

In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect for 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A prayer for peace and safety amid unrest

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows: and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts: through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



San Tommaso d'Aquino, Protector de la Universidad de Cuzco, Barco Anino. Museum de Lima

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Sebastian Shaw	John Cantlie
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	
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and for all who have died recently

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

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

Joyce Johnston, 31st January

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

24th 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 24th January – 3rd 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	Morning Service online www.smaw8.com/services
9.30 am	Children's service on Zoom Please email: children@stmaryabbot.org.uk
10.30 am	Morning Prayer on Zoom Please email: vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk

MONDAY 25th January – Conversion of Paul

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer

TUESDAY 26th January Timothy & Titus, Paul's Companions

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer

WEDNESDAY 27th January

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer

THURSDAY 28th January – Thomas Aquinas, priest

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer

FRIDAY 29th January

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer

SATURDAY 30th January – Charles, King and Martyr

10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
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SUNDAY 31st January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

9.30 am	Morning Service online www.smaw8.com/services
9.30 am	Children's service on Zoom Email: children@stmaryabbots.org.uk
10.30 am	Morning Prayer on Zoom Please email: vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk

The information above may change. If you would like to receive updates directly to your email please sign up to our newsletter on www.smaw8.org or email pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk

Service Sheets and Newsletter

We will no longer be producing a physical copy of the newsletter or prayer book.

If you would like us to post a newsletter to you please email Leonora with your postal address pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk

The Time to Pray app can be downloaded to your phone for use when visiting the church:
<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Message from Mother Emma

This week we mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, remembering all our brothers and sisters in different denominations both across the world and represented here within Kensington. As we celebrate our shared belief in the Life, Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we also pray especially for those who worship or minister in places of persecution or oppression, and pray that as God's holy church, we may serve each other and work together to bring in his Kingdom.



We sadly continue to suspend public worship in church as we support those working to lower the number of Covid-19 infections in London, and to relieve the burden on everyone working in our hospitals, but **the church remains open for private prayer from 10 am–2 pm Monday to Saturday, and from 9.30 am–11.30 am on Sunday.**

We are offering a wide variety of worship online from a Children's Service, to a service of Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer with sermon, to Morning Prayer on Zoom! Links to all services can be found on the "services" page of our website. Anyone who has previously attended a Zoom service will be sent the link again, but if you would like to join us for the first time for Morning Prayer as we mark the Conversion of St Paul, please do contact me, and if you wish to join a children's service, please email Martina on children@stmaryabbots.org.uk. Each week we also send out by post a copy of our newsletter and of the weekly sermon to anyone unable to access the internet. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to this list, please let Leonora know on pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk.

I am excited to report that next week we shall begin advertising for a new Associate Vicar to join Mother Alice, so please pray for the right person to hear God's call!

May I express my grateful thanks to everyone who has helped and supported us during this period, in prayer, in contributing to our worship, in time spent volunteering, and in the generous donations which we receive each week and which enable us to sustain our ministry to you and to others. They are all hugely appreciated.

Christ is our hope; we give him glory for the great grace by which upon the cross he stretched out his hands in love to us all. By that same grace may he come, our risen Saviour, into every gesture of unity and fellowship which we make toward one another and make the peace we share his peace. (Common Worship: Epiphany Season on the Theme of Unity)

With my love and prayers,

Mother Emma

Commissioning of Confirmation Candidates

On Sunday we commissioned our adult and child confirmation candidates by Zoom. They will meet virtually once a week in the evening to study what it is to become a Christian. If you or your child are interested in becoming baptised or confirmed please let Mother Emma know.

"Laptops for Lockdown Kids"

As covered in the news recently a lack of laptops for home schooling has become a pressing issue. Some children do not have access to a computer or have to share one with a sibling or parent and so are finding it hard to keep up with their class work. In some cases they may not be able to join in at all meaning they risk dropping further behind which could impact their life chances. Louise Harris from our neighbouring Parish, Christ Church Kensington has started a fundraising campaign to buy laptops for our local primary schools: St Mary Abbots and St Barnabas and St Phillips. Each laptop costs £300 and will go to those who are most in need. After lockdown the computers will be returned and used by the school. Your help could make all the difference to our local children, and if the campaign goes well, to more outside the borough. Please consider donating and sharing the link below:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/Laptops-for-Lockdown-Kids?utm_medium=email&utm_source=product&utm_campaign=p_email%2B4803-donation-alert-v5

Community Safety Discussion Groups Closing date 28th January

The safer Kensington and Chelsea Partnership are running a series of workshops in February and are looking for residents or business owners to take part. They would like to know the most important crime and community issues affecting you in order to devise a community safety plan to reduce crime and its effects in the area. They are offering a £25 voucher to thank those who take part, but spaces are limited. To book a place or find out more information you will need to fill in a survey [Community Safety Discussion Groups - Register of Interest - Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea - Citizen Space \(rbkc.gov.uk\)](#) or contact them on commsafe@rbkc.gov.uk or 020 7361 3000.

Food Bank

The food bank is not currently picking 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 wish 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 or donate directly on their website: 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
- **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