

In Our Prayers This Week

Alternative Collect for 11th Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Collect for the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Blessed Virgin Mary stain glass window, Dublin, pintrest

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	Ian Leonard Robson (Priest)
	Derek Sayer	Pio Teeq

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

Elizabeth Costley-White, 16th August, Gay Babbage, 18th August

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15th August 2021

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 15th August – **Blessed Virgin Mary**

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am Holy Eucharist
11.15 am 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 16th August

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

TUESDAY 17th August

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

WEDNESDAY 18th August

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

THURSDAY 19th August

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

FRIDAY 20th August – Bernard, Abbot

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 21st August

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

SUNDAY 22nd August - 12th Sunday after Trinity

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

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Message from Mother Emma

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday 15th August, with our current service pattern of 8 am BCP Eucharist, 9.30 Eucharist with Cantor and 11.15 Matins with Cantor. We ask Mary's intercession as we journey towards a more normal – and yet renewed – life in this wonderful parish dedicated in her name. We hope very much that those of you who are not travelling or taking a well-earned holiday will be able to be with us. If you are away, or are sadly unwell or having to self-isolate for a variety of reasons, you will be very much in our prayers.



As I have mentioned before, we are continuing with our discussions about our new Mission Action Plan. Fr Christopher and I have been encouraged, challenged and inspired by our meetings so far following a number of the regular midweek services, and we would now really like to hear from some of our Sunday congregants. To that end, we would like to invite any of the 11.15 Matins attenders this Sunday to remain behind for about 20-30 minutes after the service, to discuss and to share your feelings in response to three key questions about the parish. There is no need to let us know in advance, but if you were able to factor this in to your Sunday planning, we would be delighted to hear your views as we prayerfully seek to discern God's plan for the parish in the voices of his people.

Thank you to all those who have been in touch with Simon about the garden – we hope that this will be the first of many community projects and activities as we come together to renew our Christian witness serving the heart of Kensington.

Almighty and everlasting God, your handmaid Mary magnified your name and rejoiced in your saving love: trusting in that same love, help us to live joyful lives that sing your praise, Amen. [From the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, CW 2008]

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Ian Leonard Robson (priest)

It is with great sadness that we share with you the news of the recent death of the Revd Prebendary Ian Robson, Vicar of St Mary Abbots with St George and Christ Church, Kensington, from 1977 to 1997. He is remembered with respect and affection by many in our congregations and our thoughts and prayers are with his widow, Liz, and his family and friends. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Calling Kensington Volunteer Gardeners and fundraising for the churchyard

Simon, our lovely Virger, is looking for volunteers to help bring the church yard that runs along Kensington Church Street back under control, especially on the Garth where we inter the ashes of loved ones. We would like to turf this, which will not cost a great deal, but does take time to do. If anyone would like to offer their help or have time to do any other tidying in the churchyard please let Simon know. If you would be willing to donate towards the turfing and general replanting of the church yard, please contact Petter, the Parish Manager on

parishmanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk or leave an envelope in the donations box with 'churchyard' written on it.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Carnival of the Animals in Westminster Abbey Saturday 28th August 2021

Westminster Abbey is putting on a family friendly day of events and creative crafts: create your own carnival creature to wear during the musical procession throughout the abbey, look for life-sized animals made of non-recyclable household items by artist Imogen Paton, listen to Camille Saint-Saens play 'Carnival of the Animals', and listen to stories from around the countries of the commonwealth. Children can attend for free, for adults tickets are the usual price of admission to the Abby. www.westminster-abbey.org/abbey-events/family/2021/august/family-day-carnival-of-the-animals

Prayer Vigil for COP26 Conference Saturday 23rd October 2021

South Bank Churches are inviting people of all faiths to pray for the success of COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. They are asking people to make a pilgrimage from their church by foot, bike or public transport to arrive at Southwark cathedral at 2pm, bringing a 'Letter of Creation' to give to the religious leaders involved in COP. There will be prayer stations with prayers reflections and singing at 3.20, finishing with a blessing from the Bishop of Kingston. If you would like to know more please see the link below. [Prayer Vigil for COP26 Climate Conference Tickets, Sat 23 Oct 2021 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prayer-vigil-for-cop26-climate-conference-tickets-15184444444) If you would be interested in forming a group to come from St Mary Abbots please email Leonora at pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk

Spotting Wildlife in Holland Park

If you are looking for outside adventure this summer why not play wildlife bingo in Holland Park. The bingo map is full of plant, insects and birds to look out for such as dragonflies, squirrels, butterflies, swifts, bumblebees, ripening blackberries and spot flowers such as fairy irises and foxgloves. To download the bingo map www.rbkc.gov.uk/explore-kensington-and-chelsea/sites/explore/files/2021-06/Wildlife-Bingo.pdf

Food Bank

If you have any items please leave them in the church during the week - 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

Covid Vaccinations: These are now available in local Chemists Medicine Chest, Bramley Chemist, Golborne Pharmacy and Bayswater Chemist or why not go to the walk in clinic at the Science Museum which is open 9am – 7pm.

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=PLZd7MUHYabyqHoR30f98efQyzkFHqCqEH