

In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect for Candlemas

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen

A prayer for the sick

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**
Church of England prayer



The crucifixion of the martyrs of Nagasaki, a painting in the [Franciscan](#) convent of the Lady of the Snows in [Prague](#). Pavel Vnnek - Property of franciscans of Prague, Czech Republic.

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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

and for all who have died recently

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| Pearl Collinson | Tony Dawes | Sally England |
| Andrew Gillespie | Margaret Hicks | 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

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| Joyce Johnston, 31 st January | Leith McGrandle, 2 nd February |
| | Sarah Lamping, 6 th February |

St MARY ABBOTS CHURCH CONTACTS

Church Website: www.smaw8.org

The Parish and Vicarage offices are open from 10am – 5pm

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

31st 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 31st January – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

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

- 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

MONDAY 1st February – Brigid, Abbess

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

TUESDAY 2nd February

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

WEDNESDAY 3rd February – Anskar, Archbishop

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

THURSDAY 4th February – Gilbert, Gilbertine Founder

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

FRIDAY 5th February

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

SATURDAY 6th February- Martyrs of Japan

- 10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

SUNDAY 7th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

- 9.30 am **Morning Service** online
www.smaw8.com/services
- 9.30 am **Children's service** on line & on Zoom
www.smaw8.org/children-and-groups
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>

Message from Mother Emma

It was lovely to worship with many of you last Sunday as the snow fell gently outside, but the snowdrops and the slowly lightening evenings do also bring the first hint of the promise of Spring. As I have mentioned in my sermon this week, Candlemas (which we shall celebrate this Sunday) used to mark the last day on which the streetlamps were lit, as after that it was thought there was enough light in the sky to find the way home from work at 5 pm - a very encouraging thought!



I sense from my phone calls and messages that many of us are tired and weary from the long lockdown and saddened by the tragic news of so many deaths; some of them people known to us. Please be assured that you and your families are held in the prayers of the church, together with the sick and the bereaved, as we continue to support each other in the love of Christ through this crisis. I am very aware of the warmth and support which members of the congregation are experiencing from one another, and hope that you would always feel free to ask if we could find further help, or to offer support. Although we cannot currently take in Foodbank donations, we know that financial donations to Foodbank are being very much appreciated by the many whose livelihoods have been affected by the crisis, and the details of how to give can be found in the newsletter on the website.

Candlemas marks the turning-point between Christmas and Easter; as we prepare to walk the difficult road to the Cross, we can be conscious of the promise of Christ's Resurrection at the end of the journey and find light and hope even in the darkest times.

We hope that you will be able to join us to worship God again this Sunday, whether for Morning Prayer on Zoom, or for the online Eucharist with music and sermon www.smaw8.org/services or for the children's provision which Martina will be telling you about. The church remains open for private prayer for some time every day and you are very welcome to rest, pray or light a candle as you pass.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe. You make our darkness to be light. For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light.

(Common Worship, Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Rooted in Love – online event 9th February, 7pm online event

The Bishop of London and Paula Gooder, Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral will be talking about their Lentern book "Rooted in Love, 40 Reflections for Lent" which will explain how we can live our Christian lives fully and draw closer to Christ this lent. The book contains a Bible verse, prayer and action for each day. To reserve a place click [Rooted in Love Tickets, Tue 9 Feb 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

"Laptops for Lockdown Kids"

Last week we mentioned the fundraising campaign which is raising money to help buy laptops for home schooling at our local primary schools: St Mary Abbots, St Phillips and St Barnabas. 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. So far they have raised over £8,000 but if the campaign goes well they intend to buy more for other schools inside the borough. Your help could make all the difference to our local children so please consider donating and sharing the link below: <https://gofund.me/c13f0e1f>

Online Library

Kensington and Chelsea library have gone on line. For those stuck at home a chance to take out books, newspapers, magazines, comics, audiobooks, language-learning platform and dictionaries, reference materials for students. They also offer online events and activities. As with the real library you can access this for free – you only need a library card. [Join online](#) if you are not already a member.

Vaccine Scam

There is a false email currently doing the rounds in West London telling you that you have been chosen to receive a vaccine. This is a particularly wicked scam as it outwardly appears to be from the NHS. The NHS will not ask you to do any of the following:

- press a button or to send a text to confirm your vaccine
 - Ask you to pay for the vaccine or to send your bank details
- If you receive a message like this please either ignore it or forward it to the: [Action Fraud](#) website. For more information about how to spot scams visit <https://www.which.co.uk/consumer-rights/advice/how-to-spot-a-scam>.

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

Celebrating London Folklore & Customs 19th February – 26th February

RBKC is this month celebrating the customs and Folklore of London with a series of talks and online events. One of the talks with author Antony Clayton covers the folk law of London on subjects such as why do people 'beat the bounds' and who was 'spring heeled Jack'. The talk takes place on the 22nd February at 6.30 and tickets can be booked here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/folklore-of-london-with-antony-clayton-tickets-132672724691

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
- **Daily Hope Phone line:** Set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury this line allows you to listen to services and reflections on the phone. 0800 804 8044