

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Prayer for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Prayer 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need, for Jesus Christ's sake.



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*Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers*

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Maggie Rees-Oliviere	Stephanie
Hillary Bardsley	Mary Reeve	Yves
(baby) Jude Bonnet	June Scully	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Lily Cameron	Hellen Mason- Spyry	Vincenzo Blandini
James Clark	David Strong	Theo Bulkai
Geraldine Henry	Jill Traynor	John Cantlie
Gina Hrela	Bob	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	Edward	Annie Redmile
Anna Messim	Michael	James Worsley
Fr David Michaels	Sebastian	Conor
Patrick North		

*and for all who have died recently*

Ann Bradley	Elisabeth (Lys) Millership	Alison Steel
Antoinette Tarlton-Cooper	Raymond von Drehle	Christine

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

Robert Cook, 27 <sup>th</sup> December,	Maggie Currey, 29 <sup>th</sup> December
Christine Zochonis, 30 <sup>th</sup> December,	Sheila Uglow 1 <sup>st</sup> January
Hartle Bourne, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Bill Kirkpatrick, 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Simon Egert, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Barbara Gatehouse, 9 <sup>th</sup> January

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021

A very warm welcome to St Mary Abbots!  
We are delighted to have you with us and wish you every blessing for the New Year ahead.

When visiting the church, please remember that it is now mandatory to wear a mask inside a place of worship, unless you are exempt. We would ask you to use hand sanitiser when entering the church, to observe social distancing practices and to consider taking a lateral flow test before coming, in order to protect and reassure those at greater risk.

**Between Christmas and New Year there will be no public Morning or Evening Prayer.  
The church will be open between 10 am and 5pm**

### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

8am	No Holy Eucharist
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist
11.15 am	Matins
5.30 pm	No Evensong

### MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> December – John, Apostle & Evangelist

12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (No Sunday on Monday)
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### TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy Innocents

12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (BCP)
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### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> December

12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
1.05	No Meditation Group

### THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> December

12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
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### FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> December – John Wyclif, Reformer

12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
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### SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> January – Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
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### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

8am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist
11.15 am	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Sung Evensong

### MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> January

12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (No Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm	No evening prayer

**From the 4<sup>th</sup> The church will open again from 8am – 6pm Sunday to Friday and 10am – 6pm on Saturdays**

### TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom <i>resumes</i>
12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (BCP)
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer <i>resumes</i>

### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
1.05 pm	Meditation Group
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in church

## THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am School Eucharist – all are welcome  
12 noon **Choral Eucharist for Epiphany**  
2.30 pm Rainbow Poetry Circle  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

## FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

## SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> January

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by **Holy Eucharist**  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

## SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> January – Baptism of Christ

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Baptisms  
11.15 am Choral Matins  
5.30 pm Sung Evensong

### Message from Mother Emma

After the hope and expectation of Advent, and also the anxieties and uncertainties of the past few weeks, Christmas has now arrived. My love and prayers are with you all at this holiest of times, whether you are in Kensington or further afield, and I hope that the joy and peace of the Christ child will touch and sustain you whatever the circumstances of your Christmas this year.



If by any chance you were isolating, or not able to get to church, you might want to watch the Crib Service which Mother Alice and I recorded last year, and sing along with the carols: [Online Crib Service - YouTube](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to offer heartfelt thanks to all my amazing parish staff who have worked so hard to prepare everything for us; to Mark and the choir who enhance our worship so beautifully; and to all our wonderful volunteers, who help us to clean, decorate and prepare the church, welcome our visitors and play a vital part in our services. Thank you, too, to all those who have kindly contributed presents for our Christmas Collective, and who care for one another at this time.

Fr Christopher and I wish you a safe few days ahead, and a joyful Christmas when it comes.

*May the love of the Word made flesh enfold us, his joy fill our lives, his peace be in our hearts; and the blessing of God be with us, this Christmas and always.* [Common Worship, Night Prayer for Christmas]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

### Message from Friends of St Mary Abbots

Following on from the success of the Silent Auction, sponsored by Knight Frank which raised nearly £2,500 the Friends have received donations in recent weeks totalling £2,839 - a record for Christmas donations. Would you like to donate £161 to take us over £5,500 raised by the Friends in the last three months? Donations to Founding Patron Steve Attack at [steveattack@aol.com](mailto:steveattack@aol.com) or to 33, Cleveland Square, London W2 6DD. New memberships and renewals can be paid to Treasurer Nigel Grieve on Sundays (cheques to "Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington") or our Membership Secretary Ruth Barker at [ruthabarker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ruthabarker@yahoo.co.uk). **All donations** from now on will be reserved for building new lavatories in the church and improving disabled access.

## Thank you and Happy New Year

The clergy and parish staff would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has sent us such lovely cards, gifts and Christmas wishes over this period.

It is a joy and a privilege to serve among you, and we wish you every blessing for the New Year ahead.

We are all looking forward to a peaceful and joyful year, in which we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our current church building together, and give thanks for all the priests and congregations who have built up St Mary Abbots over the years into the wonderful witness to God's glory which it is today.



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

*'Serving the Heart of Kensington'*



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the clergy and staff at  
St Mary Abbots Church  
Kensington

### Food Bank

The food bank is still in need of your donations, so please bring tinned or packets of food to the church on Sunday or to the vestry during the week. Please do not bring any ready meals as we have no way of storing them in the church, but longlife milk, tea, coffee, sugar, cereals, Noodles, dried pasta or rice, jars of sauce, tinned vegetables, soup, meat, fish, fruit, Jam, biscuits, snacks are very welcome. Loo paper, kitchen rolls and **UNUSED** cleaning fluids are also very useful. A full list can be found on our food bank page [www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html](http://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](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk)