

28 APRIL 2024

Dear Friends

ANZAC Commemoration will take place on Sunday at the Military Cemetery in Parco Trenno at 9.15 after which the Rev'd Katharine Rumens will lead our Eucharist at 10.30, her last service during this visit, and we thank her very much for her help.

We also owe a big thank you to all who helped out in Design Week. The wisteria wall and south wall have both been repaired, courtesy of a donation by the exhibitor our church has been visited by new people – we may see new faces in the future.

On Saturday the church commemorates Christina Rossetti, the poet who gave us "in the bleak midwinter", and much more.

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*"I am the true vine" – John 15:1
Angelos Akotantos – tempera on wood*

Feast day of St Mark the Evangelist

St Mark's feast day is on Friday 25 April. St Mark's gospel is the earliest of our gospels, which starts with the remarkable claim it is "The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God..."

St Mark is buried in the Basilica di San Marco in Venice, his body having been "liberated" from Alexandria, where he was first interned, having founded the Church of Alexandria around 49 A.D., from whence sprang the Coptic Church, the Greek Orthodox Church, and the Coptic Catholic Church.

Mark's gospel is the shortest of our gospels, with much of his writings being reflected in Luke and Matthew, together with some additional material. This has led scholars to speculate that Mark was one of two sources of the other two synoptic gospels, together with a second lost source, known as "Q".



Donatello's sculpture of St Mark – La Chiesa di Orsanmichele, Firenze



English Theatre Milan

This week we have two English language theatre productions to bring to your attention.

An English Language performance of 'Picasso - La Monstre Sacré' is being staged in the beautiful Filodrammatici theatre next Tuesday 30th April at 8.00 -9.00pm. Details are available [here](#).

An abridged version of The Tempest using modernised English is being staged at our church on 4 May at 8pm. More information is [here](#), and bookings can made through email [here](#).

Global news

Our sister church, the [Church of the Ascension](#), reopens on Lake Como on 5 May, with a 10.30 Eucharist, followed by their AGM and the option of lunch afterwards.

The [ACDI \(Associazione Chiesa d'Inghilterra\) website](#) is back online. And congratulations to Julia Holden, the new Secretary of ACDI. More on this, and the 8/1000, in later editions.

Pastoral care

For pastoral care during the coming week, please telephone (0039) 345 5835978 (Church mobile), (0039) 026 552258 (Priest's apartment), or email allsaintsmilanpriest@gmail.com

Links to our regular activities

Sunday evening prayer at 18.00 is [here](#). **Morning prayer**, at 9.00 Monday to Friday, is [here](#).

Bible study in person is cancelled this Thursdays as we enjoy La Festa della Liberazione.

Bible study by Zoom is on Tuesday at 18.00, hosted by Fr Robert using the link found [here](#). All are welcome to both events.

The **Jolly Club** meets on Tuesday from 12.30 onward, in the church rooms.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of anyone within the All Saints' community, then please contact our safeguarding officer, [Catherine Bell](#), use our Safeguarding Policy found [here](#).