

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for the 3rd Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers for Martyrs

We thank you for the noble army of martyrs by the shedding of whose blood the Church has been enriched: keep under your protection those who are persecuted for the cause of Christ, and acknowledge, we pray, those who have passed through death trusting your promises **Amen**



St Clement leads the Groully, C. 1581, L'Arsenal Library, Paris

Those in acute need

Laila Attia
Hillary Bardsley
Evelyn Ellison
Monica Libby
Michael Turner

Buyile Phiri
William Service
Adam
Rose
Stephanie
Talia

Those in long-term need

Christopher Browne
Julie Costley-White
Fr David Michaels
Annie Redmile
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently
Marienette Evans Jill Meyer

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
Terry Pritchard, 11th November
Christiana Abegunde, 13th November

The Parish and Vicarage offices are open from 10am – 5pm

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 30th October 2022

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

The church is open daily from 8.30am to 6pm
and 10am - 6pm on Saturdays & Bank Holidays

SUNDAY 6th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent

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

MONDAY 7th November – Willibrord, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Informal Eucharist, Sunday on Monday
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church
6 pm Homeless Ministry

TUESDAY 8th November - Saints and Martyrs of England

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

WEDNESDAY 9th November

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

THURSDAY 10th November – Leo the Great, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist - all are welcome
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 11th November – Martin, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm Royal College of Music concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 12th November

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
2 pm Wedding of Georgina and Adrian
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 13th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Remembrance Eucharist for families
(shortened)
11.15 am Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial followed by
Service of Remembrance
5.30 pm Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

This has been a week of wonderful music in the church, and we give thanks for all who have shared their gifts with us. Those who attended the contemporary concert written and performed by students of the Royal College of Music, inspired by the architecture of Gilbert Scott, were entranced by the music played in turn from a number of different "stations" within the church, by the door, the Children's Chapel, the font, the North Door, the St Paul's Chapel and the Resurrection Chapel, with a repeated "chorus" drawing all the musicians together at intervals. It was beautiful, reflective, with touches of melancholy and of lightness, such as the sound of the bells echoing in the chorus. Many heartfelt thanks from all of us who were there to the RCM students who composed or performed. We rejoice, as ever, in our longstanding partnership with the College, who, as you will know, perform every Friday lunchtime in a free concert at the church.



On Sunday we celebrated All Saints with a Choral Eucharist in the morning, and then held the very moving All Souls' Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, with an octet singing movements from Duruflé's Requiem. I am very grateful to Mark, Nick and the choir for enhancing our worship and our remembrance so very beautifully as more than 300 names were read out before the altar, and we lit candles in memory of those who had died.

This coming Sunday, we have our **Family Eucharist**, with children reading, praying, serving and greeting, and we welcome people of every age to share in this simple Communion service. We shall again be distributing more copies of our **Mission Action Plan** (launched last week), or you can read it on our website under the 'About us' page of the website.

A reminder that our Church is open every day from 8.30 am to 6 pm (10 am to 6 pm on Saturdays) for those seeking peace and quiet in a warm space as the autumn chill sets in. A Eucharist is said every day except Thursday at 12 noon, and Evening Prayer is said in the Resurrection Chapel at 5.30 pm. Please do come and join us.

Looking further ahead in November, we are getting very excited at the thought of our Victorian Christmas Fair, to be held in and around the church on Saturday 26th November and kindly sponsored by Knight Frank. Entrance will be free, with vouchers on sale for children's activities either on the door or on the 'what is on' page of the website. Come and experience a Christmas Fair as it might have been when the church was built 150 years ago, with a (modernised!) Punch and Judy, Victorian games, carol singing and food, alongside the stalls. If you are able to **help bake cakes or biscuits** for the Victorian tea stall then please contact Leonora, who will be immensely grateful.

Finally, tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Messiah (Part 1) at 5.30 pm on Sunday 11th December. This will be a candlelit performance featuring our professional choir and the Purcell Players. Tickets are £15 and include a glass of wine and a mince pie and can be bought on the 'what is on' page of the website or by calling Leonora.

Send your holy angels to watch over us, O God, that on our lips will be found your truth and in our hearts your love; so we may ever taste your goodness in the land of the living, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen [Daily Prayer, response to Psalm 34]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

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Victorian Christmas Fair

at St Mary Abbots Church

*Christmas Stalls
Punch & Judy
Victorian Games
Victorian Fancy Dress Competition
Carol Singing
BBQ & Mulled Wine
Victorian Teas
& other Christmas treats*

Saturday 26th November

11.30 am until 3 pm

Free Entry
Children's vouchers £8 online or at gate for
All Games & Entertainment, soft drink & a slice of cake
Sponsored by Knight Frank
www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/what-is-on/Christmas-fair

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! A full list can be found on our food bank page 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

OTHER PARISH NEWS

'Saying Goodbye' Service, Westminster Central Hall Sunday 27th November 2022 at 3.30

There will be a special service at Westminster Central Hall for anyone who has lost a baby during pregnancy or in infancy, or been affected by family members or friends' loss. They are also welcoming people who have not been able to have children because of infertility or for other reasons. 'Saying Goodbye' charity offers advice and support for those who have lost children and their website: www.sayinggoodbye.org Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend, including families.

Covid-19/Flu vaccinations

If you are over 50 then RBKC is encouraging people to boost their immunity as we head into winter by getting their next Covid-19 shot, and if eligible a flu shot at the same time. For details of your local clinic please see here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>