

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Prayer for the Earthquake victims

God of compassion whose love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, we hold before you those who are homeless and cold especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless and protect those who search in the ruins and those providing survivors with shelter and food. **Amen.**



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#### Those in acute need

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

Buyile Phiri  
James Philpot  
Paul Proudman  
Adam  
Gillie  
Luke  
Philippa

Stephanie  
Talia

#### Those in long-term need

Christopher Browne  
Fr David Michaels  
James Worsley  
Conor

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

Margaret Drage    Monica Libby    Charlotte Readhead  
M.T. Selby    John York Skinner    James Smith    Michael Wilson

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

Richard Gatehouse, 15<sup>th</sup> February    Wendel Cadogan, 18<sup>th</sup> February  
William Wilson, 18<sup>th</sup> February    Hugh Mainprice, 19<sup>th</sup> February

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 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 12<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

8 am    **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
9.30 am    **Holy Eucharist** with Baptism  
11.15 am    **Choral Matins**  
5.30 pm    **Sung Evensong**

#### MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February

8 am    Morning Prayer via Zoom  
8.30 am    Bible Study via Zoom  
12 noon    **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer in church  
6 pm    Homeless Ministry

#### TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February – Cyril & Methodius Missionaries

8 am    Morning Prayer via Zoom  
8.35 am    **No** Bitesize Bible Group (half term)  
12 noon    **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer in church

#### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> February

8 am    Morning Prayer via Zoom  
12 noon    **Healing Eucharist**  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer in church

#### THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February

8 am    Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am    **No School Eucharist** (half term)  
12 noon    **Holy Eucharist**  
2 pm    **Funeral of Monica Libby**  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer in church

#### FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> February – Junani Luwum, Archbishop

8 am    Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30    **No** Mini Abbots (Half term)  
12 noon    **Holy Eucharist**  
1.05 pm    Royal College of Music concert  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer in church

#### SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February

12 noon    **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
5.30 pm    Evening Prayer in church

#### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday before Lent

8 am    **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
9.30 am    **Parish Eucharist**  
11.15 am    **Choral Matins**  
5.30 pm    **Taizé Eucharist**

## Message from Mother Emma

What a total joy it was to see our new children's choir processing into the church for the Family Eucharist last Sunday, in surplices kindly donated by the Friends of St Mary Abbots, and singing so beautifully to lead and enhance our worship! Our grateful thanks to Mother Alice and to Cara, our Alto Cantor, who rehearsed and led them, and to all the children (and parents) who rehearsed the music at home in advance, came to the rehearsal and played their part. The Children's Choir will be part of every Family Eucharist in the future (on the first Sunday of each month), and occasional other services too. Photos of the 1st Gathering of the choir and details of how to join can be found on the children's choir page of the website.



Thank you too to all those who came to St Paul's when I preached last week at Evensong – it was very encouraging to see familiar faces in the congregation!

A reminder that Wednesday 22nd February will be Ash Wednesday when we mark the beginning of Lent, with the sign of the Cross on our foreheads demonstrating our penitence and faith. The ash is created using last year's blessed palm crosses, so if you have one at home, please do bring it in to the Vestry for burning in preparation. Ash Wednesday and other Lent and Easter Services are now shown on the Services page of the website.

Lent is a time for prayer, study and acts of service. A lovely group of us last year took part in the London Walk in support of the charity Glass Door (see photo) and raised over £4,000 in sponsorship. If anyone would like to join the team this year, the walk will be in the evening 10th March. If you would like to join us then please see further details below.

Our Lent Study Course this year will be on Sunday afternoons in church at 4 pm, ahead of Evensong, and we shall be using extracts from 'The Return of the Prodigal Son, a story of Homecoming' by Henri J. M. Nouwen. Starting on Sunday 26th February the group will explore "The Prodigal Son in Art", in connection with the painting being created by our artist-in-residence starting on 21st February.

Lent is also the traditional time for the preparation of Baptism and Confirmation candidates. We are delighted by the number of you who have already come forward to join our sessions, and we would love to hear from anyone else interested. The candidates will be commissioned and prayed for during our 9.30 am Parish Eucharist on 26th February, and the classes start on 28th February. Details will be sent to those who have signed up - if you would be interested in learning more please email Leonora for a registration form.

*Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed or indifference we abuse its beauty and damage its potential.*

*Empower us, through your Spirit to so nurture and love the world, that all creation sings to your glory. Amen* [Collect for Environment Sunday, [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)]



## London Walk for Charity Glass Door

Friday evening, 10<sup>th</sup> March

If you would like to join the team walking 10k in aid of Glass Door through London on 10<sup>th</sup> March to raise money and awareness of homelessness then please let us know. Each person walking is asked to raise £150 in sponsorship and it costs £25 to register. Image above of last years team!

## Shrove Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

On Shrove Tuesday Pancakes will be served at the back of church from 3.30 pm (until they run out) for families and others leaving the school or passing by. Any contributions towards flour, milk, sugar or lemon would be gratefully received by Martina. We hope to see you there.

## Peter Roper-Curzon Concert

15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

Peter Roper-Curzon, professional composer, organist and pianist returns to St Mary Abbots for an evening of Beethoven, Bach, Busoni, Schubert and Chopin. The doors open at 7pm, with the performance starting at 7.30pm. There will be a paid bar with wine and soft drinks during the performance, with money from this going towards the maintenance of the church and its work in the parish. To buy tickets please look at the 'what is on' page of our website.

## Victorian Society Talk

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.30pm

The Victorian Society presents a talk by Robert Stephenson on Kensington's Great Sister Cemeteries: Brompton and Kensal Green. There will be stalls set up from each cemetery showing their restoration and preservation. Tickets are £10, or £15 with a donation. 'What is on' page of our website.

## OTHER NEWS

### DEC Turkey / Syria Earthquake Fund

Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) have a fund to raise money for Earthquake Victims in Turkey and Syria. The Government will match every pound donated up to £1 million. Working with charities such as British Red Cross, Save the Children, Action Aid they need money to buy blankets, clothes food and water. their. To donate: [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)