

In Our Prayers This Week

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manager on Christmas. Amen



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>		<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Katie Aston	Michael North	Sergio Avanzi
Evangelia Brown	Doina Oana	Frieda Bilger
Sarah Deal	Maria Reis	Vincenzo Blandini
Andrew Fernandes	June Scully	Theo Bulkai
Tony Gordon	Sue Spicer	John Cantlie
Joan Jackson	Becky Tinsley	Joan Davies
Soheli Madadi	Roger	Leo Koymans
Mary McKenna	Rosie	Simon Portal
Diana Nicol	Amir	Annie Redmile
	Roxana	James Worsley
	Alma	

In thanking for those who have recovered

Pat Wilson

and for all who have died recently

John Crowley Vincia Richard Alan Lamping

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

David Wainwright, 8th December Jo Harriman, 8th December
Josephine Hamilton, 9th December Robert Courtney, 11th December

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

8th December 2019

Sunday 8th December - The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am	Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism & Children on Sundays Groups
11.15am	Choral Matins Benedictus - Tonus Peregrinus with Fauxbourduns - MOORE Anthem: Canite Tuba in Sion – FRANCISCO GUERRERO Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
12.30pm	Holy Eucharist
6.30pm	The Messiah

Monday 9th December

8.00am	Morning Prayer
1.05pm	Informal Eucharist – Sunday on Monday
5.30pm	Evening Prayer

Tuesday 10th December

8.00am	Morning Prayer
11.30am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
7.00pm	St Giles Trust Carol Concert

Wednesday 11th December – Ember Day

8.00am	Morning Prayer
8.15am	Holy Eucharist
1.00pm	Community Carol Service
1.05pm	Meditation Group in the Vicars Parlour
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
7.00pm	St James Girls Seminar School carol service

Thursday 12th December

8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.20am	School Eucharist – All Welcome
11.30am	Thomas School's carol concert
2.00pm	St James Junior School's carol concert
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
6.30pm	The Mayor's Community Carol Service

Friday 13th December – Lucy

8.00am	Morning Prayer
8.15am	Holy Eucharist
5.30pm	Evening Prayer

Saturday 14th December – John of the Cross

9.40am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Holy Eucharist
10.30pm	Rehearsal for the Nativity Play
5.30pm	Evening Prayer

Sunday 15th December - The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am	Family Eucharist with Nativity Play
11.15am	Choral Matins with Eucharist Missa super Ecce Quam bonum – HASSLER Ecce Dominus veniet – MICHAEL PRAETORIUS Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
12.30pm	Holy Eucharist There is no 12.30 service
6.30pm	Sung Evensong

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Church Dates:

8th December: Handel's Messiah,
11th December: Community Carol Service
15th December: Family Eucharist with Children's Nativity Play
19th December: Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
24th December: **Christmas Eve**
Children's Crib Service, 4pm
Midnight Mass, 11.30pm
25th December: **Christmas Day**
Holy Eucharist, 8am
Family Eucharist, 9.30am
Solemn Matins, 11.15am
Holy Eucharist, 12.30pm
Christmas Service with Communion, 4pm
29th December: New Year Service, 4.00pm

We welcome the family and friends of the children who will be baptised today into our church and congregation.

Nativity Play

On Sunday 8th December rehearsals will take place in Sunday school with the dress rehearsal on Saturday 14th December at the amended time of 10.30am. **Travelling Crib:** One lucky household will have the opportunity of looking after the travelling nativity set. Louis has been taking names. If you would like the crib to stay with you one evening then please email him on lhk@smaw8.org or catch him at church.

Handel's Messiah

TONIGHT at 6.30 at St Mary Abbots church

A baroque Christmas concert by candlelight in the church. Doors open at 5.45.

Tickets: can be purchased by card or cash on the door for £20 or online from <https://smamessiah2019.eventbrite.co.uk>.

"Apocalyptic! Getting to grips with Revelation" Monday 9th December, 7pm- 9pm

Traditionally Advent is a time for considering the Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. So not an inappropriate time to look at the Book of Revelation! A Talk and discussion with Rev Andy Roland, plus wine and cheese. Free admission. All welcome at St Cuthbert's Church, 50 Philbeach Gardens, SW5 9EB.

Community Carol Service

Wednesday 11th December, 1pm St Mary Abbots

A service for all sponsored by Kensington businesses and institutions

Flower Arrangers' Christmas Tea

Saturday 14th December, 4.30 in the Vestry

We are holding a Christmas Tea gathering for the existing SMA flower arrangers and we invite anyone who may be interested in joining the group to join us for tea. This will give you a chance to meet Lesley Pullen and her team and to ask them what exactly is involved. Over this past year there's been a revival of the SMA flower arrangers group but long-time participant Lesley, who organises this group and coordinates the annual weekly flower roster, would like to you more people to join the nine current participants. If you are interested in joining our Christmas Tea as a prospective member of the group please email Lesley at pullen.london@btinternet.com

Family Eucharist with Children's Nativity Play Sunday 15th December, 9.30am

The play, written, produced and performed by our young people will take place in St Mary Abbots at the 9.30 service.

Nine lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 19th December at 7.00 St Mary Abbots

The Traditional Service with mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards. All are welcome

OTHER NOTICES

St Nicholas aka Father Christmas

We would like any volunteers to follow St Nicholas's example and buy a present for one of our pensioners attending the Christmas day lunch (see below). A wish list of presents can be found on the table by the South door and we hope you will bring them a little light and Christmas cheer by donating a gift.

Christmas Day Transport Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to sign up to give lifts to our guests on Christmas day lunch to provide transport to and from our centre. If you would like to sign up for this please find the volunteers list on the table by the South door.

Food Bank

Please continue to support the foodbank. **Food Items:** Cereal; Soup; Pasta; Rice; Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce; Lentils, beans and pulses; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tea/coffee; Tinned fruit; Biscuits; UHT milk; juice;
Toiletries: deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
Household: detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid
Feminine products: sanitary towels and tampons
Baby supplies: nappies, baby wipes and baby food.

St Andrew's Clinics for Children (STACC)

There is no question that over the years your gifts have made important contribution to the health care for children in sub-Saharan Africa. Since 1992 over 1.5 million children have received free treatments. In Sierra Leone, the STACC-supported deworming programme. In Nigeria since 1998, thousands of children aged under five years have had access to free treatment for malaria. In Uganda since 2003, care for thousands of children admitted to the Children's Ward at St Kizito's Hospital and over the years, equipment and vehicles have been purchased, insecticide-treated bednets supplied and distributed. In Kenya your gifts have also been having a good impact amongst a Maasai community in Kenya with a team of Maasai ladies regularly visit a community in Kajiado to distribute food and bednets.

To donate to the charity or find out more about them please visit www.standrewsclinics.org.uk Bank Standing Order forms and Gift Aid Declaration forms* are available from the website www.standrewsclinics.org.uk.

Register of Children at SMA

We re-registering all the children who attend St Mary Abbots Church on Sundays, whether they attend the Children on Sunday groups or remain in church with their families. Forms are available from the leaders and helpers, and also from our Pastoral Assistant, Louis. Once the form has been filled in and returned, children will be added to our new database. These children's names will then appear automatically on our new registers.

The register will be taken in the groups by Louis or a volunteer and parents will also have the opportunity to sign the register if their child decides to stay with them in church. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact Mother Emma or Martina.

