

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for 3rd Sunday before Lent

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A song of God's Love

Beloved let us love one another, for love is of God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. **Amen**



Cupid and Psyche by Edward Burne Jones, Palace Green murals

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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

and for all who have died recently

Kiron Mukarji Charles

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

Richard Gatehouse, 15th February Wendell Cadogan, 18th February
William Wilson, 18th February Hugh Mainprice, 19th February
Alison Nicholson, 20th February

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 13th February 2022

The church is open daily from 8.30am to 6pm
& 10am - 6pm on Saturday

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

An area has been set aside and clearly marked in the rear pews of Block B (the section in front of the lectern) for those who prefer to remain masked and retain social distancing practices. Please only sit in this area if you wish to follow these rules so that people who chose to sit there feel secure.

SUNDAY 13th February – 3th Sunday Before Lent.

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.15 Choral Matins

5.30 pm Sung Evensong

MONDAY 14th February – Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries

Valantine, Martyr at Rome

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.30 am Bible Study (online)

12 noon Informal Eucharist - Sunday on Monday

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

TUESDAY 15th February – Sigfrid, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

WEDNESDAY 16th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Eucharist

1.05pm Meditation Group

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

THURSDAY 17th February – Janani Luwum, Archbishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Parish Eucharist – no school Eucharist

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 18th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30am Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre

12 noon Holy Eucharist

1.05 pm Royal College of Music lunchtime concert

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 19th February

12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 20th February – 2nd Sunday Before Lent.

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11.15 Choral Matins

12.30 Hospitality Training and Lunch

5.30 pm Taizé Eucharist

Message from Father Christopher

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it". This is how St Paul describes the church in 1 Corinthians 12, after his description of the body being made up of many members, all of whom are necessary. Over the last couple of weeks we have been thinking a lot about the range of activity which people are involved in across the church, and have been encouraging you to think about what gifts you have and might be able to offer in the service of the church. On Sunday morning, in the Family Eucharist, we heard from people who lead our children's church; change the light bulbs (not an easy task!); look after safeguarding for us; repair our vestments; and lead our meditation group, along with many other things.





It is easy to come to church and assume that everything is taken care of by others, but as a number of areas of church life have stopped during Covid, and some people have moved on, we need a real boost in those volunteering in order to get back to the breadth of life there was before 2020. I say volunteering, but since we are all the people of God together, there is no distinction between volunteers and others. We all have a vocation in the church, whether simply praying faithfully for others, or being a churchwarden, and each is as important and necessary as the other.

On Sunday 20th February we will have our first celebration of what I consider to be a ministry within the church: that of hospitality, as we give thanks before the end of the Eucharist for those who prepare and serve refreshments. We very much hope to begin this again soon, though can only do so if we can re-build the team of those helping. If you would like to join, please could you email Leonora at pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk? There will then be a lunch at 12.30 p.m. on the same day in the church for all involved, and some brief training.

We will be following this with monthly celebrations of the various lay ministries here, beginning with people who read, sides people and servers, but if these are successful we will continue with the many other ways in which people serve God and the church at St Mary Abbots.

God bless you, and thank you for your share in the ministry of St Mary Abbots,

Father Christopher



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

The Vicar and people of St Mary Abbots Church
invite you to a
Tribute to Margy Fitter
celebrating her life and her great contribution to St Mary Abbots

Sunday 27th February at 3pm

We invite you to join us for a special Celebration and Tribute to Margy Fitter, who was such an important part of our church community. You are invited to arrive at 3pm and there will be prosecco (her favourite tippie!) tea and cakes. Please could you let Simon know if you wish to attend so that we can provide the right amount of refreshments. virger@stmaryabbots.org.uk or 0207 937 5136

Lent Prayer Group

From Sunday 3rd March, 10.30 am

This Lent we will be meeting every Thursday morning to pray and to discuss the techniques and forms prayers take. We would like to ask you to come and share your own way of communicating with God, either on your own or with others. Perhaps you pray while walking, or in the shower, or while cooking, or while singing or listening to music; perhaps you pray using a rosary or the Jesus prayer, or do you just need peace and stillness around you. If you would like to share your own form of prayer and perhaps inspire others to try it themselves then please contact Father Christopher.



Saturday 19th March – Sponsorship

If you would like to support Mother Emma, Father Christopher, Alex, Becky, Emma P, Hakan, Jeremy, John, Julia, Martina and Ran who will be walking with Glass Door to raise money and awareness of homelessness then please use the link below. This 10k evening walk through central London will be a sea of colour and fun as the dress code requests bright colours and / or a feather boa! More details about the charity and why we are supporting it can be found on the what is on page of our website under 'what is on'. The team fundraising page here: www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/stmaryabbots.

Friends of St Mary Abbots - Appeal

During the course of 2022 the Friends will concentrate their efforts on celebrations to mark 150 years of worshipping in our beautiful church building. They will be holding many fundraising activities and events which will go directly towards the church's most urgent project, the provision of disabled facilities and improved access which will greatly improve the church for all who use it.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends to learn more about the church, their mission to preserve the building, and to find out about the upcoming events then please contact administrator Ruth Darrell on ruthabarker@yahoo.co.uk or Steve Atack, Founding Patron at steveatack@aol.com or on 020 7402 1531. Membership renewals are also now due.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Kensington Council of Churches Ecumenical Lent Course Wednesday evenings at 7.30

Taken from the Mission Theology Advisory Group (MTAG) the course follows the story of St Winfried, whose experiences are still very relevant today: the place of faith, misuse of power, sexual harassment & coercion, the right to follow Jesus and the need for healing and hope. Each sessions takes place in a different local church, starting on the 9th March at Sisters of Sion, 34 Chepstow Villas, W11 2QZ.

As you visit each station you will be asked to consider the piece of Scripture for the day, a discussion, reflections, something to do and to end with a prayer.

Licensed Lay Ministry Discernment & Vocations Course Tuesday 8th March, 7 pm to 8 pm on Zoom

If you would like to explore lay ministry in the Diocese of London, or if you have any questions about the roles, selection process or training this might be the course for you. admin.stedmunds@London.anglican.org for more information.