

## In Our Prayers This Week

### The Alternative Collect for Epiphany 2

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

God our Father, you reveal to us your love through Christ and through our brothers and sisters. Open our hearts so that we can welcome each other with our differences and live in forgiveness. Grant us to live united in one body, so that the gift that is each person comes to light. May all of us together be a reflection of the living Christ. **Amen.**

### Prayer for essential workers, especially in the NHS

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. **Amen.**

*Prayer: Adapted from a message from Sister Bridget Tighe of Caritas Jerusalem*



The Exhortation to the Apostles by James Tissot. Brooklyn Museum

*Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers*

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Sebastian Shaw	John Canelie
Margy Fitter	Alison Steel	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Gina Hrela	Edward	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	Michael	Leo Koymans
Fr David Michaels	Harrison	Simon Portal
Suze Murray	<i>Those in long-term need</i>	Annie Redmile
Mary Reeve	Vincenzo Blandini	James Worsley
June Scully	Theo Bulkai	
Hew Service		

*and for all who have died recently*

Pearl Collinson	Sally England	Eva Fraser
Andrew Gillespie	Nicholas Hodge	Jose Jueguen (snr)
Nigel Leyland	Rosemary MacNeaney	Wayne Matthews
Karl Julius Silchenstedt	Rae Whitehead	

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

Samir Abourahme, 17 <sup>th</sup> January	David Wilson, 17 <sup>th</sup> January
Dennis Corble, 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Barbara Hosegood, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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 use the NHS app which can be found on the notice board in the cloister by the door.
- Sanitising our hands at the entrance
- Wearing masks inside the church
- Maintaining 2 metre distancing from others
- Following the one-way system

### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

There will be no services in the church, however we will be open **from 9.30am to 11.30am** for those wishing to come to the church for private prayer.

9.30 am Online Morning Service

[www.smaw8.org/services](http://www.smaw8.org/services)

9.30 am Children's Service on Zoom

Please email: [children@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:children@stmaryabbots.org.uk)

10.30 am Morning Prayer on zoom

Please email: [vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk)

### MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

### TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> January – Wulfstan, Bishop

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

### WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> January – Richard Rolle, writer

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

### THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> January – Agnes, Child martyr

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

### FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Vincent of Saraossa, Martyr

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

### SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> January

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

### SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

9.30 am Online Service [www.smaw8.com/services](http://www.smaw8.com/services)

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### Service Sheets and Newsletter

During this current Covid-19 spike we will no longer be producing a physical copy of the newsletter or giving out a time to pray booklet at the midday prayer. If you would like a copy of the newsletter sent to your house please email Leonora with your postal address [pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk) There is a Time to Pray app so that you can follow the midday prayers on your phone <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

## Message from Mother Emma

Following the suspension of public worship in St Mary Abbots last Sunday, the PCC discussed this decision further in the light of the increasing pressure on the NHS in London and the calls from many local Government leaders to avoid public worship during the peak of the current Covid-19 crisis. With difficulty and sadness, we reached the conclusion that **we should suspend public worship for the next few weeks**, as we wait for the vaccine to be rolled out further and case numbers to improve. We shall be watching closely the data and also any guidance issued from the Church of England and hope to resume worship as soon as it seems safe to do so for all those involved or attending.



However, **St Mary Abbots will remain open for private prayer, from 10 am - 2 pm every day, and from 9.30 - 11.30 am every Sunday.**

We are very conscious of the loss which ceasing public worship in person will mean for some, and once again, I encourage you to be in touch with me whenever you wish. We shall continue to provide online worship, reflection and prayer through our YouTube channel and also on Zoom. In case you know of anyone who does not have the internet, please could you let them know that they can also dial in to Zoom services using their phones.

This week our online service will be at 9.30 am with music, prayers, readings and sermon. At 10.30 am we will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom, and shall be praying for our **new Confirmation candidates** (eight adults and six children), as they embark on a new stage of their faith journey, together with groups from St Philip's, Earls Court Road. We are beginning preparation on Zoom in the hope and faith that it will be possible to hold our Service of Confirmation in church on April 22nd as planned. If there is anyone out there who has not been in touch with us but would like to join the group, please do get in touch with me.

Mother Alice, Martina and Cain have been working hard to assemble all kinds of offerings and resources for our **children** this week. If you are a former leader of COS or someone who would like to offer their services for the first time and would like to participate in leading a Zoom session, please do contact Martina.

Last week at Morning Prayer, Mother Alice led us in singing the wonderful Epiphany hymn, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness". I was particularly struck by the following lines, which could encourage and strengthen us as we move through these difficult times:

*Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness: high on his heart he will bear it for thee, comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be... mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.*

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

This week is week of prayer for Christian Unity prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp Switzerland, on the theme 'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit' from John 15: 1-17. In producing the material for the Week of Prayer the sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence. The booklet which includes a daily meditation, prayer, questions to

consider and how to go out and live the prayer each day on a global, local and personal scale can be found here: [WPCU 2021 English pamphlet](#)

## Lost property and foreign coin

Last year when replacing a very old safe we discovered a large amount of foreign coins from Argentina, America, Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, The Czech Republic, China, Columbia, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Euro coins, Germany, Guyana, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama & Balboa, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, UAE, Ukraine, Uruguay, Yugoslavia. This shows the wide variety of visitors and tourists that come to the church and we very much hope to welcome them back to St Mary Abbots at some point in 2021.

As well as the numerous coins there was a diamante bracelet which was advertised as lost property in the newsletter many years ago. If anyone wishes to claim it then please contact Pether [Parishmanger@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:Parishmanger@stmaryabbots.org.uk) by the end of February.

## PARISH & OTHER NEWS

### Mayors Awards 2020-21

**Nominations are open until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021**

If you know of someone who has made a huge difference to life of the residents in RBKC you might wish to put their names forward for the Mayor's Award, which will publicly recognise their hard work. There are four categories for nomination:

- Individual Contribution
- Young Person
- Local Community Organisation
- Coronavirus Response

Click [HERE](#) or to nominate someone or learn more.

### Food Bank

The food bank is currently unable to pick up food from the church so we are unable to accept any food or cleaning supplies. However the food bank is still open and in desperate need of support as more people are in need of their vital services. Should you would like to donate financially you can send a cheques, made payable to 'Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust' and marked 'foodbank' on the reverse to: The Dalgarno Trust, 1 Webb Close Dalgarno Way, London, W10 5QB or donate directly on their website: [www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk)

### Covid Support

If you are in need of pastoral help or support during this lockdown then please don't hesitate to contact Mother Emma or Mother Alice. For those needing other forms of help a list of covid support services and contacts can be found below:

- **RBKC Covid-19 Hub:** Hot food, food banks, finance, housing and much more: Monday to Friday 9am -6pm & Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm  
Tel: 0207 361 4326 or [C19Hub@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:C19Hub@rbkc.gov.uk)
- **Covid Testing:** There is a walk in clinic in Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street from 8.30 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday and then 10am – 4pm at the weekend. There is another clinic in Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road, W10 6EX from 10am – 4pm Monday to Sunday.
- **Kensington and Mutual Aid:** Picking up shopping, medication, posting mail, urgent supplies, arranging deliveries. For those in need and those wishing to volunteer.  
Tel: 0208 144 2774 or [Kcmutualaidzone3@gmail.com](mailto:Kcmutualaidzone3@gmail.com)