

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

THE CHURCH IN EASTERTIDE

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

Matt Rye and Donna Gladding; Robin Chapman and Sarah Jane Marshall; Daniel Thornton and Henrietta Westcott; Martin Charlton and Ana Caballero; William Walsh and Cerian Jeffreys;

THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

William Jones; Cynthia Angus; Alethea Lyall; Elizabeth Gordon; Eileen Goode; Vivian Greblo; Celia Ball; Annie Robinson; Monika Stephanopoli; Penri Morgan.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Sam Bartosik; David Galloway; Sawaran Nangla.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Michael Taylor; Michael Barney, priest;

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 Mondays.

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THE WEEKLY SHEET

25th April- 2nd May 2010

We don't do God...

Only eleven days to go in an already-exhausting General Election campaign... and still – apparently – all to play for. How will you vote? How will you decide... and will your Christian faith have any impact on your decision?

When former Prime Minister Tony Blair was asked about his Christian faith, Alastair Campbell famously silenced his reply and interjected, 'sorry, we don't do God.' Much later, the former PM said: 'If you are talking about the American political system or others, then you can talk about religious faith and people say "Yes, that's fair enough" and in response they respond to quite naturally. You talk about it in a system and, frankly, people think you are a nutter.' Odd for a country with an Established Church to be so reticent about discussing religion in the realm of politics. In the Members' cloakroom in Parliament, coat-hangers have a red ribbon attached to them so that – historically – MPs could safely store their swords before entering the chamber. A recent Archbishop commented, 'In the modern world there is a great pressure to treat faith in the same way – to put it safely aside before entering our workplaces, and to pick it up again at the end of the working day. One working assumption among many in our contemporary society is that religious faith is a private, individual concern – something to be done in our spare time, and not to be mentioned in public.'

I find this an odd – and ultimately indefensible – view! Faith is something I keep in a compartment... nor is it just a matter for Sunday. On the contrary, my whole world-view is informed by a sense of the presence and challenge of Jesus Christ – and by the imperatives that flow from that glimpse of God's love we see in him. The challenge, it seems to me, is constantly to be making the connections between what we believe and how we behave, individually and together: between, that is, faith and politics. What do I think about criminal justice, or immigration? What is my view on employment or care of neighbour? Do I care about the environment? As a Christian, my views are profoundly informed by what my religious tradition has to say.

We could do worse, in these final days before polling on the 6th May, than examine the policies being dangled before us from a Christian perspective. How? Well: 'Votewise Now!' (published by SPCK - available from the Parish Office and on the Bookstand) is one very accessible and readable guide to current political issues. The Christian think-tank 'Ekklesia' is providing daily analysis of politics on its excellent website. And on Tuesday (for the technophobic!) – at St Mary le Bow in the City – there are good, old-fashioned hustings. "We don't do God. Nonsense. Go on... engage your faith before you vote!"

Fr Alan Gyle, Vicar

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 9 a.m. **Family Mass**
25th April 11 a.m. **Solemn Mass**
6 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

Monday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
26th April 6 p.m. Low Mass

Tuesday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
27th April 6 p.m. Low Mass

Wednesday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
28th April 6.45 p.m. **Wednesday Evening Service**

Thursday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
29th April **Church closed for recording**
6 p.m. Low Mass

Friday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
30th April 6 p.m. Low Mass

Saturday 9 a.m. Morning Prayer
1st May 12 noon Low Mass

Sunday 9 a.m. **Family Mass**
2nd May 11 a.m. **Solemn Mass**
1 p.m. Parish Lunch
6 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

APCM

Today, Sunday 25th April, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place after the Solemn High Mass, at about 12.20.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we welcome Fr Andrew Sloane to our 11 o'clock mass. He will celebrate and Fr Richard will preach. The mass will be followed by a Bank Holiday Parish Lunch – guest chef Iago Griffith! Please plan to join us.

You are cordially invited to join us for our annual Lent Appeal Dinner at Anton Mosimann's exclusive dining club in West Halkin Street on the evening of Monday 10th May 2010. The black-tie dinner provides an important boost to the Lent Appeal – tickets are £115 per head. Grace will be said by the Dean of St Paul's, The Rt Reverend Graeme Knowles, and the speaker after dinner will be author and Royal biographer, Hugo Vickers.

JUMBLE SALE

Congratulations to Niki Bartman and her team for all the hard work that made yesterday's Jumble Sale such a success – and to members of the congregation and others for their donations of jumble. The total raised was £735.63

LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY 400th ANNIVERSARY

Advance notice of an exhibition marking the 400th anniversary of Lambeth Palace Library from May to July 2010. The exhibition draws upon the Library's incomparably rich and diverse collections of manuscripts, archives and books, some of which will be on display for the first time. 17 May - 23 July 2010, 10.00 - 17.00, Monday to Saturday, Last admission 16.30. Closed Saturday 22 May, Saturday 12 June and Saturday 26 June. Admission by ticket, £8.00 adults, £7.00 concessions. Tickets can be booked on 0871 230 1107, or on the website: www.lambethpalacelibrary.org/content/treasuresexhibition.

GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS

On Tuesday 27th April 2010 Sir Michael Snyder will chair Hustings at St Mary le Bow in the City of London – an opportunity for the City & Westminster candidates to each make brief statements and answer questions.

PROM PRAISE

On Saturday 8th May, Prom Praise 2010 comes to the Royal Albert Hall with a constellation of young and rising stars. Conductor Noël Tredinnick and the All Souls Orchestra are delighted to welcome rising gospel star (former X-Factor Live Finalist) Beverley Trotman to make her Prom Praise debut, alongside star of the classical oratorio stage and long-time friend of the Orchestra, Joanne Lunn. A massed choir is again gathering from all over the UK and beyond representing the many choirs and singers who join the All Souls Orchestra in PROM PRAISE events around the country. The evening will be co-hosted by Rector of All Souls, Hugh Palmer. Tickets available from the Royal Albert Hall Box Office: 020 7589 8212 or www.royalalberthall.com

MASS INTENTIONS & PSALM RESPONSES

25th – 1st May 2010

Sunday 25th April: 4th Sunday of Easter Wh

Pray for
Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want*
Gospel reading: John 10.22-

Monday 26th: Mark the Evangelist r

Pray for
Psalm (EHP169): *The light of the eyes rejoices the heart*
Gospel reading (EHP170): Mark 13.5-

Tuesday 27th: feria in Eastertide wh

Pray for
Psalm: *Glorious things are spoken of you,
O Zion, city of our God*
Gospel reading: John 10.22-

Wednesday 28th: feria in Eastertide wh

Pray for
Psalm: *Let the peoples praise you, O God*
Gospel reading: Luke 12.44-e

Thursday 29th: Catherine of Siena, teacher, 1380 wh

Pray for
Psalm (EHP174): *Wisdom speaks noble things*
Gospel reading (EHP175): John 17.12-e

Friday 30th: feria in Eastertide wh

Pray for
Psalm: *Alleluia*
Gospel reading: John 14.1

Saturday 1st May: Philip and James, Apostles r

Pray for
Psalm (EHP178): *In returning and rest you shall be saved*
Gospel reading (EHP179): John 14.1-

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 distribution list, fill in a yellow slip and either pop it into the collection plate or hand it to us after the service.

