

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for strength

Oh God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright. Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers. **Amen**



St Patrick, Zajdowicz, Flickr.com

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

Buyile Phiri	Rose	
Hillary Bardsley	Carroll Primrose	Sebastian
Lily Cameron	Elizabeth Rackow	Stephanie
Brian Cripps	June Scully	Talia
Giles Henley	Hellen Mason-Spyry	Yves
Gina Hrela	David Strong	<u>Those in long-term need</u>
Rose Kanyangarara	Jill Traynor	Theo Bulkai
Fr David Michaels	Adam	Annie Redmile
Joe Morrison	Alisdair	James Worsley
Patrick North	Michael	Conor

For those affected by conflict

Dmitri Mykola Gnatovsky Ilya Dmytro Kuleba Vadim

and for all who have died recently

Dianne Gabitass Jeanne Keyser Richard McLaren (priest)
Elizabeth Rackow Maggie Rees-Oliviere Charles

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

Alick Macvie, 13th March Eileen Haddad, 13th March
Dr John Hogarth Cleave, 14th March Helene Wigley, 15th March
Billy Green, 17th March Jock Peas Alsdred Plumridge, 17th March
Ben Regan, 19th March Hew Service, 20th March

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 13th March 2022

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

While the Government has lifted Covid-19 restrictions, please be mindful at all times of those who may be vulnerable or anxious in our community. We are maintaining the rear pews of Block B (the section in front of the lectern) for those who wish to remain masked at all times and retain social distancing practices.

SUNDAY 13th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY 14th March

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 March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

WEDNESDAY 16th March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Healing Eucharist
1.05 pm Meditation Group
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

THURSDAY 17th March – Patrick, Patron of Ireland

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist – all are welcome
11 am Lent Prayer Group
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 18th March – Cyril, Bishop

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 March – Joseph of Nazareth

12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church
8.30 pm Sponsored walk

SUNDAY 20th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am Parish Eucharist
11.15 am Choral Matins
12.30 pm Sidespeople training and lunch
5.30 pm Taize Prayer

Message from Mother Emma

As we continue to keep the situation in Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers, please see [HERE](#) a page from the Diocesan website with different ways we may wish to help. In addition, the Revd Sally Thomas from the United Reformed Church will be leading a Peace Vigil this Sunday and for future Sundays from 3 to 4 pm in the Alec Clifton-Taylor Memorial Garden close to our church, if you would like to join people of all denominations and faiths in praying for peace and for all those affected.



We were so grateful to all those who came forward to be commissioned as volunteers to restore the weekly coffee between our two main services, and our hope is to offer our first refreshments as part of the celebration for Mothering Sunday on March 27th. If you would still like to volunteer to join the team, please do get in touch with Fr Christopher, who can connect you with the team co-ordinator.

Another vital lay ministry within the life of the Church is that of welcome. St Benedict wrote in the Rule for his monks: "All who come should be received as though they were Christ." Our sidespeople and welcomers at the door are often the first experience people have of the church, and we would love to have more volunteers of all ages to join the team. If you yourself had a good experience of being welcomed when you first came to St Mary Abbots and would like to be able to pass this on to others, please do get in touch with Fr Christopher, as we shall be commissioning, training and offering lunch for welcomers and sidespeople at 12.30 pm on **Sunday 20th March**.

Moving into the second week of Lent, the season of penitence, prayer, study and drawing closer to God, we look forward welcoming you to Church this coming Sunday.

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [Common Worship, Lent prayers]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



GLASSDOOR

Sponsor the Team

The London Walk in aid of Glass Door Saturday 19th March – Sponsorship

A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored Mother Emma, Father Christopher, Becky, Chloe, Hakan, Jeremy, John, Julia, Martina and Ran for their fancy dress 10k walk through central London next Saturday. With your help we have raised over £1,400 which will make a huge difference. The team (including Cuthbert) will be dressed in colourful clothes (some even sporting a feather boa or two), will be setting off from Trafalgar Square. Let's hope for good weather! If you have yet to donate please visit the team website page: www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/stmaryabbots. Details about Glass Door and its work can be found here: www.glassdoor.org.uk

Sidespeople & Welcomers Prayer and Training Day 20th March 2022, 12.30pm

Please join us as we commission our wonderful sidespeople and welcomers who greet you as you enter the church, hand out service sheets (and this newsletter!), show you to your pews, collect hymn books and service sheets after afterwards and keep watch during the service. If you feel called to offer your help or to take part in this vital role then please let Father Christopher know that you are interested.

Royal College of Music Concert Tuesday 22nd March, 1.05pm

The students of the Royal College of Music are putting on **an additional** piano concert at church which includes a performance by Qinyue He of **Bach's** French Suite no.5 in G major, BWV 816, Zhimiao Geng playing **Liszt's** Apres une lecture du Dante: Fantasia quasi Sonata and lastly Phoebe Liu performing **Schumann's** Carnaval op.9. As usual entrance is free – please come and support the students.

Handel's Messiah

Sunday 10th April **Part II & III**
at 5.30 pm

In a change to our usual Palm Sunday concert The Purcell Players and St Mary Abbots choir will be performing the second two acts of Handel's Messiah rather than The Passion. Tickets are £10 and we hope that you will come and support the choir. Please see the 'what is on' page of our website to book your place: www.smaw8.org/what-is-on.html

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Kensington Council of Churches Ecumenical Lent Course Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm

This weeks Kensington Council of Churches Lent Course which follows the story of 7th Century martyr St Winefride takes place in St Sarkis Armenian Church, Iverna Gardens, W8 6TP

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.

Red Cross Emergency Appeal for Ukraine



Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Ukraine who continue to stand up against the illegal invasion of their country, who's bravery comes a huge personal risk and who citizens suffer danger, turmoil, separation and death. If you would like to support the emergency appeal set up by The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) which aims to distribute food, water, 1st Aid, medicines, warm clothes and shelter to those on the ground, and those fleeing over the border into Poland, Romania, Hungary, Moldova and Slovakia. If you would like to donate please visit the Red Cross page: www.redcross.org.uk or visit the Ukrainian Institute's website: www.ukrainianinstitute.org.uk