

Pray
for:



all churches under the patronage of St Paul on this (transferred) Feast of the Glorious Conversion of St Paul on the Damascus Road. Especially we pray for our Cathedral, and for our Sister Parish, St Paul's K-Street.

Pray also 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 live and work here.

THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

John Willmington; Connie Clarke; Roger Bowser; Federico Fernandez; Joan Watson; Arabella Elliott; Philip Sapsford; Tessa Murphy; John McGinty; Rene Gatiss; Alex Bridgman; Dorothy Jones; Kitty Baxter; Dominique Murray; Vivian Greblo; Monika Stephanopoli; Simon Murphy; Michael Taylor; Thomas Keatley; Kathleen Phillips; Bernadette O'Brien; Gert Van Der Geer; Penry Morgan.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Gerard Irvine, priest; Grace Sheppard; Elizabeth Bramwell.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Elisabeth Moorwood (23rd); Eileen Gosse (30th);

FrankGosse (30th); Kathleen Mary Cooke (31st);

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.

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"Last one in..."



Brrrr!!! This week – according to Pravda – has been a busy one for the emergency services across Russia. Whereas we in the West Church keep the Epiphany on 6th January, the Churches of the East – with their Julian Calendar – keep it later, on 19th January (and it is the Feast of the Theophany). Across Russia, this Feast sees Orthodox Christians gripped by the same sort of madness that he sees people diving into the Serpentine on New Year's Day: except that there it is much, *much* colder! Ice-plunges into the freezing waters beneath cross- or grave-shaped holes cut into the ice are common across Russia and Serbia – and each year there is a spate of deaths!

Asked to explain this ancient tradition, many Orthodox Christians talk about the baptism of Christ, and about the idea of washing away at the start of a new year: no pain without gain. If this all sounds a bit crypto-Calvinistic to me, and evokes memories of a freezing Scottish childhood ("nonsense, Alan, the water's lovely & warm!"), it also has an unintended theological resonance. After in baptism do we not 'die' with Christ, plunging beneath the water and symbolically drowning, so that we can then emerge to enter into that new life which is God's gift and promise? In our rather 'tame' and sanitised version of baptising (no full immersion here after all), it is a piece of symbolism we can easily forget.

And what a test of faith! Of course in our teaching we always focus on the 'preventive' grace of God – a grace which precedes human action and decision. This is a way of saying that it is *God* who makes us holy, not we ourselves by our own actions. Thank God for that! But this is not to say that we are called to a Christian life of passivity and inactivity. No need – of course – to demonstrate your commitment to Christ and the work and life of the Church by imperilling your life (so stay off the ice and out of the freezing water – 'cos that's just mad!), but it is perhaps worth asking how committed you are, at the start of a new year, to the tasks, work and life of discipleship. 'Not enough'? 'Could do better'? 'Feel called to do more'? Well, at the start of this New Year perhaps it is finally time to take the plunge (figuratively, of course!).

Fr Alan Gyle, VC

THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

Sunday 23rd January Conversion of St Paul	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Family Mass Solemn Mass Evening Prayer
Monday 24th	9 a.m. 6 p.m. 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass Standing Committee
Tuesday 25th	9 a.m. 2pm 6.30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Memorial – Elizabeth Bramwell Low Mass followed by the Awareness Course
Wednesday 26th	9 a.m. 6.45 p.m.	Morning Prayer Wednesday Evening Service <i>From the alphabet of grace, 'C' for Companion</i>
Thursday 27th	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Church Closed – Maintenance Low Mass
Friday 28th	9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	Church open for private prayer Church Closed – BBC Recording Low Mass
Saturday 29th	9 a.m. noon	Morning Prayer Low Mass
Sunday 30th Epiphany 3	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 6 p.m.	Family Mass Solemn Mass Evening Prayer

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIMES ON TUESDAYS and MORNING PRAYER ON FRIDAYS

To accommodate the Awareness Course Low Mass on Tuesdays will begin at 6.30 pm rather than 6 until March 1st. On Fridays – until the appointment of a new curate for the parish, Morning Prayer won't be said publicly on Fridays – but the church will open for private prayer from 9.30 am.

EGGSACTLY THE RIGHT THING FOR EASTER...

Last September supermarkets rejected the idea of The Real Easter Egg which is the first and only Easter egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter on the box. Church schools were asked to help join a campaign to help prove demand by placing orders



before Christmas. Thousands of eggs were ordered by schools in quantities ranging from 12 to 400 eggs at a time. You are invited to join the campaign and place orders for The Real Easter Egg by **4th February 2011**. Eggs (£4.50 each) can be ordered through St Paul's Knightsbridge (email: Rosie@spkb.org or ring 020 7201 9999 before 4th Feb)

Eggs will be available in early April 2011. The price of The Real Easter Egg includes a charitable donation, VAT, handling and delivery. The 125g high quality Fairtrade milk chocolate has to be ordered in multiples of 12.

AWARENESS COURSE: A PATH TO PEACE COMING TO KNIGHTSBRIDGE

The course, CITIZENS OF TWO KINGDOMS, continues each Tuesday evening through 1 March. Each evening begins with a 6.30 p.m. Mass followed by the course session in the parish room with refreshments and a question and answer time. Created by the Awareness Foundation, the course helps Christians explore their faith in the 21st century. Teaching the course will be Father Nadim Nassar, a Syrian-born Anglican priest, with Bishop Michael Marshall and Canon James Rosenthal. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the Patron of the Society and the office is at Holy Trinity Sloane Square. All are welcome. Come and invite your friends. There is no charge. You can come to any one or all sessions, each stands alone. Register by calling: 020 7730 8830 or education@awareness-foundation.com **There is no charge.**

POETRY & ARTS

Correction The next meeting will take place at 7.00 for 7.30pm in SW3 on Saturday the **29th** January 2011. The evening will be presented by John Roberts and the subject will be "Objets Trouves". Members are invited to bring an object (not too big and not necessarily of museum value!) which has a story to tell – how or where it came into one's possession, and why it is of personal significance etc. If you wish to attend please telephone 020 7376 3452 by the preceding Thursday (the 27th) for further information and also for details of the exact address.

CANDLELIT CONVERSATIONS

On three Thursday nights in January 2011, an opportunity to hear from leading Jewish, Muslim and Christian thinkers in conversation with Canon Chris Chivers. The conversations will conclude with plainsong Night Prayer and drinks. The series concludes on Thursday, 20th January, with Leslie Griffiths (Lord Griffiths of Burry Port). All are welcome at John Keble Church, Deans Lane, Edgware HA8 9NT at 7.30pm. Admission is free, any enquiries to 020 8959 1312.

Masses at St Paul's: 23rd – 29th January 2011

Sunday 23rd January: Conversion of St Paul

MASS AT 09:00 & 11:00; WHITE; GL, CR. PRF. OF THE SAINT
Intention: All Churches under the patronage of St Paul
Psalm: **Let the peoples Praise you, O God**
Gospel reading: Matthew 19.27-end

Mon 24th: Francis de Sales, Bishop

MASS AT 18:00; W; NO GL; PROPS FOR S FRANCIS, EH P62
Intention: the Unity of the Church
Psalm: **The heavens declare the glory of God**
Gospel reading: John 3: 167-21

Tue 25th: feria of Epiphanytide (St Paul transferred to 23rd)

MASS AT 18:30; W; NO GL; PRF. EPIPH; BLUE LECTIONARY P.281 (YEAR 1)
Intention: *The World Council of Churches*
Psalm: **Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord**
Gospel reading: Mark 3: 31-end

Wed 26th: Timothy and Titus companions of Paul

MASS AT 18:45; W; NO GL; PRF. SAINTS; EH P. 69
From the Alphabet of Grace: 'C' for companion:
Hymn: Bread of the world in mercy broken
Gospel reading: Luke 24: 13-25

Thur 27th: feria of Epiphanytide

MASS AT 18:00; W; NO GL; PRF. EPIPH; E LECTIONARY P.286 (YEAR 1)
Intention: *All who are addicted*
Psalm: **Those who trust in God will understand truth**
Gospel reading: Mark 4: 21-25

Fri 28th: Thomas Aquinas, philosopher, teacher of the faith

MASS AT 18:00; R; NO GL; PRF. SAINT; PROPS FOR THOMAS EH P.72
Intention: all philosophers and theologians
Psalm: **Let the words of my mouth, O Lord, be acceptable in your sight.**
Gospel reading: John 16: 12-15

Sat 29th: feria

MASS AT NOON; W; NO GL; PRF. EPIPH; PROPS OF OUR LADY CW P. 585
Intention: The Shrine of our Lad of Willesden
Psalm: **Let the name of the Lord be praised.**
Gospel reading: Luke 1: 39-47