

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

THE CHURCH IN THE SEASON OF LENT

*On a bare
hill a bare tree saddened
the Sky. Many people
held out their thin arms
to it, as though waiting
for a vanished April
to return to its crossed
boughs. The son watched
them. Let me go there, he said.*

R S Thomas

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

Andy Brock and Leonie Watson; Gordon Baker and Paula Goodwin; James Goodley and Harriet Broadhead; Matt Rye and Donna Gladding; Daniel Thornton and Henrietta Westcott; William Walsh and Cerian Jeffreys.

THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

Vivian Greblo; John Gilling; Celia Ball; Victor Hugo Atienci; Lucette Bergé; Frances Stonor; Annie Robinson; Mark Broughton; Monika Stephanopoli; Isabel Allen; Penri Morgan; Sam James.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Clea Tout; Choong Khuat Hock; William Courtauld; Kristian Digby; Hilary Oliver; Natalie Ledebur.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Frederick George Day; Trudy Wadewest; David Llewellyn; Richard Oskatel Latham; Eileen Grosse; Raymond Linton Smith; Sheilagh Galitzine.

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 two weeks after their inclusion. We would be very grateful if people could keep us informed about those for whom we pray.

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ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE



THE WEEKLY SHEET

21st – 28th March 2010

No gain without pain...

At precisely five feet tall and with long, bright pink dyed hair super-charged, diminutive Zandra Rhodes), Francesca mal impact. Francesca is a personal trainer... No, (I've waited for years to say this) Francesca is my personal trainer (a personal is surely the ultimate Belgravia accessory!). In fact she is my treat to myself: what I have 'taken on' in an attempt, before too late, to instil some physical rigour in an all-too-sedentary li some fitness and muscle tone to an all-too-corpulent body (c really believe that clergy wear black for some other reason th: it is a slimming colour?). The legacy of my first sessions ("c'mc give me another ten of those, Alan...") - aches in places I didn' I could ache, a stiffness that makes genuflection a real chall but also, as the pain recedes, the beginnings of a sense thal might be hope and that change might be possible. "No gain v pain," as they say! Be warned, dear readers, stay out of Hyde F Friday mornings: it is not, as yet, a pretty sight.

"No gain without pain" might almost be shorthand for the th of Passiontide – a season that begins this Sunday (Lent 5) and e through Palm Sunday and Holy Week to the dawn of Easter D: term 'Passiontide' is derived from the Greek verb *paschō* – to (the Western Church derived the term from the Latin \ *'passio'*) – and Passiontide is therefore that season in annually, the people of God connect again with the events of t days of our Lord as he enters Jerusalem and prepares f struggle, persecution and, finally, the death that occurs on a Hill outside the city wall on Good Friday. This re-engagement story of pain, cruelty and suffering is not some morbid exer bleak, masochistic endeavour: there is no virtue in telling a sa for its own sake, still less in self-absorbed Christian gloor Passiontide is about something rather more than these. . Passion Gospels tell again the story, the preaching and refle prayers and meditations make a connection between this si suffering and our story – and assure us not only that God remote from what we experience (but, in Christ, has everywhere we are expected to go, even to death), but also and through struggle and suffering there is a hope of new life God's promise and most astonishing gift. Gain through pain the promise of life transformed by God in a way so much wonderful than anything we can achieve ourselves... even v encouragement of the wondrous Francesca!

Fr Alan Gyle

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 st March	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Family Mass Solemn Mass
Passion Sunday	6 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Monday 22 nd March	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Funeral Low Mass
Tuesday 23 rd March	9 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass PCC meeting
Wednesday 24 th March	9 a.m. 6.45 p.m. 7.45 p.m.	Morning Prayer Wednesday Evening Service Lent Course (Grosvenor Chapel)
Thursday 25 th March	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Friday 26 th March	9 a.m. 6 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass Stations of the Cross
Saturday 27 th March	9 a.m. 12 noon	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Sunday 28 th March	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Family Mass Solemn Mass
Palm Sunday	6 p.m.	Evening Prayer

LENT APPEAL 2010

If, after this morning's mass, you have breakfast or lunch at The Spaghetti House (77 Knightsbridge) and hand over the voucher below, the restaurant will make a £1 donation to the Lent Appeal. As many vouchers per person as you want, any day of the week, but only one per person per visit!

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GODLY PLAY

Many thanks to all (you know who you are!) who have begun the process of establishing Godly Play as a regular part of life at 09:00 on Sundays, but most especially to Claire Pilton who has been our chief whipper-in. Godly Play ends this Sunday (Passion Sunday) till Sunday 25th April (the day of our APCM at 11 o'clock) – but in the meantime you are reminded that on Palm Sunday there is the child-friendly blessing of palms – and on Good Friday at 10.30am there are Stations of the Cross for children, followed by hot cross buns.

THE CROSS IN THE BOX: Lent Course 2010



The *Cross in the Box*, which as ever is being run in association with the parishes adjoining Hyde Park, looks at faith in the field of politics. At the third in the series, held last week, the leader of Westminster Council, Colin Barrow (Con) held forth, to be followed by Derek Chase (Greens) on 17th March, and finally on 24th March Ann Morisy gives a theological round-up. All take place at the **Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley St, London W1K 2PA**, at 7.30pm for a light supper, session beginning at 8.00pm, and ending sharp at 9.00pm. Consequently we will not be offering refreshments after the Wednesday Evening Service.

POETRY & ARTS

The next Poetry & Arts Meeting will take place in S.W.1. on Saturday the 27th March at 7 for 7.30pm. It will be presented by Fr. Richard Coles who will be talking about Opera in Broadcasting & Media. Please telephone 020 7821 9274 before the preceding Thursday (25th March) if you wish to attend and also to confirm the address details.

'ENVISAGE' at WALLSPACE IN THE CITY

In the four weeks leading up to Easter, Wallspace – the art gallery in the City church of All Hallows on the Wall – invites you to visit a remarkable exhibition of 14 huge and impressive heads by sculptor Richard Gilbert. Wallspace, All Hallows on the Wall, 83 London Wall, London EC2M 5ND. Tuesday – Friday, 12 – 6pm Saturday 11 – 4pm, closed Sunday & Mondays. A bit like Stations of the Cross... sort of...

THE LAST WORD...

David Twiston-Davies, Chief Obituary Writer at The Daily Telegraph, is the speaker at St Peter Eaton Square's "Last Words" Lent series on Tuesday 23rd March at 8.00 - followed by Choral Compline at 8.30pm. All welcome, venue St Peter's Church, Eaton Square SW1W 9AL (nearest tube: Victoria), free of cost. Any enquiries to The Parish Administrator, 020 7235 4482, or by email to admin@stpeteratonsquare.co.uk

MASS INTENTIONS & PSALM RESPONSES

21st – 28th March 2010

Sunday 21st March: Lent 5, Passion Sunday

Pray for perseverance

Psalm: *The Lord has done great things for*

Gospel reading: John 12:

Monday 22nd: Lenten feria

Pray for World Day for Water

Psalm: *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for*

Gospel reading: John 8: 1

Tuesday 23rd: Lenten feria

Pray for the Republic of Pakistan

Psalm: *O Lord hear my prayer*

and let my crying come before

Gospel reading: John 8: 21

Wednesday 24th: Lenten feria

Pray for the sick

Psalm: *You are worthy to be praised and exalted for*

Gospel reading: John 8: 31

Thursday 25th: ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD

Pray for pregnant women

Psalm (EH p143): *We have come to do your will, O*

Gospel reading (EH p144): Luke 1: 26

Friday 26th: Lenten feria

Pray for the diplomatic corps in this parish

Psalm: *O God you are my rock and my refuge*

Gospel reading: John 10: 31-

Saturday 27th: Lenten feria

Pray for those suffering from epilepsy

Psalm: *Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth*

Gospel reading: John 15: 18

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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

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