

In Our Prayers This Week

The Collect for Remembrance Sunday

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Remembrance Sunday

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those men and women who have died in active service: in wars past and present. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.



Eric Hill from Boston, MA, USA. Poppies in the Sunset on Lake Geneva.
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Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

| <i>Those in acute need</i> | | <i>in long-term need cont</i> |
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| Christopher | Hew Service | Rev. Geoffrey Connor |
| Buckmaster | Sebastian Shaw | Joan Davies |
| Margy Fitter | Alison Steel | Leo Koymans |
| Gina Hrela | Edward Harrison | Simon Portal |
| Joan Jackson | Michael | Annie Redmile |
| Mary Reeve | <i>Those in long-term need</i> | James Worsley |
| Maria Reis | Vincenzo Blandini | |
| Catherine Roney | Theo Bulkai | |
| June Scully | John Cantlie | |

and for all who have died recently

Arthur Dawes Eva Fraser Andrew Gillespie
Tony Gordon Wayne Matthews

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

Terry Pritchard, 11th November

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

8th November 2020

During this second lockdown period, **St Mary Abbots will remain open for private prayer from 10 am to 2 pm daily.** Our **worship will move online** (see details below). You are very welcome to visit the church or join our online services.

Keeping the church open is dependent upon our maintenance of good practices including:

- Filling in a Covid Track and trace form at the main door, or using the NHS app which can be found on the notice board and inside the church.
- Sanitising our hands at the entrance
- Wearing masks inside the church
- Maintaining 2 metre distancing from others
- Following the one way system

Evening Prayer is being said by individuals every night at home. Please do light a candle and use the prayers accessed on this website [HERE](#).

SUNDAY 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

10am -2pm Church open for Private Prayer

10.50 am Online Holy Eucharist Service for Remembrance Sunday.

To join the service, which starts at 10.53am please go to the website www.smaw8.org/services or [HERE](#)

We would like to thank our readers Councillor Sof. McVeigh, Deputy Mayor of RBKC and Sir Peter Marshall and Molly Dineen for her help with recording the service.

MONDAY 9th November – Margery Kempe, mystic

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

TUESDAY 10th November – Leo the Great, Bishop

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

WEDNESDAY 11th November – Martin, Bishop

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

THURSDAY 12th November

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

FRIDAY 13th November – Charles Simeon, Priest

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

SATURDAY 14th November – Samuel Seabury, Bishop

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

SUNDAY 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

10am -2pm Church open for Private Prayer

10.30 Online Holy Eucharist (BCP)

Preacher: The Rev'd Alice Ormondroyd

Message from Mother Emma

Further to my message yesterday, I am writing with further information - though with the proviso that things continue to change or be clarified, so please continue to follow the website for up-to-date information.



The church remains open for private prayer from 10 am to 2 pm every day, Monday to Sunday.

This coming Sunday (9th November) is Remembrance Sunday, and we are very aware that marking this during lockdown will be like no other Remembrance Day before, which will be disappointing for many. However, we are glad to be able to offer an online service of Choral Matins with an Act of Remembrance, to remember and honour all those who lives have been lost or changed forever in war or on active service.

The service will go live on our YouTube channel just after 10.50 am, so that we can share in the two-minute silence observed across the nation at 11 am. Our readers for this service will be Sir Peter Marshall and the Deputy Mayor of RBKC, Councillor Sof McVeigh. I am grateful to our professional choir for recording the music in advance of the lockdown; to Molly Dineen for her help with filming and to Leonora for putting the service together.

We hope very much that you will join us online for this service.

Sadly, our new children's provision at St Mary Abbots Centre, which was due to be launched this week has now had to be postponed. However, thanks to Martina, Mother Alice and a number of our parish children, we shall be providing a **special online service for our children**, which could be viewed alongside the Remembrance Day Service, after it or at any other time! We will be announcing our plans for children's ministry during the remainder of lockdown in my email next week.

It is hard to see our churches closed once again for worship, but we give thanks that this time round, our buildings can at least remain open for individual prayer. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York recognise the sadness many of us feel at being deprived of sacramental worship for a time. They have called for this lockdown month to be a National Month of Prayer from home, with those who are able fasting in whatever way seems appropriate each Thursday. They have suggested that at 6 pm, those who can might like to pray briefly on their doorstep each evening, using the national prayer points shown below. We shall also be incorporating these in our Zoom service of Morning Prayer at 9 am each morning (please let me know if you would like to be sent the link) and you might wish to include them if you visit the church to make your own private prayers.

National prayer points:

Sunday Family, friends and loved ones
Monday Schools and colleges, children and young people
Tuesday Elderly, isolated and vulnerable
Wednesday Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing, all whose jobs have ended or are at risk
Thursday The NHS and other key workers
Friday National and local governments
Saturday All who are grieving and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health

I also share with you once again the Church of England's prayer for all those affected by the virus:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Foodbank Donations

We will still be continuing collections for the food bank, but this time please give any donations to our assistant virgers, Sam, Tom or Amada when you come to the church.

A list of food items that they particularly want can be found I the cloister. Please do not bring any ready meals as these will go off quickly and can't be stored properly.

If you prefer to donate financially you can send a cheque, made payable to 'Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust' and marked 'foodbank' on the reverse to: The Dalgarno Trust, 1 Webb Close Dalgarno Way, London, W10 5QB.

Friends of St Mary Abbots Silent Auction in full swing

In the absence of being allowed to hold any other fund raising events this Christmas the Friends have organised, terrifically co-ordinated by Sally Bessada, an on-line Christmas Silent Auction with over 25 splendid gifts from hotel's restaurants and local businesses. Everything from a luxury break at a beautiful Suffolk coastal Hotel to a six foot Christmas Tree. New lots have been posted during the week for those who have already visited the site including some very fine wines. Our target to raise is £1,500 of which we have already raised more than £600. Do please take time to visit the site on <https://auctionofpromises.com/2020FOSMChristmasAuction> and bid for some lots.

The Royal British Legion Poppies in the post appeal

Due to Covid-19 The Royal British Legion have not been able to use its army of volunteers and military personnel to sell poppies and collect money during their annual poppy appeal. This means that their fundraising efforts have been hampered in a year that donations are more in demand than ever before. Funds raised go to veterans from the Armed forces community and helps those battling with isolation or suffering from the effects of Covid-19 lockdowns. There have been the usual poppies and collection pot in the church, however if you would like to make an online donation please use this link: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate?seq=XPMWEB001>

Extracts from a letter from Archbishops Justin and Stephen and Bishop Sarah

"This is a difficult and challenging time for all of us. We are sure that some of you reading this letter will wish we had made other decisions during the period of the first lockdown, or even challenged the government harder on the decisions it has made. You may be right. However, it is our view that the best way we can serve our nation now is by pouring our energy into doing the things that we can do, which is to pray and to serve. We also dare to hope that we will be kind to each other and that God will give us the courage and humility we need to be faithful witnesses to the gospel of peace".

"More than anything else we know that we are in the faithful hands of the risen Christ who knows our weaknesses, tiredness and struggles and whose steadfast love endures for ever".

"In one of the climactic passages of the New Testament, Paul says to those who follow Christ that their "love must be genuine, that they hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good." He asks them to "serve the lord", exhorting them to "rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." (See Romans 12.9-12.) None of this is easy. Especially not at the moment. But it is our calling."