

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

A PRAYER FOR OUR DAILY WORK

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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; **for all those ordained this Petertide:** among them David Oldham ordained deacon, and Gillian Straine and Stephen Hearne, ordained priest.

THOSE TO BE MARRIED

Alexander Watkins and Sarah Rose; Kempley Smith and Imogen Buchan; Suzie Hadassi and Lars Gooch; Nicholas Barnes and Catherine Brady; Rosie Kennedy and Nicko Cadell.

THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

Clariette Wilmot; Chantal Patel; Dominique Murray; Ralph Dunstan; Cynthia Angus; Vivian Greblo; Celia Ball; Monika Stephanopoli; Penri Morgan; Juliet Merz; James Bedford; Simon Murphy.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Millie Douglas-Pennant; Don McNally; Patrick Cadell; Margaret Rushworth; Lucette Bergé; Martyn James Jackson.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Robert Freestone; Roseleen Conlon; Walter Hussey (Priest); Leslie Truman; Gail Clymer.

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

18th – 25th July 2010

Top of the tower...

When my brothers and I were little our father bestowed upon us an annual treat. He took us, on our own, to London for the day to do whatever we wanted to do. One year my older brother went to the Motor Show, but I wanted to dine in the revolving restaurant at the top of the Post Office Tower an enterprise which seemed to be the very acme of glamour. *Si me the boy of seven and I will show you the man...* We were fussed over by waiters, I had my first taste of vichyssoise, and left with a certificate testifying that I had *Dined in Orbit* 525 feet above Market Street; but what I remember most vividly was the excitement of seeing all London spread round about me as we slowly revolved. The restaurant is now closed, alas, but I returned to the top of the Post Office Tower this week, forty years after my first visit to record a piece for a *Songs of Praise / Children In Need* Special (more on this to come).

Most of our childhood excitements, revisited in adulthood, are a disappointment; this isn't. The view is breath-taking, panoramic, fascinating, surprising and irresistible. First, you pick out landmarks – Tower Bridge, the London Eye, the Gherkin; next see how things connect, the suite of buildings along the Thames the way the city flows around the Royal Parks; and then you are struck by London's enormous sprawl, from Crystal Palace to Pally; and you think of Wordsworth standing on Westminster Bridge. Different for me this time, however, was what followed: a feeling of pathos, something to do with watching the hurly burly human affairs from five hundred feet of elevation? Below me couriers and city gents and secretaries were going about their business and I was struck by the energy and purpose of the city and its people, who, in spite of all the problems that beset us, get up in the morning and crack on. There's something rather inspiring about that. I was struck too by the fixed points around which they swirl like the dome of St Paul's Cathedral, the City churches and the spires of All Saints Margaret Street and All Souls Langham Place. Most striking of all was a gap in the otherwise uninterrupted urban scene, the space where the Middlesex Hospital used to stand before demolition, and in the middle of it, propped up on scaffolding looking like an abandoned granny, was the one part of the building to have escaped the wreckers' ball. The Church paradoxically revealed by, rather than lost in, the surrounding desolation.

Fr Richard Coles, *Cui*

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 18 th July	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Family Mass Solemn Mass Evening Prayer
Monday 19 th July	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Tuesday 20 th July	9 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass Prayer Group (Final Meeting)
Wednesday 21 st July	9 a.m. 9.30 a.m.-6 p.m. 6.45 p.m.	Morning Prayer Church Closed (Recording) Wednesday Evening Service <i>followed by refreshments.</i>
Thursday 22 nd July	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Friday 23 rd July	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Saturday 24 th July	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 12 noon	Morning Prayer Baptism Low Mass
Sunday 25 th July	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.

NEW DAY OFF

As of this month, Fr Richard's day off is now Tuesday rather than Monday.

CANON RALPH GODSALL

We are delighted to welcome as our visiting preacher this morning Canon Ralph Godsall. Fr Godsall retired recently from the Chapter of Rochester Cathedral, where he was Precentor, and remains Canon Emeritus. He is a classicist and theologian, a broadcaster and lecturer, a mountaineer and a keen walker. Moving to London he and his wife now live in Westminster, a short walk from the Abbey where he serves as Priest Vicar; expert opinion suggests *strongly* that enhanced health benefits may accrue by undertaking, from time to time, the longer walk to Wilton Place.

PRAYER GROUP

The last meeting of the Prayer Group before the summer break will take place on Tuesday 20th July.

FOR YOUR DIARIES...

On three consecutive Sundays in September, at 5 p.m. followed by Evening Prayer at 6, Fr Richard will lead three sessions intended as introductions (or refreshers) to three key aspects of Christian faith. On **Sunday 12th September This Is My Body** deals with Holy Communion; on **Sunday 19th Between a Puritan and a Papist** looks at the origin and identity of Anglicanism; and on **Sunday 26th The Harp with a Thousand Strings** introduces the Bible. If you would be interested in attending all or any of these, please let the office know.

RAPHAEL TAPESTRIES AT THE V&A

To coincide with the visit of the Pope to London in September the Vatican has agreed to lend four of the ten tapestries designed by Raphael for the Sistine Chapel, including the "Magnificent Draught of Fishes". They will be displayed beside Raphael's seven surviving cartoons held by the V&A since 1865, and reunited for the first time. Free timed tickets available from 1st July from the Victoria and Albert Museum for the exhibition lasting six weeks from Wednesday 8th September.

AN EVENING WITH ROWAN WILLIAMS

How should churches respond to the challenge of the Big Society? Archbishop Rowan Williams will be exploring the opportunities and challenges for Christian organisations and churches engaging with the government's vision of the Big Society. The Archbishop will be joined by Bob Reitmeier, chief executive of the Children's Society and Steve Chalke MBE, Founder of Oasis UK. It takes place on Friday 23rd July, 6.15 pm-8.00 at The Oasis Centre, 75 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7HS. All are welcome, cost £5. www.charitiesparliament.org, or telephone 020 7921 4289.

MASS INTENTIONS & PSALM RESPONSES

18th – 24th July 2010

Sunday 18th July: 7th after Trinity Gre

Pray for the Bishop and Diocese of London

Psalm: *You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness*

Gospel reading: Luke 10.38-

Monday 19th: Gregory, bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina deaconess, Teachers of the Faith Wh

Pray for the ministers of the Church

Psalm (EHp292): *I will sing and make music to the Lord*

Gospel reading (EHp293): John 17.6, 18-

Tuesday 20th: week 16 Gre

Pray for all who suffer

Psalm: *Show us your mercy, O Lord*

Gospel reading: Matthew 12.46-e

Wednesday 21st: feria Gre

Pray for peace

Psalm: *O God, make speed to save me*

Gospel reading: Matthew 13.1

Thursday 22nd July: Mary Magdalene Wh

Pray for the ministry of women in the Church

Psalm (EHp297): *I will trust in God and give him thanks*

Gospel reading (EHp298): John 20.1,2,11-

Friday 23rd: feria Gre

Pray for the people of Sweden

Psalm: *The Lord will watch over me as a shepherd watches the flock*

Gospel reading: Matthew 13.18-

Saturday 24th: feria of B.V. Mary Wh

Pray for the parish

Psalm: *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts*

Gospel reading: Matthew 13.24-

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.

