ann Nichols
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Sunday Music at St Bride's

2nd Sep **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Choral Eucharist

11am

Setting: *Missa Aeterna Christi munera* – Palestrina

Canticle: *Jubilate from Second Service* – Gibbons

Anthem: *Adolescentulus sum ego* – Mundy

5:30pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses: Sanders

Psalm: 119: 1–16

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service* – Jack Oades

Anthem: *My beloved spake* – Hadley

Notices

Our Ministry of Welcome!

We would like to hear from you if you are able to assist at our services and events.

For weekday services please email peter@ashcommunications.com.

For weddings please email robin.turner@stbrides.com.

Wednesday 5th September 11:30am

Thanksgiving Service

Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde

Saturday 8th September 4:00pm

Wedding Service

Christabel Beeson and Edward Hart

Wednesday 12th September 3:00pm

Thanksgiving Service

John Nix

Saturday 15th September 3:30pm

Wedding Service

Audrey Falkner and Joseph MacCaw

Thursday 20th September 11:30am

Thanksgiving Service

Steve Rose

Saturday 29th September 3:00pm

Wedding Service

Elizabeth Pianca and Alistair Weir

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

INSPIRE! SUNDAY: 23RD SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 11AM A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION FOR ST BRIDE'S!

On 23rd September we warmly invite you to a very special service where we are once again taking a risk on democracy and inviting you to vote for your four favourite hymns: the winning four will be sung at that service. So do please come along - bring your friends - marvel at the wonders of our beautiful Wren building - enjoy a wonderful act of worship - and raise a glass to St Bride's afterwards!

To nominate your four favourite hymns, fill in a voting form available from the back of church (hand it in at the office when completed), or email your choices to claire.seaton@stbrides.com by 16th September.



'Everything you always wanted to know about the Christian faith, but were afraid to ask ...!'

The Rector is planning to run another 'Christian Basics' course early in September (dates and times still to be arranged, but it is likely to be on a weekday evening), which is designed for anyone who wants to know more about the Christian faith, or is feeling in need of a refresher course - and which will also serve as confirmation preparation for any of you who might be interested in being Confirmed at the service at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 3rd November at 5pm.

The only rule is that there is no such thing as a stupid question!

If you are interested in taking part, or would like to know more, please speak to Alison, or email her on alison.joyce@stbrides.com.

Help needed! Inspire! Service

On the 23rd of September we are holding our annual Inspire! Service. We would like to showcase some of the groups that work within the church through a slideshow. If anyone has a monitor or large TV with an HDMI input that we might be able to use for the service please contact Claire on Claire@stbrides.com

Sunday 9th September

For those of you who were unable to join us for the special 'Deepening Discipleship' service in June, there will be a second chance to reflect on its themes at our 5:30pm Evensong on Sunday 9th September, followed by drinks (in the Rectory garden, if fine).

In Christian discipleship, receiving and giving are integrally linked. We receive God's gifts in abundance – how can we respond generously and graciously?

This will be a chance for you to:

- Reflect on your **discipleship** and how you express it in your life.
- Learn more about the **challenges** we face as a church.
- Find out how we can **plan** for our future and continue to **grow** as a community of love and service.
- **Discover** how you can all help to make that happen.

We hope very much that you will be able to join us.

It would be helpful to know numbers to please rsvp to :
claire.seaton@stbrides.com

Welcome to St Bride's Church

Services & Events This Week

WELCOME!
BIENVENIDO!
BIENVENUE!
WILLKOMMEN!

27th August to 2nd September

WEEKDAY OPENING TIMES

CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Tuesday to Friday from 8am–6pm

Saturday 10am – 3:30pm

The Crypt Museum and Chapels are open when the Church is open

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday to Friday at 8:15am

Morning Prayer in the Crypt Chapel

SPACE FOR SILENCE

St Bride's church provides a space for silence **between 5 and 6pm**, from Tuesday to Friday, a sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of Fleet Street and the City of London.

Wednesday at 1:15pm

Holy Communion

in the Crypt Chapel

GUIDED TOUR

Tuesday at 2:15pm

Includes the Charnel House

Admission £6. No booking needed!

SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

11am Choral Eucharist

5:30pm Choral Evensong

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