

# LENT EVENTS & THE PARISH LENT APPEAL 2011

**EVERY WEDNESDAY IN LENT 18:45**  
**The Wednesday Evening Service** – reflecting on our Lent Book, 'Barefoot Disciple'. All welcome. Conversation and refreshments afterwards.



**EVERY SUNDAY 09:00 AND 11:00**

**The Sunday Mornings of Lent** – with seasonal music and preaching. Preachers at 11:00: Bishop Michael Marshall (Lent 2); Fr Alan Gyle (Lent 3 & 4); Fr Andrew Sloane (Lent 5); Fr Nick Mercer (Palm Sunday)

**LENT BOXES:** Will you set aside £1 a day for Lent? Collection boxes are available from the back of Church on Sundays or from the Parish Office (020 7201 9999).

**TODAY: SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH at 12:45**

**'Spaghetti Sunday':** A Lenten lunch for the Lent Appeal after the 11 o'clock Solemn Mass – in partnership with *The Spaghetti House, 70 Knightsbridge SW1*. Fixed-price lunch £25 – with a donation included. Come and eat, enjoy fellowship – and do good, all at the same time!



**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 19:00**

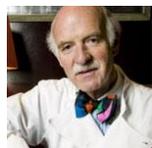


**Film night:** Every Sunday a feast day – despite the rigours of Lent – so you are cordially invited to a Lenten screening of the film 'Chocolat' – with appropriate chocolate refreshments – sponsored by *Rococo Chocolates of Motcomb Street*, in the Parish Hall in Kinnerton Street. Donations in lieu of tickets

£20 per head for the Lent Appeal – and the chance both to enjoy the film and to discuss its 'theological' themes over hot chocolate at the end! Sunday 27th March 2011 at 7pm. Book your place early – email [rosie@spkb.org](mailto:rosie@spkb.org)

**TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 19:00**

**Quiz Night:** as guests of Val and his team at the *Wilton Arms in Kinnerton Street* – the great parish pub quiz (soft drinks available for the abstinent!). £10 per head entry fee for the Appeal!



**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 19:00 FOR 19:30**

**The Lent Appeal Dinner:** As guests of *Anton Mossiman at his exclusive Dining Club in Halkin Street*. Tickets £125 per head. This annual dinner is very popular: please book early to avoid disappointment! Details 020 7201 9999.

## IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

**Pray for:** The Church and its renewal in the holy season of Lent – and for God's blessing upon our own Lenten observances, and on our Parish Lent Appeal. Thank God for our partnership with the local business community – and for the opportunity to bear witness to Christ in this part of London.

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. Pray for our Sister Parish, St Paul's K-Street, and for their Rector on sabbatical.

### THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

James Corbett; Jean Steers; Brendan Ryan; Betty Payne; Richard Thornton; Justin Doyle; Eve Margolies; Roger Bowser; Federico Fernandez; Arabella Elliott; Philip Sapsford; Tessa Murphy; John Murphy; Simon Murphy; John McGinty; Rene Gatiss; Dorothy Jones; Dominique Murray; Vivian Greblo; Monika Stephanopoli; Michael Taylor; Thomas Keatley; Robin Higgs; John Willmington; Andrew Walker; Penri Morgan

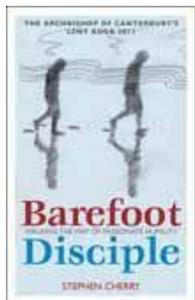
### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Fred Cockerill

### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

David Davjies (20<sup>th</sup>); David Llewellyn (21<sup>st</sup>); Richard Oskatel Latham (23<sup>rd</sup>); Eileen Gross (23<sup>rd</sup>); Raymond Linton Smith (25<sup>th</sup>); Sheila Galitzine (27<sup>th</sup>)

**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.**



020 7201 9999.

**BOOK FOR LENT 2011** This Lent the three Hyde Park parishes will *not* be having a joint Lent Course at the Grosvenor Chapel. Instead, the five Wednesday Evening Services in Lent (March 16, 23 & 30, and April 6 & 13) will focus on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2011, 'Barefoot Disciple' – Stephen Cherry's series of reflections on simplicity and holiness. We'll be buying in bulk – so either visit Amazon, or to order your copy through the church, please email [rosie@spkb.org](mailto:rosie@spkb.org) or ring

# ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE



THE WEEKLY SHEET 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011

### OVERSHADOWED?!



*But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name Jesus. For he shall save his people from their sins.*

(from St Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 1)

It is the fate of poor old St Joseph (husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary) to be commemorated on 19<sup>th</sup> March, seven days before the Solemnity of the Annunciation on the 25<sup>th</sup> March (the day on which Mary is told that the power of the Holy Spirit will overshadow her and that she will bear a son – there's a mass at 6pm here, so come along!). Having 19<sup>th</sup> March as your feast day means – invariably – having your feast day in Lent, which at St Paul's Knightsbridge is a double misfortune: not only does your day of festivity get swallowed up by the all-encompassing sobriety of the Lenten season, but it means that the church's only notable depiction of you on the reredos in St Luke's Chapel (reproduced above for those who can't remember what he looks like!) is hidden away behind the doors of a closed triptych.

St Joseph's lot in the Church's calendar of saints is a rum one. Not only are celebrations of him perpetually dampened by the mood of a penitential season, but he has – since the second century – been under theological attack! With the rise of a doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary (which had its roots in second century speculation and which was well-embedded in Eastern and Western thought by the end of the fourth) St Joseph's role in the mystery of the Incarnation was steadily edited out, reduced from being an active participant in the earliest Gospel accounts, to being something of an emasculated bit-part player in later theology and devotional writing. Perhaps – setting other excuses and rationales aside – that's really why his feast day was relegated to the Lenten season by the Mediaeval church in its calendric reorganisations.

Maybe we can seize upon this and make a virtue out of St Joseph and his fate. After all, are not many people 'marginalised', or 'diminished', or 'emasculated' and rendered powerless and insignificant? The voiceless. The forgotten. Those we readily ignore – or choose to forget. In addition to the obvious and traditional prayers on his feast day for 'husbands' and 'carpenters' and 'guardians', might we not remember those who are forgotten or not noticed, or even actively silenced (by the Church, and by the powers that be in secular society)? God in Christ calls us to 'fullness of life' – and St Joseph stands as a good reminder of how, unthinkingly or because of the pressure of other concerns, we can quietly edit people out of the story we tell.

Fr Alan Gyle

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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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### FR SLOANE'S VISIT

We very much look forward to welcoming Fr Andrew Sloane, Rector of our sister parish St Paul's K-Street, for the month of April. Fr Sloane will look forward to getting to know you: if you can offer him hospitality, please do so.

### PHOTO DATABASE PROJECT

"Vicar, who is that woman – you know the one – sits at the front on the left, dark hair....?" Embarrassed by not knowing everybody's name? Help will soon be at hand for all signed up members of St Paul's – not least for those welcoming at the door – as we start the work of building a photo database of all our members. David Burns will be beginning the discrete work of capturing your photos on Lenten Sunday mornings! Come dressed to kill (though it is head and shoulders we are after!).

### RETREAT TO AVILA, SPAIN, 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011



You are warmly invited to consider joining the Parish Retreat in Avila, near Madrid in Spain, from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – led by Fr Alan Gyle. As with last year's Moissac retreat, attendees are invited to book their own flights (with Easyjet or BA on the morning of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to arrive c. 1pm at Madrid for onward transportation to Avila), and then back on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> on the mid-evening flights (Easyjet or BA) – and also to book your own accommodation in Avila (ad lib, according to budget – though many will be staying at the Parador d'Avilla in the Old Town). We will get together daily for prayer, reflection and silence – and spend evenings together eating and talking. For more details, please speak to Fr Alan.

### FRIENDS OF THE ANGLICAN CENTRE IN ROME

Meeting at Lincoln College, Oxford, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March from noon till 3.30pm. All welcome. Speaker: The Most Revd. Bernard Longley, RC Archbishop of Birmingham: "Pope & Archbishop: exchange of gifts". Further information and booking form for prepaid lunch from Virginia Johnstone 020 7589 0697.

### POETRY & ARTS GROUP

The next meeting of the Poetry & Arts Group will take place in Knightsbridge at 7 for 7.30pm on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> March. The subject will be "Scapegoats" with the author, Mike Scott, speaking about his forthcoming book. Please telephone 07748034545 by the preceding Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup> March, if you wish to attend, and also to confirm the exact location.

### VOLUNTEERING & GETTING INVOLVED

We are keen to expand our list of readers, intercessors and element bearers – and of course of servers, flower-arrangers, volunteer (occasional) cleaners and stewards. Interested? Why not email the vicar ([alan@spkb.org](mailto:alan@spkb.org)) or have a word with the clergy or churchwardens after mass.

**SAVE THE DATE: Fr Richard's Licensing in Finedon – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7pm. For travel arrangements, speak to the Churchwardens.**

## THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

*\*\*Please note arrangements for Morning Prayer and Church openings in the latter part of this week.*

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Lent 2</b>	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	<b>Family Mass Solemn Mass</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> feria</b>	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass (Lect. P.104/BI)
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> feria</b>	9 a.m. 6 p.m.	Morning Prayer Low Mass (Lect: p.105/BI)
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> feria</b>	9 a.m. 6.45pm	Morning Prayer <b>Wednesday Evening Service</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> feria</b>	9.30 a.m. 6 p.m.	**Church open (Morning Prayer said privately) Low Mass (Lect.: p. 108/BI)
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation</b>	9.30 a.m. 6 p.m.	**Church open (Morning Prayer said privately) Low Mass (EH.p.142/White)
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> feria</b>	noon	**Church open for the noon mass Low Mass (Lect.: p.112/BI)
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Lent 3</b>	9 a.m. 11 a.m.	<b>Family Mass Solemn Mass – preacher Fr Alan Gyle</b>

### Psalm Responses at the daily Masses at St Paul's:

**This week the Lenten course is interrupted by the Solemnity of the Annunciation which falls on Friday.**

MONDAY:	"Righteousness is on your side, O Lord."
TUESDAY:	"I will show my salvation to those who keep my way"
WEDNESDAY:	n/a
THURSDAY:	"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord."
FRIDAY:	"We have come to do your will, O God"
SATURDAY:	"Bless the Lord, O my soul"