

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

AN AMISH PRAYER

God will not forsake the one who lives in the truth. God is ready to hear us if we hate sin. Oh Jesus Christ, it is your spirit that comforts us. Do not leave us! Be merciful to us and intercede for us . . . as we near the end of time.

Othmar Roth. Sankt Gallen, Switzerland, 1532.

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

Suzie Hadassi and Lars Gooch; Nicholas Barnes and Catherine Brady; Rosie Kennedy and Nicko Cadell; Piers Thynne and Lucinda Wharton; Mairi Brewis and Benjamin White.

THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

Dorothy Jones; Frances Stonor; Kitty Baxter; Clariette Wilmot; Chantal Patel; Dominique Murray; Ralph Dunstan; Cynthia Angus; Vivian Greblo; Monika Stephanopoli; Penri Morgan; Juliet Merz; James Bedford; Simon Murphy; Michael Taylor.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Celia Ball; Millie Douglas-Pennant; Farah Russell; Molly Roberts; Nancy Geikie.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Tom Delaney; Jack Windham; Mary Ailsa; Jean Cadell.

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

22nd – 29th August 2010

The world's squarest teenagers...

Did you catch the Channel Four documentary series *Amish: World's Squarest Teenagers?* In spite of the unpromising title found it fascinating. It followed the progress of a group of Amish teenagers who spent a month here as guests of British teenagers from a posh family in a Scottish castle, to a bunch of surfers on a Cornish beach. They came from an Amish community in American Midwest, wearing clothes which look like costumes from a historical re-enactment society, speaking a sort of German memory of their origins in the Protestant sects of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, driving around in horse-drawn buggies generally living as separately as they can from the wider society short, about as far from the lives of British teenagers as you can imagine. What did the British teenagers make of them?

That knowing title suggested the answer - awkward, frumpy, irrelevant - but the encounter was much more interesting than that. To be sure, at a rave the Amish looked as uncomfortable as Orangemen at Riverdance, and there were sticky moments when unreconstructed Biblical literalism crashed head on into very different norms. But what was impressive, to the British teenagers and I'm sure to many viewers, was the Amish's distinctive combination of gentleness and strength. Gentle in their interactions with others, in their attempts to understand and engage with people very different from themselves; strong in their commitment to a rigorously disciplined way of life. Scenes of their visiting the seaside for the first time were intercut with scenes of them at home, in bonnets and hats, sweeping the house, tending their animals, building barns, sitting around long kitchen tables singing the hymns of their tradition.

Lest this idyll seduce us, the programme did not shirk the awkwardness of living so remotely from the mainstream. Amish are home-schooled, inadequately, it has to be said, and many of them experienced a measure of frustration with this, some keenly, a frustration sharpened by their first taste of some of the freedoms our teenagers enjoy. One of the Amish girls looked delighted by her first go at body boarding you wondered if the pond back home would hold quite the same attraction on return.

Our teenagers came off quite well too: friendly, though respectful, willing to engage. One of them, who had struggled with the Amish commitment to a New Testament model of chastity and wifely submission, said that she found them, nevertheless 'honourable', not a virtue that I thought British teenagers would find impressive. The Amish too were impressed, by the breadth of the Britons' experience and the intensity of their pleasure. Assumptions crumbled all round. Good stuff.

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 22 nd August	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Family Mass Solemn Mass
Monday 23 rd August	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Tuesday 24 th August	6 p.m.	Low Mass
Wednesday 25 th August	9 a.m. 6.45 p.m.	Morning Prayer Wednesday Evening Service <i>followed by refreshments.</i>
Thursday 26 th August	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Friday 27 th August	9 a.m. 2 p.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Wedding Low Mass
Saturday 28 th August	12 noon 3 p.m.	Low Mass Wedding
Sunday 29 th August	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	Family Mass Solemn Mass

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.

AUGUST REGIME

During August, with the Choir on holiday, we will as usual celebrate Holy Communion on Sundays on the platform with a solo Cantor, and there will be no Evening Prayer on Sundays at 6 p.m. and no Morning Prayer on Tuesdays or Saturdays. All other services, including The Wednesday Evening Service at 6.45, continue as normal; however, there will be no parish lunch in August.

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.

ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS

St Martin in the Fields' Autumn Education Programme for 2010 is entitled "And the Word became flesh and lived among us." In this year's Autumn Education Series a team of speakers seek to engage deeply with the Christian Scriptures, in the context of our 21st century world and our lives. Speakers include Dr Jeffrey John, Dean of St Albans, and Dr Richard Burrige, Dean of Kings London and the Revd Lucy Winkett, new Rector of St James' Piccadilly. The sessions are scheduled for Mondays 27th September, 11th October, 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 RESPONSES22nd – 28th August 2010**Sunday 22nd August: 12th Sunday after Trinity** Gre*Pray for healing*Psalm: *You are my hope, O Lord G*Gospel reading: *Luke 13.10-***Mon 23rd: Week 21** Gre*Pray for the victims of tyranny*Psalm: *Hear my prayer, O Lo
and listen to my c*Gospel reading: *Matthew 23.13-***Tuesday 24th: Bartholomew the Apostle** R*Pray for the Armenian Church*Psalm (EHp351): *The Lord is loving to everyo*Gospel reading (EHp353): *Luke 22.24-***Weds 25th: feria** Gre*Pray for the diplomatic corps*Psalm: *Blessed are those who fear the Lc*Gospel reading: *Matthew 23.27-***Thursday 26th: feria** Gre*Pray for the Armed Forces*Psalm: *I will exalt you, O God my Ki*Gospel reading: *Matthew 24.42-e***Friday 27th: Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387** Wh*Pray for mothers and sons*Psalm (EHp355): *Lord of Hosts, look on your serva*Gospel reading (EHp356): *Luke 7.11-***Saturday 28th: Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430** Wh*Pray for the Augustinian friars*Psalm (EHp358): *How lovely is your dwelling pla
O Lord of has*Gospel reading (EHp359): *Matthew 23.8-*

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