

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

Pray for: The Church and its renewal in the coming holy season. 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

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

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

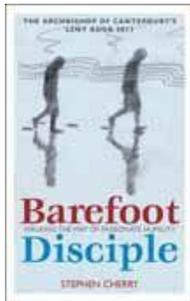
Isobel Fletcher; David Woolley;

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Audrey Simons (5th); Joan Kelly (7th); Ronnje Lindsay (6th); Joy Linton Smith (7th); Richard Butler (8th); Julian Goldsmid (13th)

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.

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 or ring 020 7201 9999.

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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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ST PAUL'S KNIGHTSBRIDGE



THE WEEKLY SHEET 6th - 12th March 2011

TIMES AND SEASONS

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven..." wrote the author of Ecclesiastes.

It was a throw-away comment from one of the clergy that made me think. On Wednesday I was in Limehouse for the day, running a follow-up day-conference for a group of 16 clergy we took away last Autumn for a five-day residential in Cheltenham. The residential ('Renewing Vision, Renewing Ministry') is aimed at clergy aged between 48 and 55 who are considering the final 10-15 years of professional ministry, and the structure of the week is designed to help the participants get 'back to their roots' and to ask fundamental questions: *why* they first got into the whole business of ministry, what it was *then* that they felt God was calling them to – and how that has changed for them, 20-25 years later? It was the second time we'd run that particular programme and it so happened that the five-day slot we allocated this time had been in October. It had been a good week, we discovered, resulting in a huge shift in many of the participants, and the follow-up day was very worthwhile. But there was this one comment...

"I just wonder," he said in a quiet moment, "whether it was at the right *time* of the year." What did he mean? Was it that October was a particularly busy time in his parish? Had it clashed with half-term? "No," he said, "it's just that you were asking us to wake up and be refreshed just as we were going into the Autumn and the whole of nature was 'closing down'. Perhaps it is a programme you should run in the spring..."

He was absolutely right, of course. In our urban existence we are so disconnected from the cycles of nature – "a time for sowing and a time for reaping" as the book of Ecclesiastes continues – that we tend to fit things into packed diaries when we can, with little regard to the greater pattern of times and seasons. But even if our brush with nature is nothing more than a walk in Hyde Park or noticing that the flower shop in the parish is suddenly full of cherry blossom, there is no getting away from the fact that now, in early March, as in this hemisphere the earth's axis tilts towards the sun, the whole of nature is waking up and coming alive again after the long, cold, dark winter. Green shoots. Buds. New growth. New life!



This Wednesday – Ash Wednesday – marks the start of Lent. If your sense of Lent is a slightly negative one ('a time for giving up', 'a time for discipline'), perhaps it is worth reflecting on how the 'discipline' and 'giving up' relate to the greater theme of 'coming

alive' – and asking yourself whether, tired of spiritual hibernation, this spring and the forty days of Lent is the time for *you* to be renewed in your faith and prayer – warmed by the love of God into new life and new fruitfulness.

Fr Alan Gyle, Vicar

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THIS WEEK AT ST PAUL'S

The Holy Season of Lent begins with the

The Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 9th March 2011 at 7 p.m.

Music: Missa Quatri toni - Victoria ;
Emendemus in melius / Ne irascaris - Byrd
Preacher: Fr Alan Gyle



(Low Masses with Imposition of Ashes at 09:00 and 13:00 in St Luke's Chapel)

Sunday 6th	9 a.m.	Family Mass
Next before Lent	11 a.m.	Solemn Mass & Baptism
	1 p.m.	Parish Lunch
Monday 7th	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6 p.m.	Low Mass
Shrove Tuesday 8th	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6 p.m.	Low Mass followed by Pancake Party in the Vicarage
Ash Wednesday 9th	9 a.m.	Low Mass & Imposition of Ashes
	1 p.m.	Low Mass & Imposition of Ashes
	7 p.m.	Solemn Liturgy of Ash Wednesday & Imposition of Ashes
Thursday 10th	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	6 p.m.	Low Mass
Friday 11th	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	1.45 p.m.	Funeral
	6 p.m.	Low Mass
Saturday 12th	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	noon	Low Mass
Sunday 13th	9 a.m.	Family Mass
Lent 1	11 a.m.	Solemn Mass

SHROVE TUESDAY

The Lent Appeal kicks-off this year with a Shrove Tuesday party in the Vicarage on Tuesday 8th March 2011 at 6.30pm (after mass!). Space for c.45 people – free tickets available from the Parish Office or the Churchwardens on a first-come-first served basis. Donations to the Lent Appeal.

LENT 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 chocolaty refreshments – sponsored by Rococo Chocolates of Motcomb Street, in the Parish Hall in Kinnerton Street. Donations in lieu of tickets £20 per head – 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



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ST PAUL'S FESTIVAL CHOIR: MENDELSSOHN'S 'ST PAUL'

Please note the fliers at the back of church advertising the forthcoming performance of Mendelssohn's 'St Paul' here on Saturday 19th March at 7.30 pm. Tickets £15 on the door.

RETREAT TO AVILA, SPAIN, 6th – 9th JUNE 2011



(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 26th 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.

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) or have a word with the clergy or churchwardens after mass.

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 soon! Come dressed to kill (though it is head and shoulders we are after!).

Masses at St Paul's: 27th February – 5th March 2011

Sunday 6th : Next before Lent

MASS AT 09:00 & 11:00; GREEN; GL, CR.

Intention: The life of the Diocese of London

Mon 7th : Perpetua & Felicity

MASS AT 18:00; RED; NO GL; EH 119

Intention: all who are persecuted for their faith

Psalm: *Many waters cannot quench love.*

Gospel reading: Matthew 24: 9-13

Tue 8th Edward King; Shrove Tuesday

MASS AT 18:00; WHITE; EH P.119

Intention: for all penitents

Psalm: *I will search for my sheep, says the Lord.*

Gospel reading: Matthew 5: 10-12

Wed 9th : ASH WEDNESDAY

LOW MASS AT 09:00 & 13:00; SOLEMN MASS AT 19:00

Intention: The keeping of a good Lent.

Psalm: *Have mercy on me, O God, and cleanse me from my sin.*

Gospel reading: Matthew 6: 1-6

Thur 10th : feria

MASS AT 18:00; BLUE; BLUE LECTIONARY P.89

Intention: *for all who suffer*

Psalm: *The Lord teaches us what is good.*

Gospel reading: Luke 9: 22-25

Fri 11th :feria

MASS AT 18:00; BLUE; BLUE LECTIONARY P.90

Intention: for the Bishop of London

Psalm: *A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

Gospel reading: Matthew 9: 14-15

Sat 12th : feria

MASS AT NOON; W; BLUE; BLUE LECTIONARY P. 92

Intention: All who are sick

Psalm: *Teach me your ways, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.*

Gospel reading: Luke 5: 27-32

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