

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for Christ the King

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

Prayer for refugees

Almighty and merciful God, look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace. **Amen**



Christ as King, pintrest

Those in acute need

Laila Attia
Hillary Bardsley
Olivia Dawkins
Evelyn Ellison
Monica Libby

Michael Turner

Buyile Phiri
Adam
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 Louisa Fairhome Rose Kanyangara
Jill Meyer Marie-Christine Nibagwire Barbara Poole

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

Trudi Bliss, 21st November
Margaret Wilkinson & Penelope Fergusson, 22nd November
Joseph Crosthwaite, 24th November

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Sunday 20th November 2022

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

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

SUNDAY 20th November – Christ the King

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Holy Eucharist with baptisms
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Taizé Eucharist

MONDAY 21st November

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 22nd November

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

WEDNESDAY 23rd November – Clement, Bishop

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

THURSDAY 24th November

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

FRIDAY 25th November

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm Last 2022 Royal College of Music concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 26th November

11 – 3 pm Victorian Christmas Fair
sponsored by Knight Frank
Free entrance. Children's vouchers on the gate
and via the 'what is on' page of website
12 noon NO Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 27th November – Advent Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Choral Eucharist
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Advent Service Light

Message from Mother Emma

This Sunday we are delighted to be baptizing Leo and Sophie at the 9.30 am Eucharist, and look forward to welcoming their families and friends to our service as we celebrate the wonderful feast of Christ the King. We pray for them both as they begin their Christian journey. Our 5.30 pm service this Sunday will be our monthly beautiful and reflective Taizé Eucharist by candlelight. If you have not attended this before, may I encourage you to try it – many people have told us how spiritually uplifting and calming they find the prayers, Taizé chants and lighting of candles to remind them of God's timeless presence with us before the start of another busy week.



As we look ahead to next weekend (26/27 November), we are excited to be holding our Victorian Christmas Fair, sponsored by Knight Frank, on Saturday and our Advent Service of Light on Sunday evening:

The Victorian Fair is in honour of our 150th Anniversary this year, has a Victorian theme, with Punch and Judy, Victorian children's toys and games (such as spinning tops, cup & ball, Thumatrope, peg dolls and many others), Victorian carol singers and Victorian themed tea, alongside our usual stalls, barbecue and competitions with prizes.

In particular, we do hope that as many children, and adults, as possible will come dressed in Victorian costume to take part in the fancy dress competition!! Entrance is free but vouchers for all children's activities and entertainment, plus a drink and cake can be bought in advance on the what is on page online or at the gate. Now free of Covid restrictions, we hope that the fair will raise funds towards the implementation of our [Mission Action Plan](#) – developing our Welcome, Discipleship and Outreach.

The Advent Service of Light on Sunday 27th at 5.30 pm reflects the hope and expectation of the Advent season as we move from darkness to light, with Advent hymns and readings, and music from our professional choir. Please do join us as we mark the beginning of the Church's liturgical year and begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ.

Adam Norton, our Centre Manager, has now retired. He was deeply touched by the ENO VIP package which formed part of his leaving present and his goodbye email is included in this week's newsletter [HERE](#). We are pleased that we have a temporary caretaker, Nigel, working with us at the moment, whom you will see around the Centre and at some Church events.

Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign. We ask this through Jesus Christ our King, to him be glory and power for ever, Amen (Common Worship, Times and Seasons, Intercessions for Christ the King)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

St Mary Abbots – Open for Warmth and Peace

With the growing cost of living some people will find it hard to heat their houses. As you will all know we are open from 8.30 to 6pm for services, prayer and reflections, and already have a number of people spending time in the Church during the day. If you know of anyone who is in need of somewhere to go during the day, then please let them know that they will be welcome to come and sit and be warm and peaceful in the church.

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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

Message from Adam Norton

What a huge watershed it is to have retired from my position as Centre Manager after eleven years as part of the St Mary Abbots Community. Thank you to everyone who sent me wonderful messages and contributed to such a generous leaving present – Platinum Membership of the English National Opera no less! Fantastic. We will surely miss all our friends in W8, and Juno will certainly pine for the wide expanses of Kensington Gardens! Thank you again and may God bless you all, today and always.

OTHER PARISH NEWS



Action Amanda

Tuesday mornings at 10.30am

Action Amanda, who frequently appears at both our Summer Fair and FOSMAS summer fairs and who was recently nominated as an industry Champion at the annual 'Kids Awards', will be at the St Mary Abbots Centre every Tuesday morning at 10.30. Her classes, for those who have not seen her in action, are high energy events full of dancing and singing and result in a lot of laughter and fun. If you would like to sign up email info@amandasactionclub.co.uk