

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

Adam sees Christ approaching Hell
from the *Chester Mystery Cycle* (15th C)

*Nowe, by this light that I nowe see,
joye ys come, lord, through thee,
and one thy people hast pittye
to put them out of payne.
Sycker, yt may non other bee
but nowe thow hast mercye on mee,
and my kynd through thy postye
thou wilt restore agayne.*

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;

THOSE TO BE MARRIED

Mairi Brewis and Benjamin White; George Idicula and Sophie Woodward; Gavin Kelly and Simone Sigouin.

THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

John McGinty; Rene Gatiss; Alex Bridgman; Mary Ann Brashler; Dorothy Jones; Kitty Baxter; Clariette Wilmot; Chantal Patel; Dominique Murray; Vivian Greblo; Monika Stephanopoli; Penri Morgan; James Bedford; Simon Murphy; Michael Taylor; Thomas Keatley; Kathleen Phillips.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Roma Haddock; Ralph Dunstan; Maureen Ford; Anne Waterfall; Patrick Penny.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Patricia Clarke; Lena Chidi Sowole; Peggy Burton-Horden; Nora Caulfield-Stoker; Thomas Welsh Jnr; Sheila Hanwell; Cicily Jackson.

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
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THE WEEKLY SHEET 17th – 23rd October 2010

Descendit ad inferos...

There is only one regret I have concerning the rescue of the Chilean miners from the depths of the earth this week: that it didn't happen on Holy Saturday, when, by tradition, Jesus descended into hell to pull Adam and Eve out its deepest pit saving them from eternal damnation. If it had, it would have been the easiest Easter sermon for any preacher ever to preach. What could evoke more resonantly the Christian message of new life being brought forth from the darkness and abandonment of death than the thirty-three – even the number seems significant – who today feast on Big Macs, or whatever rescued Chilean miners like to feast on, after their underground ordeal?

This, I suspect, has much to do with the event attracting such enormous interest globally. Partly, of course, it was made for the media; it seemed that every camera in the world was focussed on that unremarkable hole in the ground awaiting the arrival of the rescue pod Phoenix with its precious cargo. Gratifyingly, after the fifteen minute ascent through seven hundred meters of solid rock, the miners seemed unfazed by the storm of attention awaiting them, although the thought of having to be cuddled by the President might have been an incentive to stay put. The President, arms open wide, knows a good media opportunity when he sees one, and indeed you'd think Chile had won the World Cup from the flag-waving and horn-tooting that accompanied each miner as he stepped out into the fresh air for the first time in seventy days.

Well, good luck to them. It was a story that could so easily have had a tragic ending, and instead it was a happy ending and that's marvellous, even if we detect a measure of cynicism in the readiness of the government and the media to extract maximum value from the events; but that too is a measure of the story's power to affect and move us. There was no cynicism I think, in the miners' response to being freed and reunited with their families. Did you notice, too, how many of them thanked God for their deliverance and spoke of it as a miracle? That must have been very irksome for advocates of secularism, who would like us to think we live in a post-Christian age.

Perhaps this story tells us that the message of Easter is so deeply printed in our lives and culture that we cannot see someone rescued from the bowels of the earth without recalling, even if only a subconscious level, Jesus' triumph over the tomb and the joy and hope it restores to us even when all seems lost. S*** happens, says the cynic, as if that were all there is to say about the mysteries of our existence. Well, good things happen too; the captives are set free, the lost are saved, and the grave gives forth its dead.

Fr Richard Coles, *Curate*

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 17 th October	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Family Mass Solemn Mass Evening Prayer
Monday 18 th October	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Tuesday 19 th October	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Wednesday 20 th October	9 a.m. 6.45 p.m. 8 p.m.	Morning Prayer Wednesday Evening Service followed by refreshments Before the Ending of the Day and Compline
Thursday 21 st October	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Friday 22 nd October	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Saturday 23 rd October	9 a.m. Noon	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Sunday 24 th October	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Family Mass Solemn Mass Evening Prayer

St Paul's Knightsbridge maintains a tradition of daily prayer and a daily mass, with clergy available each day for conversation and counsel. However, our main focuses are Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. You will be very welcome. The church is open for prayer from 09:00 till after the evening service.

BEFORE THE ENDING OF THE DAY

If you are looking for an opportunity for some silence, reflection and prayer you might like to join us after the Wednesday Evening Service here at St Paul's Knightsbridge for a short period of guided prayer followed by the ancient Office of Compline. 8 to 8.30 p.m. every Wednesday.

JUMBLE SALE

The jumble sale will take place on Saturday 23rd October in the Parish Hall at 77 Kinnerton Street. All donations gratefully received. Please bring any items by Friday 22nd October. Further details from Niki Bartman on 020 7602 4599.

POETRY AND ARTS

The next Poetry & Arts Meeting will take place on Saturday the 30th October in SW10 at 7pm for 7.30pm. The subject will be "George Orwell – his life and work", presented by Ronald Bartle. Please telephone 020 7736 1480 before the preceding Thursday (28th October) if you wish to attend, and also confirm the precise address.

ALBAN (THE OPERA)

From Wednesday 20th - Saturday 23rd October at 7.30pm, *Alban*, a 90-minute community opera which drew national acclaim, will be performed at the church of St Alban the Martyr, Brooke Street, Holborn, EC1N7RD. It tells the story of St Alban, Britain's first martyr, and features Paul Sheehan from our choir. Tickets £16 adult, £8 child under 16, from the Box Office, 0844 412 4317; or online: www.albanopera.org.uk

ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS

The remaining sessions in St Martin in the Fields' Autumn Education Programme for 2010, entitled "And the Word became flesh and lived among us" are scheduled for Mondays 25th October, 8th November and 22nd November in St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, Trafalgar Square from 7.00pm-8.30pm. The events are free, unticketed, and all are welcome. For further information please email richard.carter@smitf.org or contact the Parish Office on 020 7766 1100 www.smitf.org



MASS INTENTIONS & PSALM RESPONSES

17th – 23rd October 2010

Sunday 17th: 20th Sunday after Trinity Green

Pray for a rich harvest for the world

Psalm:

*Put your trust in the Lord,
take your delight in him*

Gospel reading:

Luke 18: 1-8

Mon 18th: LUKE THE EVANGELIST Red

Pray for medics

Psalm (EHp451):

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving

Gospel reading (EHp452):

Luke 10: 1-9

Tuesday 19th: Henry Martyn, translator 1812 (Week 29) White

Pray for translators and publishers of Scripture

Psalm (EHp454):

The Lord of hosts he is the king of glory

Gospel reading (EHp455):

Mark 16.15-end

Weds 20th: Green

Pray for those of the Bahá'í faith

Psalm:

Sound praises to the Lord all the earth

Gospel reading:

Luke 12: 39-48

Thursday 21st: Green

Pray for the Royal Navy

Psalm:

Rejoice in the Lord O you righteous

Gospel reading:

Luke 12: 49-53

Friday 22nd: Green

Pray for the speech-impaired

Psalm:

The earth is the Lord's and all who dwell therein

Gospel reading:

Luke 12: 54-end

Saturday 23rd: feria of the B. V. Mary White

Pray for the Church in Hungary

Psalm:

Let us go to the house of the Lord

Gospel reading:

Luke 13: 1-9

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