

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Collect for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### Collect for Ascension Day

Hear us, Lord, holy almighty and eternal God. Send your holy angel from heaven to visit, protect, bless and defend this place and all who worship in it. **Amen** *Blessings and Prayers*



#### *Those in acute need*

Laila Attia  
Hillary Bardsley  
Brian Cripps  
Julie Costley-White  
Evelyn Ellison  
Fr David Michaels  
Patrick North

Buyile Phiri  
June Scully  
David Strong  
Jill Traynor

Adam  
Matt  
Nathan  
Rose

Stephanie  
Talia  
Yves

#### *Those in long-term need*

Annie Redmile  
James Worsley  
Michael  
Conor

#### *For those affected by conflict*

Antonina Dmitri Mykola Gnatovsky Ilya  
Dmytro Kuleba Nadia Vadim

#### *and for all who have died recently*

Pauline Del Mar Jean Millicent Turner

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

Nemo Tin, 23<sup>rd</sup> May Tommy Nevell Catherine Green  
Enid Stubbs, 26<sup>th</sup> May Mary Wendy Bourne, 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Tony Rudd, 29<sup>th</sup> May

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

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

### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Holy Eucharist  
11.15 am Choral Matins  
12.30 pm Outreach training and lunch  
5.30 pm Sung Evensong

### MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May

8 am Morning Prayer  
8.30 am Bible Study  
12 noon Informal Eucharist, Sunday on Monday  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

### TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May – John and Charles Wesley

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

### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May – The Ven Bede, Monk

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

### THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am School Service – all welcome  
12 noon Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

### FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> May

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30am Mini Abbots in the SMA centre  
12 noon Holy Eucharist  
1.05 pm Royal College of Music concert  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

### SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May – Lanfranc, monk

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

### SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday after Ascension Day

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Holy Eucharist  
11.15 am Choral Matins  
12.30 pm Outreach training and lunch  
5.30 pm Sung Evensong



## Message from Mother Emma

What an absolute joy it was to welcome so many of you to our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service on Sunday! In spite of the rain moving our picnic into the theatre, we managed a wonderful, joyful celebration of St Mary Abbots Church and its people, and all they have done to witness to our shared faith in Christ. As the Archdeacon said in his sermon, church buildings are there to remind us to look up above the noise and dirt and confusion of our earthly lives and to draw our gaze towards the majesty and grace of God himself. We are so thankful for the role of our church building and its community in drawing others to the love of God.



As we now look ahead, we have a few reminders of more events coming up in the coming weeks:

This Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> May at 12.30 pm) will be the lunch for those keen to engage with and to take part in the church's outreach, so if you are interested in joining the team and haven't yet let Fr Christopher know, please do get in touch with him as soon as you can.

Next week, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, one of the major feasts of the Christian Church, and we shall be holding a Choral Eucharist at 12 noon on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, as we recall Jesus' ascent into Heaven, forty days after his Resurrection.

Looking further ahead, we have the first of our Anniversary events, as the Revd Dr Ayla Lepine, Admanson Fellow in Art and Religion at The National Gallery is coming at 6.30 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> June to speak to us about some of the sacred treasures of St Mary Abbots, their history and the part they play in the worship of the church. This event will cost £12 and includes a glass of wine. Please do join us for what promises to be a fascinating evening. Tickets can be booked on the 'what is on' page of our website.

We look forward very much to seeing you both at our services and at our events over the summer, as we continue to give thanks for the life of our parish.

*Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself, help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the Cross and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen* (Common Worship, Prayer for Mission and Evangelism)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ramp Appeal

The Friends report that their £50,000 fundraising appeal, launched less than two months ago, has produced an amazing result: So far the best part of £40,000 has been donated thanks to your generosity and the Friends' pledge to match £1 for every £1 donated. This means that they have almost reached their target amount – but are not quite there yet! Any donation, no matter how small or large, will make a difference.

If you would like to donate by bank transfer please email Steve Attack, Founding Patron, at [steveattack@aol.com](mailto:steveattack@aol.com) or 07802 430 055. Alternatively a cheque made payable to "**Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington**" can be given to Founding Patron Steven Attack, Nigel Grieve the Treasurer, a member of the clergy or one of the virgers, or send it to The Parish Office at St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate, London W8 4HN.

**THE ART OF WORSHIP**  
**SACRED TREASURES**  
**OF**  
**ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH**  
**Thursday 16th June 2022**  
**6.30 pm**  
**Revd Dr Ayla Lepine**  
*Ahmanson Fellow in Art and Religion, National Gallery*  
A talk on objects designed by Sir Gilbert Scott  
for St Mary Abbots church with Q&A session and refreshments  
**Tickets £12**  
'What is on' page [www.stmaryabbots.org.uk](http://www.stmaryabbots.org.uk)  
raising money for our 150th Anniversary disabled ramp project

IN MEMORY OF  
RANDOLPH HENRY  
WILDE CURTIS  
DIED 3RD MARCH 19  
AGED 90  
MEMBER OF THE CH  
FOR 25 YEARS  
DIED 11  
A MOST  
GENEROUS BENEFACT

## Help with 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & other Church events

Over the summer and into November there will be a number of events for both the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and also for the annual Church events such as the Summer and Christmas Fair and Bonfire Night. During lockdown all these events were not possible and the events team, made up of volunteers, church wardens and parents at the school dispersed. Last year we started putting on a number of the events on a much smaller scale due to Covid restrictions and also because there are only so many stalls you can run with a handful of dedicated and wonderful volunteers! If you enjoyed these events, and you would like to see them return to full strength, then please contact Leonora who is co-ordinating those who would like to be involved. The summer fair this year will also be a Jubilee celebration with traditional fair games. We would like the Christmas fair to be filled with numerous stalls and many things to buy. Please get in touch if you can help.

## PARISH & OTHER NEWS

### Music for the Ukraine Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm

Cheslav Singh's piano recital of Debussy, Wagner, Liszt, Scriabin and Beethoven will take place at Kensington United Reform Church, Allen Street, W8 6BL. Entrance for free, donations appreciated!

### Food Bank

A full list of donations needed for the food bank can be found [www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html](http://www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html) but please do not bring any ready meals as we have no cold storage! To find out more or find out what they do: [www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk)