

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S



Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 7pm:

**A Service of Lessons and Carols**

*followed by mulled wine and mince pies.*

### Christmas Eve

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Dec at 5pm:

**Crib Service**

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11.30pm:

**Midnight Mass of Christmas**

### Christmas Day

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9am:

**Family Mass with Carols**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11am:

**Solemn High Mass**

### Boxing Day

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December at 9am:

**Low Mass with carols**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December at 11am:

**Sung Mass**

## IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

**PRAY FOR** the unity of the Anglican Communion and for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams; for Richard our Bishop and the Area Bishops in London; for The Deanery of St Margaret's (Westminster); for this parish of St Paul and all who dwell and work here; for our sister parish of St Paul's K Street, Washington;

### THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

Arabella Elliott; Philip Sapsford; Betty Scroggie; James McLoughlin; Tessa Murphy; John McGinty; Rene Gatiss; Alex Bridgman; Mary Ann Brashler; Dorothy Jones; Kitty Baxter; Clariette Wilmot; Dominique Murray; Vivian Greblo; Monika Stephanopoli; Penri Morgan; Simon Murphy; Michael Taylor; Thomas Keatley; Kathleen Phillips; Bernadette O'Brien; Gert Van Der Geer; Till & Stephanie Becker.

### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Richardson; Colin Slee, priest; Grace Sheppard; Elizabeth Cheeseman; Ilsa Hom; Diana Wellesley; Dom.

### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Francis Leith Boyd, priest; Hannah Coke; William and Maude King; Jimmy Newton; Eric Day.

All names will be included on lists for the clergy to pray for day by day for as long as people wish us to pray for them, but on the Weekly Sheet names will be removed after two weeks. We would be very grateful if people could keep us informed about those for whom we pray.

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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. If you would like to meet with the clergy, please ring the parish office to make a weekday appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, seven days a week; however, as a general rule Fr Alan is unavailable on Fridays and Fr Richard on Tuesdays.

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# ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE



**THE WEEKLY SHEET** December 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

### *The uneasy stand-off*

If you've tired of the media's hysteria, pointless scapegoat and an unimaginatively polarized debate about the student r in London this past week (and which of us hasn't!), take your off to the Curzon Mayfair at once for an infinitely more nuan and subtle analysis of difference, disagreement and the viole and fear that issue from them.

'Of Gods and Men' is the latest film by award-winning wri director Xavier Beauvois – and is to be seen for a limited per at independent cinemas across London. A beautifully filmed i wonderfully thoughtful film, its plot is based on the true stor a group of Cistercian monks in Algeria in the mid 1990s, v find themselves – in a non-Christian though heretofore frier culture – being drawn into an increasingly uneasy stand-off v fundamentalist Islam. The temperature is rising; positions hardening; debate is becoming more shrill and polarized. eruption of violence threatens. Do they stay, or go? And how they make sense of their position as people of faith, particul when some of them are engaged in an internal theologica spiritual stand-off between conviction and questioning?

No spoiler here for any who can't remember the real-life eve and their outcome... instead go and see the film for yourself part of your keeping of Advent. When you do, engage with film not just as dispassionate spectators there entertainment but as people of faith. The issues, if not circumstances, are ours too: the struggle to know *what* stand for and how to maintain integrity; the power of fear i self-interest to deflect us from our higher purposes; the lurk issues of difference, religious pluralism and the ways in whic fundamentalist outlook can seize upon and abuse religio support of a narrow political aim. This, of course, Algeria in mid-90s, far from England's green and pleasant land.

Mind you, perhaps we ought to be thinking about such iss with some degree of urgency. After all, as we saw last wee Central London, the veneer of civilization and good order we take for granted is sometimes pretty thin – and religion ( rebellious students), far from disappearing from public deb: seems to be back, with a vengeance!

*Fr Alan Gyle, Vicar*

(These, incidentally, are some of the themes we'll be examir in our new Tuesday evening 'Awareness Course' in excellent company of Bishop Michael Marshall, beginning Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in the Parish Hall here at St Paul' 7pm: please join us).

## SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday** 9 a.m. **Family Mass**  
 12<sup>th</sup> December 11 a.m. **Solemn Mass**  
**ADVENT 3** 6 p.m. Evening Prayer

**Monday** 9 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m. Low Mass  
 7.30 p.m. Carol Service

**Tuesday** 9 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m. Low Mass  
 6.30 p.m. Carol Service

**Wednesday** 9 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 15<sup>th</sup> December 4 p.m. Silent Prayer  
 6.45 p.m. **Wednesday Evening Service**  
 followed by refreshments

**Thursday** 9 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m. Low Mass  
 7.30 p.m. Carol Service

**Friday** 9 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m. Low Mass

### O SAPIENTIA

**Saturday** 9 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 18<sup>th</sup> December Noon Low Mass  
**O ADONAI** 7.30 p.m. Concert

**Sunday** 9 a.m. **Family Mass**  
 19<sup>th</sup> December 11 a.m. **Solemn Mass**  
**ADVENT 4** 3 p.m. BBC live broadcast  
 6 p.m. Evening Prayer

### DAILY SERVICES IN ADVENT

A reminder that throughout Advent and Christmas Low Mass at 6pm is suspended in order to allow for Charity Carol Services. There will be a daily Low Mass at 9.30 a.m. Wednesdays are being kept clear for parish use this year, with Silent Prayer at 4 p.m. and the Wednesday Evening Service continuing as normal at 6.45 p.m. Do join us, particularly if you feel the need for a respite from premature Yuletide cheer. Normal service resumes in January after the Feast of the Epiphany.

## LIVE ACROSS EUROPE FROM ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Next Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>) – as part of our ongoing partnership with the BBC Singers - we welcome them back to St Paul's for a live Christmas broadcast at 3pm. The European Broadcasting Union's annual relay of Christmas music from across the world has become a much-loved seasonal broadcasting treat. The BBC Singers contribution pairs sacred British music old and new – from Tallis' wonderful mass on a Christmas plainsong hymn to more recent works by Sir John Tavener, Gabriel Jackson and the world premiere of Improvisation on 'Puer Natus' by Thomas Hyde.

## FOUNDATION CAROLS

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Foundation Carol Service such a great success, especially to our musicians, office staff, volunteers and particularly Dan Goode, who coordinated the biggest service of the year by day, and by night trod the boards of the Cambridge Theatre where he is currently contributing a significant amount of razzle dazzle to the musical *Chicago*.

## HOST 2010

Are you spending Christmas at home this year? Would you consider including an international student from a university in the UK in your plans? There are so many students here from China, India, and many other countries, who are unable to go back at Christmas. They would love to spend two or three days in a real home, rather than an empty hall of residence. If you would like to know more about volunteering as a host, please see [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call HOST on 020 7739 6292.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL-ATHON

Volunteers are needed to sing Christmas Carols to help raise funds for the Papua New Guinea Church Partnership (PNGCP). It will be holding a Christmas Carol-athon from 6:30am – 12 midnight on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2010 at Piccadilly Circus Tube. Enquiries: Please contact Louise Ewington for more information at [louiseewington@pngcp.com](mailto:louiseewington@pngcp.com) or on 020 7313 3918

## AWARENESS COURSE AT ST PAUL'S

Beginning on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January and continuing for eight Tuesdays ending 1<sup>st</sup> March, a new course will be offered here at St Paul's. Led by Bishop Michael Marshall and Fr Nadim Nassar, a Syrian Anglican priest, the course offers the participants a chance to renew and strengthen their faith. Called CITIZENS OF TWO KINGDOMS, the sessions will begin with the evening Mass and run from 7 - 8.30 p.m. in the church. This is a perfect opportunity to invite friends, family and neighbours to meet together and share insights into the place of Christianity in our world today. Please RSVP by email to: [education@awareness-foundation.com](mailto:education@awareness-foundation.com) or phone Canon Jim Rosenthal 0207 730 8830. All are most welcome to attend. It is interesting to note that our sister parish in Washington DC is the USA office for the Awareness Foundation. See you at the first session.

## MASS INTENTIONS & PSALM RESPONSES

12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** BI

*Pray for joyful hearts*  
 Psalm: *Come, Lord, and save*  
 Gospel reading: *Matthew 11: 2-*

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: feria. Third week of Advent** BI

*Pray for those in authority*  
 Psalm: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul*  
 Gospel reading: *Matthew 21: 23-*

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>: John of the Cross (1591)** Wh

*Pray for the Carmelites*  
 Psalm (EH p.554): *Tear open the heavens and come down, O Lord*  
 Gospel reading (EH p.555): *Luke 1: 26-*

**Weds 15<sup>th</sup>: feria** BI

*Pray for strength in discipleship*  
 Psalm: *The Lord was gracious to his servant*  
 Gospel reading: *Luke 7: 18b -*

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>: feria** BI

*Pray for God's healing*  
 Psalm: *I will exalt you, O Lord*  
 Gospel reading: *Luke 7: 24-*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: O SAPIENTIA** BI

*Pray for teachers and educators*  
 Psalm: *Righteousness and peace shall flourish*  
 Gospel reading: *Matthew 1: 1-*

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>: O ADONAI** BI

*Pray for leaders in the Middle East*  
 Psalm: *Righteousness and peace shall flourish*  
 Gospel reading: *Matthew 1: 18-*

**Mailchimp**, our new email distribution system is up and running – but if we don't have your email address we can't help you to connect 'virtually' with our life and keep you up to date. If you're not on our list, fill in a yellow slip and either pop it into the collection plate or hand it to us after the service.

