

In Our Prayers This Week



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25th July 2021

Alternative Collect

We pray for this local community and for all people in their daily life and work. We pray for the young and the elderly, for families, and all who are alone. We give thanks for human skill and creativity and all that reveals your loveliness.

Collect for St James

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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.



Raising of Lazarus, Mary and Martha meet Jesus. Hunterian Psalter, Manuscript detail

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>		<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Lily Cameron	Suze Murray	Vincenzo Blandini
James Clark	Mary Reeve	Theo Bulkai
Isabella Cory	June Scully	John Cantlie
George El Khoury	David Strong	Joan Davies
Gina Hrela	Edward	Leo Koymans
Joan Jackson	Michael	Fr David Michaels
Anna Messim	Stephanie	Annie Redmile
	Yves	James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Frieda Bilger Laura Cleave Derek Sayer

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

Elsie Wilson, 25th July Dorothy Coleman, 25th July
Richard Pethybridge, 28th July Bill McBryde, 28th July
Hilary Pethybridge, 29th July

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Today we are re-introducing congregational hymns and opening access through West gates.

We would encourage you to continue with social distancing practices, such as wearing a mask, maintaining a 2m distance, filling in a Track and Trace form and using hand sanitiser when entering the church, in order to protect and reassure those at greater risk.

Please respect the area at the front South of the church (under the lectern by the Holland Chapel), which has been set aside for those who prefer to remain masked and retain social distancing practices.

SUNDAY 25th July – St James the Apostle

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am Choral Eucharist
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

To avoid having to fill in track and trace forms at the door please reserve a seat on our website: www.smaw8.org/services.

MONDAY 26th July – Anne and Joachim, Parents of Mary

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

TUESDAY 27th July – Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop

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 July

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

THURSDAY 29th July – Mary, Martha and Lazarus

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY 30th July – William Wilberforce, social reformer

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 – 11am **No Mini Abbots baby and toddler group**
10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

SATURDAY 31st July – Ignatius of Loyola, Founder

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

SUNDAY 1st August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am Holy Eucharist
11.15 am Matins
5.30 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

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Message from Mother Emma

We give grateful thanks this week that many restrictions have now been lifted and we can begin a gradual return to a more normal way of life. However, we are also very aware that many of us (myself included) remain in the vulnerable categories and that we wish our SMA community to continue to be a wonderful place of safety and welcome for all.



The Bishop of London has written:

"This is a time of great hope and of deep uncertainty, when some are delighted with the anticipation of new freedoms and others are terrified of what that might mean ..."

We are delighted that we shall be enjoying greater freedom within the church building and especially to think that this Sunday we shall be re-introducing congregational hymn-singing again, with an opening and closing hymn at the Eucharist and Matins, as we build back towards full congregational participation. We shall also be re-opening the West Gates and the West Doors to allow entry and exit through both the cloister and the churchyard.

However, in order to do all this safely and without deterring any of our more vulnerable congregants from worshipping with us, we shall continue to use only every other pew and encourage you very strongly to use sanitiser at the door and to wear masks if possible. We shall also be establishing a dedicated zone in the South East quadrant of the church (under the lectern and near the Holland Chapel) for those who prefer to maintain a two-metre distance and wish to be confident that those around them will be fully masked throughout the service. These pews will be clearly marked; please respect the sensitivities of others.

We shall also, in the first instance, continue to administer Holy Communion in one kind only (distributing the bread but not the wine). The Church of England has reiterated that this is permissible at this time and that both the Body and Blood of Christ are received even when only the host is distributed.

Finally, we shall continue over the summer to say Evening Prayer online via Zoom at 5.30 pm each Sunday evening, for those who are not yet ready to return to worship in the church building. We hold in our prayers the many who will be travelling or at least enjoying a period of rest following the end of the school term this week.

Saving God, open the gates of righteousness, that your pilgrim people may enter and be built into a living temple on the cornerstone of our salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [The Liturgical Commission]

With my love and prayers as we look forward to seeing you soon, Mother Emma

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Flood support for K&C Residents

Kensington and Chelsea Council are offering advice and support for residents (private and tenants) and business affected by the flooding earlier this month. If you need housing support, call us on 020 7361 3000. If you are a business, contact business@rbkc.gov.uk for advice. Other advice on their site ranges from how to get help with insurance claims, how to deal with sewer flooding to contacting a waste management provider. Their covid-19 Hub is providing support for those made homeless by the water and who need help collecting food or medicine. Monday to Friday between 9am and 6pm on 020 7361 4326 or email C19Hub@rbkc.gov.uk If you need help from the council please look on their website: www.rbkc.gov.uk/newsroom/help-and-support-flooding-damage



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 27TH JULY, 2021

at 7.00pm in

**ST MARY ABBOTS
VICARAGE GARDEN**

St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, W8 4HN

If anyone would like to attend the Kensington Council of Churches AGM this week, with refreshments afterwards, then it is taking place in our vicarage garden on Tuesday 27th July at 7pm or at the Centre if the weather has turned. This will be the first time they have all been able to meet, other than virtually, since the Unity Service at St. Mark's in January 2020 and they are looking forward to sharing fellowship again, meeting in person with friends old and new! They are asking you to 'Bring & Share' refreshments for after the Meeting – but this is not obligatory and ALL WELCOME. You are free to bring your family and friends, but do please **contact Chris Luxton with the names/contacts** of all who plan to attend: Chris.Luxton@spec.org or 0207937 4159.

Teddy Bears Picnic, Children's show Wednesday 28th July, 11am

Your children and their teddy bears are invited to join the fun at Chelsea Theatre, SW10 0DR for a Children's Theatre show. Aimed at children aged 2-6 there will be props, puppets, well known songs, dancing and family fun. Tickets are £10 and can be bought: www.kcfestival.co.uk/programme/teddy-bear's-picnic

Food Bank

The food bank has been in touch to say thank you for the contributions so far and to please keep up the good work! If you have any items please leave them with Simon on Sunday or at the start of the week as they will be picked up by volunteers on Thursday morning. A full list of items for donation can be found on our food bank page www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html but please remember not to donate any fresh food or ready meals. 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 Vaccinations and Testing

Book a Covid vaccination: If you are 18 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/

To vaccinate or not to vaccinate: For anyone who is hesitant about getting vaccinated there are Youtube videos made by local health professionals which answer the most frequently asked questions about the vaccination and its effects, which might help you if you are still making up your mind about if you should have the vaccination. www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZd7MUHYabyqHoR30f98efQyzkFHqCgEH

Testing: You can pick up a rapid community home testing kits 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.