

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;

THOSE TO BE MARRIED

George Idicula and Sophie Woodward.

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

Grahame East; Roger Holloway (priest); Diana Wellesley.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Terry Stanford; Alfred Maitland (priest); Millicent Worrall; Margaret Moore.

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.

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. Your link with a student will be arranged by one of HOST's voluntary regional organisers, who do their best to match hosts and guests who will enjoy one another's company. HOST is a long-established national charity, founded by the British Council. Every HOST visit, whether for Christmas or for a weekend during the year, is a one-off, although sometimes lasting friendships are formed. The cultural exchange, and the contribution to international goodwill, are what makes it all worthwhile. If you would like to know more about volunteering as a host, please see www.hostuk.org or call HOST on 020 7739 6292.

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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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The Prince of Wales is delighted to announce...

Great excitement followed the announcement last week that Prince William and Kate Middleton are (finally, as the groom's father intimated) to be married. There's nothing like a Royal wedding to excite public interest, and the news media around the world have been full of it. I wonder why this is? Even the relatively low key nuptials of the Earl and Countess of Wessex and Charles and Camilla were reported internationally and at home they seemed to generate, at least for a while, a mood of celebration. We could certainly use some of that now, with the economy in such lamentable shape, and it looks like William and Kate will step out of St Paul's or the Abbey, or wherever, into a leaner, meaner Britain than we've known since Charles and Di's in the early eighties.

I suppose this will be one item on the agenda for discussion by the small army of courtiers and advisors and planners charged with organising the service. Should it be more modest, to reflect these straitened times, or should it be more like Hollywood in the Depression, putting on the Ritz to cheer us all up?

The Church too will be having discussions about what kind of ceremony is most appropriate for the marriage of a future king and Supreme Governor of the Church of England to the descendant of 'miners and labourers from County Durham', as Wikipedia snootily puts it. I don't suppose many people will turn their noses up at Kate Middleton's relatively modest background, at least I hope not; but Royal marriages are difficult things to get right, as the experience of William's father and uncle and aunt suggests. So what's it to be? The 1662 marriage service from the Book of Common Prayer with Dame Kiri te Kanawa and trumpets? Or congregational responses from Common Worship with readings from *The Prophet* and perhaps Lady Gaga singing live during the signing of the registers?

This is not entirely facetious. Royal weddings, especially those of future kings, are national affairs, and Britain in 2011 will be very different from the Britain of 1981. But I hope the organisers do not miss the opportunity to assert that this marriage, like all Christian marriages, is not simply a Special Day for the participants, but something that transcends the present moment and offers us a vision of ourselves not simply in the here-and-now but as part of a continuing story, a story that was there before we were and will continue after we're gone.

As a former crypto-Trotskyist Republican, writing on the feast of Christ the King, I think the most dramatic shift for me since I succumbed to the blandishments of religion and took the Queen's shilling, has been to see how vitally important these grand narratives – for all their paradoxes and awkwardness – are to the well-being not only of William and Kate, but Church and State and everyone.

Fr Richard Coles, Curate

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 21st November
 9 a.m. **Family Mass**
 11 a.m. **Solemn Mass**
 3 p.m. Baptism
 6 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

Monday 22nd November
 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 6 p.m. Low Mass

Tuesday 23rd November
 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 6 p.m. Low Mass
 7 p.m. Concert

Wednesday 24th November
 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 6.45 p.m. **Wednesday Evening Service**
 followed by refreshments

Thursday 25th November
 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 6 p.m. Low Mass

Friday 26th November
 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 6 p.m. Low Mass

Saturday 27th November
 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
 Noon Low Mass
 3 p.m. Wedding

Sunday 28th November
 9 a.m. **Family Mass**
 11 a.m. **Solemn Mass**
ADVENT SUNDAY 2 p.m. Baptism
 6 p.m. **Advent Carol Service**

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.

POETRY & ARTS

The next meeting will take place on Saturday the 27th November at 7 for 7.30 pm in SW1. The subject will be "China Past & Present – from isolation to integration" and the speaker will be Neil Taylor. Please telephone 020 7486 4207 before the preceding Thursday (the 25th) if you wish to attend and also to confirm details of the precise address.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

The advent of our God with eager prayers we meet... The Advent Carol Service takes place next Sunday, Advent Sunday, at 6 p.m.

FOUNDATION CAROL SERVICE

Tickets are on sale for the Foundation Carol Service which will take place at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday December 7th here at St Paul's Knightsbridge. Sir Terry Wogan, Bill Nighy, Helen Fielding, Siena Miller and Ben Fogle are among our readers this year and a Christmas Fair, a visit from Father Christmas, and the lighting of the tree in Wilton Place, will follow. Tickets are £50 for adults, £25 for children with all proceeds going to the Knightsbridge Foundation.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards will be on sale at the back of church from this Sunday, Remembrance Sunday November 14th, as usual.

NEW COMMONWEALTH VOICES

On 15 December New Commonwealth Voices choir will be performing at the Commonwealth Carol Service in St Martins-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. The choir is recruiting new members with ties to Commonwealth member states. Rehearsals will then take place on alternate Wednesday evenings (venue to be confirmed). Subscriptions for one term cost £45 /concessions £25. If you are interested please contact Joy Hill by email: newcommonwealthvoices@hotmail.co.uk

SHRINKING THE FOOTPRINT

St Paul's Shadwell provides the venue for this milestone event, marking progress of our diocesan Shrinking the Footprint campaign to help care for our environment and God's creation. **Resourcing the Challenge** will be taking place on Tuesday 23 November 2010, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm, in St Paul's Church, the Highway, Shadwell, London E1, by kind invitation of the Rector. Everyone is welcome, from the Diocese and parishes, their spouses and partners, colleagues and guests. A half-hour presentation by a line-up of speakers will outline plans for saving energy and raising finance for solar panels. The acclaimed installation of integral solar tiles at St Silas Pentonville will be showcased. For more information and to register to attend e: brian.cuthbertson@london.anglican.org.

MASS INTENTIONS & PSALM RESPONSES

21st – 28th November 2010

Sunday 21st: CHRIST THE KING White

Pray for humility

Psalm: *The Lord has girded himself with strength.*

Gospel reading: Luke 23: 33-43

Mon 22nd November: Cecilia, martyr (c.230) (week 34) Red

Pray for musicians

Psalm (EH p595): *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

Gospel reading (EH p600): Matthew 10. 28–39

Tuesday 23rd: Clement, bishop and martyr (c.100) Red

Pray for bishops

Psalm (EH p.533): *Hear my teaching, O my people, says God: Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*

Gospel reading (EH p.534): Luke 14.7-11

Weds 24th: feria Green

Pray for engaged couples

Psalm: *Sound praises to the Lord all the earth*

Gospel reading: Luke 21: 12-19

Thursday 25th: Catherine, martyr (4th C) Red

Pray for pregnant women

Psalm (EH p595): *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

Gospel reading (EH p601): John 12. 24–26

Friday 26th: feria Green

Pray for our care of the environment

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

Gospel reading: Luke 21: 29-33

Saturday 27th: feria of the BVM White

Pray for families

Psalm: *Turn us again, O God of hosts.*

Gospel reading: Luke 21: 34-36

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.

