

## IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

### A PRAYER OF MARY SUMNER

*All this day, O Lord,  
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;  
and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,  
whether through the word I speak,  
the prayer I breathe,  
or the life I live.*

*Amen.*

**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

**Kempley Smith and Imogen Buchan; Suzie Hadassi and Lars Gooch; Nicholas Barnes and Catherine Brady; Rosie Kennedy and Nicko Cadell.**

### THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

**Kitty Baxter; Clariette Wilmot; Chantal Patel; Dominique Murray; Ralph Dunstan; Cynthia Angus; Vivian Greblo; Monika Stephanopoli; Penri Morgan; Juliet Merz; James Bedford; Simon Murphy.**

### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

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

### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

**William Bennett (priest and first vicar)**

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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### *This is my body, given for you...*

I once showed a party of Romanian monks round an English parish church. It was very different from what they were used to and they were intrigued by things we take for granted – pews, side chapels, women priests – but when a parishioner came in with a tiny Yorkshire terrier on a lead they were horrified. In Romania if a dog gets into a church it has to be reconsecrated (the church, not the dog), which seems rather drastic to me, and perhaps it reflects cultural rather than theological concerns. So I wonder what they would have made of the story last week concerning a priest in Canada who gave communion to a dog. It was not, as one might have inferred from the headlines, an extension of the Canadian church's policy of inclusion, nor a bold new initiative in the theology of Eucharistic hospitality; it was an eccentric gesture on the part of a locum who invited a new parishioner to the rail and absentmindedly communicated not only the newcomer but also his Alsatian-cross, Trapper. It should have been quietly dealt with in-house, but the bishop got involved, and inevitably the story broke; no surprise there. I was surprised, however, when someone asked me, seriously, the other day if I would give communion to a dog. *No I wouldn't*, I said, although I am a dog lover and Daisy (my dachshund) is a familiar presence in church. My reluctance to do so is not because Daisy's behaviour with the pugs next door raises grave doubts that she's in a state of grace (although it leaves *much* to be desired); it is because Communion is exclusively for people.

This is not to deny our pets are loved; it is not to deny our responsibility to care for all God's creatures; it is not (I hope) arrogant species-ism. It is simply to observe that only people *need* Communion. When Daisy misbehaves she is no more responsible for her behaviour than a wasp. I might want to modify it, and train her not to beg for scraps or run into the road or to come when called; but on the odd occasions she obeys, I know that it is not because she seeks to be virtuous, but because she reckons she stands a fair to middling chance of getting a treat for her trouble.

We, however, are responsible for our actions, for we alone of God's creatures, are made in God's image; and, alas, we are the only creatures capable of marring that image. How can we be restored to God's likeness, then, in this fallen world? By accepting the gift of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist. *'Human food'*, I sometimes say to Daisy, as she eyes my breakfast rasher of bacon, *'not for dogs'*.

Fr Richard Coles, *Curate*

## SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> August	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	<b>Family Mass</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> August	9 a.m. Noon 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Funeral Low Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> August	2 p.m. 6 p.m.	Funeral Low Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> August	9 a.m. 6.45 p.m.	Morning Prayer <b>Wednesday Evening Service</b> <i>followed by refreshments.</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> August	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
<b>Friday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> August	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass
<b>Saturday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> August	9 a.m. 3 p.m. 12 noon	Morning Prayer Wedding Low Mass
<b>Sunday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> August	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	<b>Family Mass</b> <b>Solemn Mass</b>

**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.**

## CELIA BALL RIP

Celia Ball's funeral will take place here in church tomorrow, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August, at noon, all welcome, to be followed by a private cremation.

## 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. 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 12<sup>th</sup> September *This Is My Body*** deals with Holy Communion; on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> *Between a Puritan and a Papist*** looks at the origin and identity of Anglicanism; and on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> *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.



The Martyrdom of St Laurence

Bernini

## MASS INTENTIONS & PSALM RESPONSES

8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**Sunday 8th August: 10<sup>th</sup> after Trinity** Green

*Pray for the poor*

Psalm: *Our God will come, and will not keep silence.*

Gospel reading: Luke 12.32-40

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>: Mary Sumner, founder of Mothers' Union, 1921** White

*Pray for the Mothers' Union*

Psalm (EHp328): *Blessed are they who fear the Lord*

Gospel reading (EHp329): Luke 11.9-13

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258** Red

*Pray for deacons*

Psalm (EHp331): *Be joyful in God, all the earth*

Gospel reading (EHp332): Matthew 6.19-24

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup>: Clare of Assisi, founder of Poor Clares, 1253** White

*Pray for Franciscans*

Psalm (EHp334): *On God alone my soul in stillness waits*

Gospel reading (EHp335): John 15.4-10

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>: Week 19** Green

*Pray for those who mourn*

Psalm (EHp317): *Forget not the deeds of the Lord*

Gospel reading (EHp318): Matthew 18.21-19.1

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>: Jeremy Taylor, bishop, 1667** White

*Pray for pastors*

Psalm (EHp339): *My delight is in your commandments, O God*

Gospel reading (EHp339): Matthew 5.17-20

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>: feria of the B.V. Mary** White

*Pray for peace*

Psalm: *Make me a clean heart, O God*

Gospel reading: Matthew 19.13-15

**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.

