

In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Collect for Mark

Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Saint Mark. Writing the Gospel. Gift of J. Pierpont Morgan 1917
Met Museum of Art, CCO

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	June Scully	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Frieda Bilger	Alison Steel	Vincenzo Blandini
George El Khoury	David Strong	Theo Bulkai
Gina Hrela	Edward	John Cantlie
Joan Jackson	Michael	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Anna Messim	Stephanie	Joan Davies
Fr David Michaels	Yves	Leo Koymans
Suze Murray		Paul Proudman
Mary Reeve		Annie Redmile
		James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Pamela Davies	Bruce Dinwiddy		
May El-Kadi	Samir El-Kadi	Sally England	Margy Fitter
Andrew Gillespie	Margret Glass	Mary Khoury	
Armando Mardirosian	Wayne Matthews	Jackie O'Brien	
Simon Portal	Hew Service	Ennio	

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

Richard Horsley, 27th April Oliver Philpott, 28th April

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

25th April 2021

Our daily Midday Prayer and Holy Eucharists on Tuesday (BCP) and Thursday have now resumed.

Keeping the church open is dependent upon our maintenance of good practice so when in church please:

- Wear a mask in the church and cloister
- Maintain a 2 metre distance from others
- Sanitise your hands at the entrance
- Fill 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. For Sunday services book on line
- Follow the one-way system

SUNDAY 25th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Eucharist

11.15 am Matins

5.30 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Please reserve a seat for Sunday Services on our website: www.smaw8.org/services. If you do not have access to a computer please contact Petter or Leonora who will register you.

MONDAY 26th April – Mark the Evangelist

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am Bible Study via Zoom (straight after prayers)

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

TUESDAY 27th April – Christina Rossetti, poet

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)

WEDNESDAY 28th April – Peter Chanel Missionary

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

6.30 pm APCM meeting on Zoom.

THURSDAY 29th April – Catherine of Siena

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by **Holy Eucharist**

FRIDAY 30th April – Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

SATURDAY 1st May – Philip and James, Apostles

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

SUNDAY 2nd May – 5th Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30 am Family Eucharist

11.15 am Matins

5.30 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Numbers are limited so please reserve a seat on our website: www.smaw8.org/services.

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 a delight to welcome such a good number of parishioners to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting last night; thank you all for being with us. I am very pleased to be able to report that our current Church Wardens, Guy Heald and Ed Warrick, who have been a tremendous support and worked very hard through the last difficult months, were re-elected to serve as Wardens for another year. Andrew Giblin and Laura Sylvester both reached the end of their terms of office as PCC members last night, and I am so very grateful for all their support, advice and input over the time since I arrived, and before. We offer them our heartfelt thanks for their time as PCC members, and much appreciate that they both intend to continue to offer their particular gifts in the service of the church in future in other ways. David Peerless stood for re-election to the PCC and was duly elected – he has worked tirelessly as Treasurer, and we are glad to have his help and knowledge going forward – and it was a great pleasure to welcome both Ivell Arnold and Becky Tinsley onto the PCC last night. Once we have all been able to have our post-lockdown haircuts (speaking for myself, anyway!), we hope to provide photos of all our parish clergy, staff and officers, so that those in the congregation will know who we are after a year of isolating from one another...!



Tonight is our Service of Confirmation, and while we cannot invite you to attend unless you are one of the 33 candidates or one of their personal guests, due to Covid restrictions, we ask you to hold them in your thoughts and prayers before God. There are thirteen candidates from St Mary Abbots, together with a good number from St Philip's, Earls Court Road and other neighbouring parishes, and it is a great joy to know that, as it says in the Book of Acts, "the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling."

A reminder that we have now re-started a reduced pattern of weekday worship in church, with Midday Prayer at noon each day, followed on Tuesdays and Thursdays by a celebration of the Eucharist. You are most welcome to join us for any of these services. We also continue to say Morning Prayer online, Monday to Friday at 9 am – just contact me (or Mother Alice) for the link. Once Fr Christopher joins us and provided the relaxation of the lockdown carries on, we hope to re-introduce some of our other in-person services again in due course.

This Sunday, we welcome you for Good Shepherd Sunday with our current pattern of 8 am, 9.30 am Eucharist and 11.15 am Matins. As this is the fourth Sunday of the month, which is normally our "Choral Sunday", we are delighted that our full professional quartet will be with us for both services. We are

also delighted to announce the return of organised children's provision during the 9.30 am Eucharist, making the most of the sunny weather. Please do remember that you need to register on our website in advance to keep us within our safe numbers.

I hope that you are able to enjoy the sunshine and our increasing freedoms and look forward to seeing you soon.

God of our earthly pilgrimage, feed your Easter people with the bread of heaven, that we may hunger and thirst for righteousness until we reach our promised land, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. [Common Worship Daily Prayer]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Mini Abbots – Baby and Toddler Group

Fridays, 9.30am – 11.30am

This week we started our summer drop in for Baby and Toddlers. This will take place in the Long Room at the Centre on Friday mornings and there is play and activities for the children and a chance to catch up for the adults. Places are available on eventbrite and if you would like to come along please contact Mother Alice for details.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Kensington – a Royal Love Story

Monday 10th May 2021, 10am

Explore the story of Kensington and find out how a small rural village became the centre of academia and knowledge. Run by UK Tours, a group of Blue badge guides and friends this talk explores how Royalty put Kensington on the map. www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kensington-a-royal-love-story-tickets-150768654103?aff=erelexpmlt

Thy Kingdom Come

Thursday 13th May – Sunday 23rd May 2021

Between Assentation and Pentecost join others all over the world who are praying that others will join the Christian faith. For more details: www.thykingdomcome.global

Food Bank

Thank you for your contributions so far. If you have any items please leave them with Sam the virger in the church. A small reminder not to donate any ready meals as we have no way of storing them in the church. A full list of items for donation can be found on our food bank page www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html 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 you can donate directly on their website: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk

Covid Support

If you are in need of pastoral help or support as a result of the lockdown then please contact Mother Emma or Mother Alice. Other forms of help can be found below:

- **Book a Covid vaccination:** If you are 45 or over you can book your covid vaccination by logging onto the nhs website: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/
- **Testing:** There are now free rapid community home testing kits available to pick up at the walk-in clinic in Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street from 8.30 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 4pm at the weekend.
- **Everymind Matters:** Set up by Public Health England and approved by NHS to help look after mental health during lockdown www.nhs.uk/oneyou/everymind.matters
- **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