

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S



Tue 21st Dec at 7pm: **A Service of Lessons and Carols**
followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Christmas Eve
Fri 24th Dec at 5pm: **Crib Service**
Fri 24th Dec at 11.30pm: **Midnight Mass of Christmas**

Christmas Day
Sat 25th Dec at 9am: **Family Mass with Carols**
Sat 25th Dec at 11am: **Solemn High Mass**

Boxing Day
Sunday 26th December at 9am: **Low Mass with carols**
Sunday 26th 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.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Joan Easton; Patricia Engel; Ronnie Driver; Stanley Llewellyn; 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 19th - 26th 2010

God bless us, every one!

Someone told me the other day they were walking along South Bank and came across a young woman, only eighteen nineteen, sitting in the street begging. In a flicker of Christ spirit, instead of walking on he and his wife went into a cafe, bought a cup of tea and sandwich and took it over to where young woman sat on the chilly pavement. *We thought could use this*, they said; but instead of thanking them asked what was in the sandwich and when they replied che and onion, she said, *No thanks, I'm lactose intolerant*, and g it back.

I don't know if it's encouraging or not that street beggars shc have such a keen sense of their dietary requirements, bu does seem a long way from Tiny Tim's pathetic gratitude for scrawny old bird which was all his father could provide Christmas – *God bless us, every one!* – at least until employer was confronted with the consequences of miserliness. Less encouraging, however, is the rising numbe people in need who have been coming to the church's doo the past few weeks. There's always a Christmas rush, pa because the onset of winter makes lives already hard that harder, partly because its traditional at this time of the year the regulars to try out their tales of Christmas deprivati usually involving a sick child crying in a hospital bed beca this year Santa wouldn't be bringing her anything and could spare £129.99 for an Xbox 360° Kinect? Sometimes, of cou you encounter people in more obvious need, like the th Bulgarians sleeping rough in Belgrave Square because building jobs they'd been promised hadn't materialised ; now they were stuck a thousand miles from home without means to get back to families and friends. I suspect, howe the rise is also to do with the arrival of new circumstances the poor. Changes to the benefits system, and a strik interpretation of who's entitled to what, are here, and w we're beginning to see are the first casualties of public spenc cuts.

It is difficult, perhaps, for that to come into sharp focus wealthy Knightsbridge, and the odd encounter with a rascal the make may readily provoke the Scrooge within; but Christmas spare a thought, and even better a couple of quid, The Passage or for Christian Aid, or for Crisis at Christmas; ; maybe take to heart the sound advice of Good King Wences *therefore Christian men* be sure, wealth or rank possessing, who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing* happy and holy Christmas to all.

Fr Richard Coles, Cur

*Women and children too.

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Monday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 20th December 9.30 a.m. Low Mass

Tuesday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 21st December 9.30 a.m. Low Mass
 7 p.m. Parish Carol Service

Wednesday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 22nd December 4 p.m. Silent Prayer
 6.45 p.m. **Wednesday Evening Service**
 followed by refreshments

Thursday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 23rd December 9.30 a.m. Low Mass

Friday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 24th December 5 p.m. **Crib Service**
CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30 p.m. **Midnight Mass**

Saturday 9 a.m. **Family Mass**
 25th December 11 a.m. **Solemn Mass**
CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday 9 a.m. **Family Mass**
 26th December 11 a.m. **Solemn Mass**
ST STEPHEN

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.

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to ensure that once again this year carol services at St Paul's Knightsbridge have not only raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity, but also given some hope and cheer to people in need. Our musicians, office staff, those who look after the buildings and the grounds, and particularly the Verger's Department and its host of volunteers, have given exemplary service, and we are most grateful.

LIVE ACROSS EUROPE FROM ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE

This Sunday (19th) – as part of our on-going 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.

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 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 next Wednesday, 22nd December 2010 at Piccadilly Circus Tube. Enquiries: Please contact Louise Ewington for more information at louiseewington@pngcp.com or on 020 7313 3918

AWARENESS COURSE AT ST PAUL'S

Beginning on Tuesday 11th January and continuing for eight Tuesdays ending 1st 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. Please RSVP by email to: 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

18th – 25th December 2010

Sunday 19th December: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT BI

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

Mon 20th: feria. O CLAVIS DAVID BI

Pray for peace in the holy land
 Psalm: *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul*
 Gospel reading: *Matthew 21: 23-*

Tuesday 21st: O ORENS BI

Pray for divine illumination
 Psalm: *Tear open the heavens and come down, O Lord*
 Gospel reading: *Luke 1: 26-*

Weds 22nd: O REX GENTIUM BI

Pray for world leaders
 Psalm: *The Lord was gracious to his people*
 Gospel reading: *Luke 7: 18b -*

Thursday 23rd: O EMMANUEL BI

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

Friday 24th: CHRISTMAS EVE BI

Pray for the peace of the world
 Psalm: *Righteousness and peace shall flourish*
 Gospel reading: *Matthew 1: 1-*

Saturday 25th: CHRISTMAS DAY Wh

Pray for renewal in faith
 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.

