

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for the injured and sick

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, understood people's fear and pain before they spoke of them, we pray for those in hospital; surround the frightened with your tenderness; give strength to those in pain; hold the weak in your arms of love, and give hope and patience to those who are recovering. **Amen.**



Those in acute need
Hillary Bardsley
Evelyn Ellison
Jill Traynor
Buyile Phiri
James Philpot
Paul Proudman

Adam
Gillie
Luke
Philippa
Stephanie
Talia

Those in long-term need
Christopher Browne
Fr David Michaels
Michael Turner
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently

Afrodite Christopher Braddock Pauline Pretzel
Charlotte Susan Readhead John York Skinner
James Smith Frits Van Tuyll

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

Mary Isa, 5th March Josephine Grieve, 5th March
Derrick Holden-Brown, 6th March May El Kadi, 7th March
Penelope King, 8th March Alfred Bailey, 10th March
Jock Peas, 10th March Owen Lloyd, 12th March

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 5th March 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 5th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Family Eucharist** with children's choir
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
4 pm Lent Study Group: *The Younger Son*
5.30 pm Sung Evensong

MONDAY 6th March

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

TUESDAY 7th March - Martyrs of Carthage

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

WEDNESDAY 8th March – Edward King, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group in church
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 9th March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist** – All Welcome
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

FRIDAY 10th March

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
8 pm Glass Door Walk

To sponsor: www.smaw8.org/glass-door-walk.html

SATURDAY 11th March

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

SUNDAY 12th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
4 pm Lent Study Group: *The Elder Son*
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Message from Mother Emma

During another busy week at St Mary Abbots we were delighted to welcome Bishop Emma, the new Bishop of Kensington, for a tour of St Mary Abbots School as part of her introductory visit to the Kensington Deanery. Afterwards she briefly visited the church, where she met some of the parish team in the church and discussed our recent projects and plans for the future.



On our projects, the current maintenance of the stonework of the tower and spire has almost finished, with our intrepid head Virger Simon climbing up to the top of the spire to see the progress. We shall also have an update on the lighting restoration project next week, and the ramp the week after!

Mother Alice has started a Monday Morning Prayer Group for parents (and others, of course) at 9 am after the school drop off so if you would like to join this please come along. The existing Zoom Morning Prayer at 8 am will also continue. Lastly, please note that Bitesize Bible pre-school group, where children study a bible story before eating a snack, has moved from Tuesday to Wednesday at 8.35.

This week Emma, our in-house artist started her painting of the Prodigal Son in the Holland Chapel and it has been fascinating to see how the piece is taking shape. She has kindly provided some preliminary works which can be seen on the boards behind her, so please go and look after the service.

Today we look forward to hearing our children's choir at the 9.30 Family Eucharist. If your child would like to take part next month the rehearsals start at 8.45am. Later this afternoon we continue our Lent Study Group at 4pm, this time looking at the Younger Son, and you are welcome to join us, even if you weren't able to attend last week's session.

The children's choir will be reassembling on Sunday 19th March at the 9.30 am Eucharist for a special Mothering Sunday service with a children and parent choir. Please let Mother Alice know if you would like to join.

On 10th March applications will close for the role of Hall Manager. The position is varied, requiring someone to manage the commercial aspects of the hall, with its onsite ballet school and car park, and to manage the upkeep and maintenance of the whole site. The role would require someone with a little events experience - booking and building relationships with theatre companies, community groups, school parents, arranging receptions for weddings, baptisms and funerals. The Hall Manager also works closely with the rest of the team on joint events both in the garden and church and would manage the halls website and build up its social media presence. If you know of anyone

looking for a fascinating role in a beautiful location please see our website under 'about us' and 'vacancies'.

Lastly a reminder to book tickets via the 'what is on' page for Peter Roper-Curzon's piano recital on 15th March which starts at 7.30 (tickets £15). Having heard a small sample of his playing it should be a wonderful evening with music by Beethoven, Bach, Schubert, Chopin and Busoni. There are also still tickets available for the Victorian Society's talk on 22nd March at 6.30pm (tickets £10). This explores the two West London sister Cemeteries of Brompton and Kensal Green. If anyone has walked through these quiet and beautiful oases from the busy London streets and wondered about the monuments and their conservation, then please do come along. We are grateful that funds raised through both of these events include a contribution towards the church's work, to enable us to develop our welcome, discipleship and outreach.

May God bless us this Lent, that in us may be found love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving, discipline, gentleness and peace, Amen (Common Worship. Night Prayer for Lent)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

London Walk for Charity Glass Door Friday evening, 10th March

We wish the team walking 10k at night through London this Friday all the best as they aim to raise money for homeless charity Glass Door. If you would like to donate towards the team's fundraising efforts then the link is: www.smaw8.org/glass-door-walk.html or via the what is on page of the website.

Auction Day at St Mary Abbots Centre Thursday 23rd March, 11 am – 4pm

Local auctioneers Olympia Auctions will be holding another Valuation Day for antique jewellery, watches, ceramics, silver, sculpture, clocks, miniatures, objects of vertu, paintings, watercolours and drawings at St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate on Thursday 23rd March, 11am - 4.00pm. As before, if an object is consigned to auction, Olympia Auctions will donate a percentage from the sale proceeds towards the upkeep and renovations of the St Mary Abbots church. Refreshments will be available.

No appointment necessary. For further information please contact: enquiries@olympiaauctions.com or 020 7806 5541.

Volunteers for Street Party Sunday 7th May from 12 noon – 4pm

On the Sunday following the Coronation Sarah Jane is arranging a street party with music, games, stalls, children's activities which our congregations are warmly invited to join. If anyone is able to volunteer for an hour she would love to hear from you. BigCoronationLunch@gmail.com. Any remaining proceeds from the day will go towards our church and Glass Door.