

In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect for Christmas

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Prayer for Christmas

Welcome all wonders in one sight! Eternity shut in a span. Summer in winter, day in night, heaven in earth and God in man. Great little one whose all-embracing birth, stoops heaven to earth. Common worship.



The Nativity, by Edward Burne-Jones.

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>		<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Margy Fitter	Sebastian Shaw	Vincenzo Blandini
Nicolas Hodge	Alison Steel	Theo Bulkai
Gina Hrela	Edward	John Canelie
Joan Jackson	Harrison	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Fr David Michaels	Michael	Joan Davies
Mary Reeve		Leo Koymans
June Scully		Simon Portal
Hew Service		Annie Redmile
		James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Christopher Buckmaster	Pearl Collinson	Arthur Dawes
Eva Fraser	Andrew Gillespie	Tony Gordon
Wayne Matthews	Karl Julius Silchenstedt	Rae Whitehead

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

John Banks, 20 December	Evelyn Atack, 21 st December
Barry Luxton, 21 st December	Prudence Watt, 21 st December
John Worsley, 24 th December	Sou Yen Crosthwaite, 24 th December
Gwen Robson, 25 th December	Tovah Cameron, 25 th December
	Robert Cook, 27 th December
Maggie Currey, 29 th December	Christine Zochonis, 30 th December
Sheila Uglow, 1 st January	Hartle Bourne, 3 rd January
Simon Egert, 3 rd January	Bill Kirkpatrick, 4 th January

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

20 December 2020 – 10th January

Numbers for all our Christmas services are limited so please reserve a seat via Eventbrite: www.smaw8.org/services

SUNDAY 20th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

8 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am	Holy Eucharist
11.15am	Matins
3.30 & 6.30	Lessons and Choral Carols for Christmastide with our professional choir

MONDAY 21st December

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

TUESDAY 22nd December

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

WEDNESDAY 23rd December

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



THURSDAY 24th December – Christmas Eve

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am- 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
4.30 pm	ONLINE crib service: www.smaw8.org/services
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass by Candlelight, with our professional choir



FRIDAY 25th December – Christmas Day

8 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am	Family Eucharist with our professional choir
11.15am	Festal Matins with our professional choir



SATURDAY 26th December – Stephen, Deacon

10 am- 2pm	Church closed
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SUNDAY 27th December – John, Apostle

8.00 am	There will be no Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am	Holy Eucharist
11.15am	Matins

MONDAY 28th December – The Holy Innocents

10 am- 2pm	Church closed
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TUESDAY 29th December – Thomas Becket, Archbishop

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

WEDNESDAY 30th December

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

THURSDAY 31st December – John Wyclif, reformer

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Eucharist & Covenant for the New Year**

FRIDAY 1st January - Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

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

SATURDAY 2nd January – Basil the Great

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

SUNDAY 3rd January – Epiphany Sunday

8 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30am **Family Eucharist**
11.15am **Matins**

MONDAY 4th January

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

TUESDAY 5th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer followed by **Holy Eucharist (BCP)**
Preacher: The Rev'd Lesley Perry

WEDNESDAY 6th January - Epiphany

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

THURSDAY 7th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer followed by **Holy Eucharist (cw)**
Preacher: The Rev'd Lesley Perry

FRIDAY 8th January

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

SATURDAY 9th January

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

SUNDAY 10th January – Baptism of Christ

8 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30am **Holy Eucharist**
11.15am **Matins**

Friends of St Mary Abbots Membership

A reminder to all to renew your annual membership of FOMAS or to join it. The Friend's fundraising efforts go towards maintaining the church and their current fundraising is towards new loos in the church and better disabled access. Membership rates are Single £12; Joint £20; 10 year single; £100; 10 year joint £200; Unwaged £4. Cheques to "Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington" and sent to St Mary Abbots Parish, Vicarage Gate, W8 4HN. If are interested in finding out more about the Friends work or becoming a member please do contact, Steve Atack, Founder Patron at steveatack@aol.com



Message from Mother Emma



We are thankful that despite London entering Tier 3 this week, **public worship is still allowed to continue, so our Christmas services will go ahead as planned** (except for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve afternoon, which will be online). Please may we remind you that this is only possible if we are clearly observing all the Covid-19 precautions – mask-wearing, hand-sanitising and sitting well apart from one another. It is very important we do not “congregate” after the services and that we allow good spaces in the line as we come up for Communion. All services also have limited numbers, so please make sure you are signed up by going to www.smaw8.org/services or have contacted the parish office, as **we will not be admitting people on the door** for the major services in case this takes us over our permitted numbers. If you know of people who might hope to attend but may not have internet access to these messages, please do make sure they are aware of this.

This will be our final newsletter of the year and it contains details of all services until Sunday 10th January 2021.

The church will be closed on Boxing Day and on Monday 28th December, but otherwise will be open for private prayer and services as normal. There will be no 8 am Holy Communion on Sunday 27th, but there will be services at 9.30 am and 11.15 that day. Please see the website and/or the many posters up inside and outside the church for further information.

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you to our wonderfully-performed Nativity last Sunday, and to the two performances of Handel's Messiah in the afternoon and evening. The musicians and choir were very touched by your support. We are very sad that the Stile Antico concert this Friday is, however, not allowed to go ahead under the new Tier 3 restrictions.

Those who will be travelling this Christmas will be very much in our prayers, as will those who have decided to stay put and may be spending Christmas alone. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to buy a present for the Christmas Day scheme last week; there are a few presents still to be bought - please get in touch with Mother Alice, or if you could help distribute Christmas boxes and meals on the 23rd or 24th. If you are able to spare some time to do this please email Lucille luce@briance.co.uk or phone: 07785 312509.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Christmas Eve until Monday 4th January. Please don't hesitate to email me in cases of pastoral need and do join us for any of our midday services in church that week.

Mother Alice and I, the church Wardens and Parish Staff of St Mary Abbots wish you all a peaceful Christmas and every blessing for the New Year ahead.

*We pray you, Lord, to purify our hearts, that they may be worthy to become your dwelling place.
Let us never fail to find room for you, but come and abide in us, that we also may abide in you,
for as at this time you were born into the world for us, and live and reign, King of kings and Lord of lords, now and for ever,
Amen.*
(Common Worship, Times and Seasons)