

In Our Prayers This Week

To the stars we seem no more than blades of grass. Yet to you, each of us, as each blade of grass and each star, is an irreplaceable treasure.

From 'Let all creation praise'

Lord, we thank you for the warmth of the sun, the light of the moon, the glory of the stars. We praise you for the formations of clouds, the radiance of dawn and sunset. Save us from wasting or abusing the energy on which all life depends.

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Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

Katie Aston
Evangelia Brown
Rebecca Cable-
Nunn
Sarah Deal
Andrew Fernandes
Kevin Fitzgerald
Tony Gordon
Joan Jackson
Margaret Lyon
Mary McKenna

Diana Nicol
Michael North
Maria Reis
Holly Raber
June Scully
Sue Spicer
Becky Tinsley
Alma
Victoria
Roger
Rosie
Roxana

Those in long-term need

Sergio Avanzi
Frieda Bilger
Vincenzo Blandini
Revd Geoffrey Connor
Theo Bulkai
John Cantlie
Joan Davies
Leo Koymans
Simon Portal
Annie Redmile
James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Judith Mary Allen Prosper Devas David Cecile Daphne Foster
Barbara Gatehouse Robert Lane Debbie Lovell Rosalynd

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

Wendell Cadogan, 18th Feb William Wilson, 18 Feb
Hugh Mainprice, 19 Feb Pedro da Gama, 21st Feb
Esme Bass, 22 Feb

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

16th February 2020

Sunday 16th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Children on Sunday Groups
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
11.15am Choral Matins
Anglican Chant Set 5 – BARNBY / SMART
Morning Service in A – T TERTIUS NOBLE
O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem – HERBERT HOWELLS
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
12.30pm Holy Eucharist
6.30pm Taize Prayer, God's Good Creation

Monday 17th February – Archbishop Janani Luwum

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

Tuesday 18th February

8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am **Holy Eucharist (BCP)**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19th February

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am **There is no Holy Eucharist**
1.00pm Meditation Group
2.00pm **Healing Eucharist**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 20th February

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15 am **Holy Eucharist**
9.20am **There is no School Eucharist (half term)**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 21st February

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am **Communion by extension**
1.05pm Royal College of Music Recital
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 22nd February

9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am **Holy Eucharist**
12.00 **Cecile Daphne Foster Funeral**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 23rd February – Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Choral Eucharist with Children on Sunday Groups
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
Missa St Raphaelis – MICHAEL HAYDN
11.15am Matins with soloist
Preacher: Revd David Evans
12.30pm Holy Eucharist
6.30pm Sung Evensong
followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Revd Sam MaNally-Cross

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Church Dates:

3 rd March	Lent Study Group, 10.30am
8 th March:	Commissioning of candidates, 9.30am
11 th March:	Lent Talk 'Care for God's Creation, 7pm
5 th April:	St John's Passion
21 st May:	Confirmation Service, 7pm

Healing Eucharist

Wednesday 19th February at 2.00

During the service there will be laying on of hands and anointing with oil to help heal your physical, emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing. 'By his wounds you have been healed'

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 26th February 2020

Please could you bring your palm crosses back to the church to be burned in advance of Ash Wednesday. These can be handed in to a member of the clergy or left in the vestry.

We are also asking for volunteers to hand out prayer cards to people outside the church during the Ashing at the following times.

7am – 8am 12.00 – 1.00pm 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Please speak to Simon or email Leonora if you would like to take part pa@smaw8.org

Opening the Scriptures – Lent Studies

Every Thursday at 7.30pm

Throughout Lent Kensington Council of Churches will bring you 'Opening the Scriptures, setting our heart on Fire', a series of Ecumenical Studies every Thursday at 7.30pm. The first, at St John's Notting Hill, Lansdown Crescent, W11 2NN will take place on Thursday 5th March. For more details <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent>

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March at 11am

The Kensington and Chelsea Branch of the World Day of Prayer is holding its annual WDP International Service at St Mary the Boltons, London, SW10 9TB. The theme, chosen by Zimbabwe is "Rise! Take your mat and walk". The service, which will be attended by the Mayor, will be followed by light refreshments and St Marys welcomes any of our congregation who would like to attend.

Confirmation - Commissioning of Candidates

Sunday 8th March at 9.30am

On Ascension Day, Thursday 21st May, The Bishop of Kensington will be coming to St Mary Abbots for a service of Confirmation. If you are interested in being confirmed this year we will have preparation sessions for children, starting on Wednesday 4th March in Vicar's Parlour at 3.35 every week during term time, and for adults from Tuesday 25th February at 7pm in the vicarage every week during term time. There will be pancakes for the adults on Shrove Tuesday. Please email Father Jonathan on pa@smaw8.org if you would like to join

Lent Talk – 'Care for God's Creation'

Wednesday 11th March at 7pm

A talk in the church on the climate by the Revd Giles Goddard, a board member of Operation Noah and co-founder of Faith for the Climate, the interfaith environmental action group. He is also a member of the Church of England's General Synod. In 2014, he presented a motion to the General Synod, calling for leadership on the issue of climate change. For further information please contact Father Jonathan on jm@smaw8.org Weekly study groups at SMA on Tuesday at 10.30am.

Lord Alton of Liverpool Talk, Friends of SMA

Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm

Professor Lord Alton of Liverpool is a global human rights campaigner, expert on China and a Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots and subject is "Peering Over The Great Wall: China and the West - two civilisations seeking to co-exist on the same Planet". Tickets are £15 per person including wine and refreshments and are available from the Vestry or via www.lordaltontalk.eventbrite.co.uk. Cheques to "Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington". For more information please email Steve Attack, steveattack@aol.com

OTHER NOTICES

Revision of Church Electoral Roll

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll of the our parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on Sunday the 23rd day of February 2020, and ending on Friday the 13th day of March 2020.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer, Ed Warrick er@smaw8.org

Do you have a property available to rent?

Kensington and Chelsea Welcome Committee, founded in 2015 in response to the global refugee crisis, are looking to rent accommodation for individuals and families displaced by war or persecution, usually those in need of medical assistance. The potential tenants have been vetted by UNHCR and the Home Office and would rent for 24+ months. If you wish to help please contact rbkcrefugeeswelcome@gmail.com

Choir Vestry – Volunteers needed

A helping hand is urgently needed behind the scenes in the Choir Vestry, which would benefit and appreciate a little extra care to keep things tidy. Please contact Alison on 0207 229 5514.

New Archdeacon of Middlesex

The Bishop of London announced that Revd Richard Frank, Vicar of All Souls, St Margaret's and Area Dean for Hounslow, has been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Middlesex, starting in April. We send Richard our warm congratulations and our prayers for him and his family as he prepares for this new stage in his ministry.

Friends of St Mary Abbots & Waitrose

Waitrose is donating a portion of £1000 based on the number of tokens in the collection box in Waitrose, Kensington High Street – please remember to add your tokens after shopping.

Servers and Readers

Any adults or children who would like to serve, or any adults who would like to read the lessons there is an upcoming training session. Please contact Father Jonathan for details: jm@smaw8.org

Foodbank

If you have any items for the food bank please leave them at the vestry and we will deliver them during the week. **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.

Register of Children at SMA

If your child has not been re-registered for the On Sunday Groups please speak to either Louis or a leader and ask for a form. Weekly registers will be taken in the groups and for children who remain in church.