

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for unity *from ConnectUS*

Jesus, the Great Physician. You know our imperfections, our flaws, and our problems. Help us to unite under your banner and to put aside our squabbles. Remind us that we are to have the same mind as that of Christ and to seek the interests of others rather than our own. Give understanding and grace to all and bring us together in prayer. **Amen.**



Windows from Worcester Cathedral showing life of Wulfstan taken from blog of 'A Clark of Oxford'.

Those in acute need

Laila Attia
Hillary Bardsley
Evelyn Ellison
Alexander Lamping
Monica Libby
Jill Traynor
Michael Turner

Buyile Phiri
James Philpot
Adam
Adrianna
Luke
Stephanie
Talia

Those in long-term need

Christopher Browne
Fr David Michaels
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently

Olivia Dawkins Tom Day Georgina Freedman
Catherine Wall Rosemary Watt

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

Joan Martin, 15th January Samir Abourahme, 17th January
David Wilson, 17th January Dennis Corble, 19th January
Tony Dawes, 21st January Barbara Hosegood, 22nd January

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 15th January 2023

Welcome to St Mary Abbots

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

SUNDAY 15th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

MONDAY 16th January

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 17th January – Antony of Egypt

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.30 am Bitesize Bible Group

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

WEDNESDAY 18th January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 19th January – Wulfstan, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am **School Eucharist** – All are welcome

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

FRIDAY 20th January

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 21st January – Agnes, Martyr

12 noon **Holy Communion** (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 22nd January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Message from Mother Emma

It has been very good to welcome back all those who were away after Christmas, and I much enjoyed St Mary Abbots School's Epiphany Service, as well as the beautiful Choral Eucharist last week as the Three Wise Men were finally placed in our Crib scene at the end of the Christmas season. The decorations have now all been taken down until next year, with some of our kind and generous volunteers helping Simon, and the Nativity scene has been moved to the Resurrection Chapel where it will remain until Candlemas, forty days after Christmas. Our Candlemas services (29th January), traditionally look both back towards Christ's birth and forward to the days of his Passion, and at the end, the infant Jesus is carried out as we turn from the Crib to the Cross.

As term has begun again, so have our children's activities! Many of you have told me how much you enjoyed the Family Eucharist last Sunday, and our Children's Groups will be meeting again from this Sunday.

Mini-Abbots, our toddler group at 9.30 on Friday mornings at St Mary Abbots Centre has started up again. If you have a baby or toddler and would be interested in coming along, please contact Martina for further details.

In addition, Martina is now offering "Bitesize Bible", a short space for pre-school children to meet in the Children's Chapel at 8.30am before drop-off on Tuesday mornings, to hear and reflect on a Bible story and to share a breakfast snack. The first session last week went down very well – do come along and see!

As we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are all warmly invited to join the Service for Christian Unity, which will this year be held at St Stephen's, Gloucester Road – details can be found here in the newsletter.

Looking ahead, I am delighted to say that the new Bishop of Kensington, Bishop Emma Ineson, who will begin her ministry among us from 19th February, will be coming to preside at a Service of Confirmation on 25th May. Preparations sessions for Confirmation will begin after half-term (end February). If you or your child might be interested in being confirmed, or would just like to talk more about what it means, please do speak to one of the clergy.

I hope you all have a good week and look forward to seeing you soon.

Crown us, O God, but with humility, and robe us with compassion, that, as you call us into the kingdom of your Son, we may strive to overcome all evil by the power of good and to walk gently on the earth with you, our God, forever. Amen (Common Worship Daily Prayer, response to Psalm 21).

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Children's Choir

If your child would like to join the children's choir, which will sing an anthem at the monthly Family Eucharists, please let Mother Alice (or Martina) know. A short practice will be held at 9am before the service starts and dates for the Family Eucharist can be found on our website. The choir will help to lead our worship on 5th February.

Food Bank

The food bank are in greater need of your donations than ever before so please keep the steam of wonderful donations coming in! Donation boxes can be found at each entrance to in the church. Please remember not to bring any fresh food or ready meals as we have no way of storing them. Should you wish to find out what they are short of or to donate financially their website: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk

OTHER PARISH NEWS

2023 Unity Service, Kensington Council of Churches Thursday, 19th January, 2023 at 7pm

A reminder that the KCC's annual Unity Service takes place at St Stephen's, Gloucester Road, London SW7 4RL at 7pm. Fr Matt Blake OCD, Sub-Prior at the Kensington Church Street Carmelite Priory will be preaching. Refreshments will be provided after the talk, so please email chrislfriends@aol.com so that she can get enough food and drink for everyone.

Churches Together – Unity Week Saturday 28th January, 9.15 am

We are invited to a special Holocaust Remembrance Day service at The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue at Holland Park. Many of the synagogue's founders were from Salonika, and area where 45,000 Jews were transported to Auschwitz. There will be prayers during the Shabbat service, followed by Kiddush (blessings over wine and bread) and a short address given by Angela Cohen who received an MBE for Education on the Holocaust. For security reasons a photo ID must be sent to admin@hollandparksynagogue.org.uk by 21st January. Please remember that mobiles should be turned off and men should cover their heads

Father Jonathan's Collation Service Monday 30th January 2023 at 7.30pm

We are all invited to a Service of Collation for The Reverend Jonathan MacNeaney at the Parish of St Mary and St John the Divine Balham, Balham High Road, London, SW12 9BS. The Collation is when the new Vicar is welcomed into the Parish Church and meets the community they seek to serve. The service will be led by the Right Reverend Dr Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark. Please RSVP to PCC Secretary at secretary@stmarybalham.org.uk