

In Our Prayers This Week

Alternative Collect for 13th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for those living in fear and conflict

Lord Jesus, there are those living for whom the fear has become too strong, and the reality of violence come too close. We pray for those who have already fled their homes to find refuge, and particularly for those who are weak and vulnerable; we are incapable of expressing their need, Lord, and so we bring each desperate and frightened person to you. **Amen.** (Sarah Parkinson, the Sanctuary)



"Holy Scripture presents a kind of mirror to the eyes of the mind, so that our inner face may be seen in it. There we learn our own ugliness, there our own beauty." The Holy Spirit dictating to Pope Gregory, 10C. Museum of Vienna.

For those who are getting married at St Mary Abbots this week
Joe Norwood and Gemma Sheppard

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
George El Khoury	Saeed Rezvani	John Cantlie
Gina Hrela	June Scully	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	David Strong	Leo Koymans
Rev'd Adrian May	Edward	Fr David Michaels
Anna Messim	Michael	Annie Redmile
	Stephanie	Fr. Patrick Tuft
	Yves	James Worsley

And for those whose ashes were interred this week

Robert Lane

and for all who have died recently

Peter Carrick Laura Cleave John Middleton
Raymond Mitchell Ian Leonard Robson (Priest) Pio Teeq

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

Walter Ulrich, 31st August Hilda Green, 3rd September
Graham Winstanley-Hamilton, 3rd September.

St MARY ABBOTS CHURCH CONTACTS

Church Website: www.smaw8.org

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

Vicar:	Mthr Emma Dinwiddy Smith	vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk	0207 937 6032
Associate Vicar:	Fr Christopher Rogers	assocvicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk	0203 479 4737
Curate:	Mthr Alice Ormondroyd	curate@stmaryabbots.org.uk	020 3404 3042
PA & events:	Leonora Service, PA	pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk	020 3479 4731
Churchwardens:	Guy Heald	guyheald@hotmail.com	
	Ed Warrick	er@smaw8.org	
Parish Office:	Petter Kringberg	parishmanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk	0207 937 2419
Vestry:	Simon Fitter (<i>Head Virger</i>)	virger@stmaryabbots.org.uk	0207 937 5136
St Mary Abbots Centre:	Adam Norton	centremanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk	0207 937 8885
Children's Work Admin:	Martina Sadovska	children@stmaryabbots.org.uk	
Safeguarding Office:	Alex Jueguen	safeguarding@stmaryabbots.org.uk	
Stewardship Secretary:	Emma Porteous	stewardship@stmaryabbots.org.uk	
Electoral Roll Officer:	Ivell Arnold	er@stmaryabbots.org.uk	
Bellingring Secretary:	David Holdridge	david.holdridge@ntworld.com	07904 954 959
Friends of St Mary Abbots:	Steve Atack	friends@stmaryabbots.org.uk	07585 705 281



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 29th 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.

There is an area at the front 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 29th August - 13th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist**
11.15 am Matins with cantor
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 30th August – John Bunyan, spiritual writer

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

TUESDAY 31st August – Aidan, Bishop & Missionary

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

WEDNESDAY 1st September – Giles, hermit

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

THURSDAY 2nd September – Martyrs of Papua New Guinea

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

FRIDAY 3rd September - Gregory the Great, Bishop

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

SATURDAY 4th September – Birinus, Bishop

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

SUNDAY 5th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist**
11.15 am Matins with cantor
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.

Message from Father Christopher

As we continue to watch with horror the continuing scenes in Kabul, and hear the stories of grief and loss coming out of Haiti, it is important that we ask what we can do to help, as well as keeping those affected in our daily prayers. In our newsletter this week we have highlighted the work of the Red Cross, Christian Aid and UNICEF, all of which I commend to you. A few years ago a friend of mine set up a charity called Refugees at Home, connecting asylum seekers with those with spare rooms, so please do Google that too, or ask me for further details if you might be interested in that kind of direct help.



Jesus has no hands and feet but ours, and the need for greater outreach, both to those in need in Kensington and to those further afield, is something that many of you have spoken about in the conversations we have had so far as part of our Mission Action Planning process. We are in the process of finding dates for the remaining conversations, for a Saturday morning, a weekday evening and after the 9.30 Eucharist one Sunday, so please do keep your eyes open for those when they are announced. In the meantime, please be considering and praying about how we as a church family can best serve Him and all our brothers and sisters. And do not forget to continue to bring food for the Dalgarno Food Bank, which is always very gratefully received!

With my love and prayer, Fr Christopher

Patronal Festival 12th September 2021



On the 12th we shall celebrate our Patronal Festival, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, we shall be offering the regular 8 am BCP Eucharist, a Family Eucharist at 9.30 am and a Festal Eucharist with Choir at 11.15 am, followed by a celebratory parish picnic in the Vicarage garden. At the end of the day, we are delighted to be offering a Choral Evensong at **5.30 pm**.

At the Parish Picnic we will provide drinks for both children and adults but ask if you would bring a contribution of cheese, bread, fruit, cold meats, quiches, sandwiches, salads etc. for everyone to share – extra drinks are always welcome. Please could you email Leonora (pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk) with what you might be willing to contribute, so that she can make sure we do not end up with all of the same thing! We will set up picnic rugs, tables and chairs, and provide a play area for the children and all are welcome to attend.

After the 12th the church will be holding a daily Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer in church, as well as a regular Sunday Evensong – so the church will be open until 6pm.

Helping people in crisis

While we pray for the people of Afghanistan and other disaster hit counties is good to know how to offer more practical help. Several established charities offer help on the ground, should you be moved to help them their websites can be found here:

[Afghanistan Crisis Appeal | British Red Cross](#)

www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work/where-we-work/ethiopia

www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-and-help-protect-children-in-haiti/

St Mary Abbots Friend's News

Patron & guest speaker banned for life from China

Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots, Lord David Alton, has been sanctioned by the Chinese Communist Authorities and banned from entering China for life in punishment for his human rights campaigning. Lord Alton of Liverpool is a Leading Independent Crossbench Peer, Member of the House of Lords International Relations and Defence Committees and established, along with humanitarian lobbying groups and charities, the Foundation for Citizenship and the Roscoe Lectures. Lord Alton is due to speak at a FOSMA event in November on the theme "China and the West: Two Worlds trying to inhabit one Planet". Bearing in mind this recent development, and in light of the ongoing erosion of civil rights in Hong Kong and growing dominance of China, the talk will be worth hearing. Further details from Steve Atack, Founding Patron of the Friends on steveattack@aol.com

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

The Common Good, what does it mean for society? Wednesday 29th September 21, 6.30 – 8pm

There will be an online discussion chaired by Richard Harris to discuss how each individual, family and social institutions should work together to creating a healthy society – promoting the common good and helping people find fulfilment. Speakers are David Goodhart, Author and journalist, Trevor Phillips OBE, Writer and broadcaster, Dame Julia Unwin, author and former CEO of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Tim Montgomerie, activist and writer. To join online: www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2021/09/common-good There will be a final talk on the 16th of November in St Marys Putney, SW15. More details can be found online.


ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
'Serving the Heart of Kensington'



'I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME...'

Pastoral Outreach for St Mary Abbots

sharing in the work of

The Dalgarno Trust Food Bank

The Dalgarno Trust's food bank services are still very much in demand, so anything that you are able to donate is very gratefully received. A full list of items for donation can be found on our food bank page www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html or outside the church, 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 book a test: www.gov.uk/government/publications/testing-for-coronavirus-at-home