

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

St Patrick's Breastplate (section)

I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken to my need. The Wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward, the word of God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard. **Amen.**



St Patrick's Window, St Wenceslaus Church, Iowa. Pinterest

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
James Smith Frits Van Tuyl

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

Owen Lloyd, 12th March Alick Macvie, 13th March
Eileen Haddad, 13th March John Hogarth Cleave, 14th March
Helene Wigley, 15th March Billy Green, 17th March
Alfred Plumridge, 17th March, Moreen Freed, 17th March
Ben Regan, 19th March

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 12th 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 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

MONDAY 13th 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 14th March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
2 pm Funeral of Christopher Braddock
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

WEDNESDAY 15th March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group in church
12 noon Healing Eucharist
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
7.30 pm Peter Roper Curzon Concert (ticket on gate)

THURSDAY 16th March

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

FRIDAY 17th March – Patrick, Patron of Ireland

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 18th March

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

SUNDAY 19th March – Mothering Sunday

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Family Eucharist for Mothering Sunday
11.15 am Choral Matins
4 pm Lent Study Group: *The Father*
5.30 pm Taizé Eucharist

Message from Father Christopher

I hope you are enjoying the delightful weather this week! I am worried that the daffodils that are starting tentatively to open might realise their mistake and want to go back in again, just as Cuthbert has been doing every morning this week.



It is a particular delight to be journeying through Lent with those preparing to be baptised and confirmed, as well as with those reading and pondering our Lent book together, 'The Return of the Prodigal Son'. I am enjoying seeing our artist in residence Emma Windsor Liscombe's painting inspired by the same parable begin to emerge in the Holland Chapel too, particularly the enormous pig! Do go and take a look after the service, as we all think together about what's going on in that story, as the son comes to himself and begins his journey home to his father.

On Friday the team walking for Glass Door Homeless Charity took part in the 10k walk. The sponsorship page is still open should you wish to help them raise money for this excellent charity: www.smaw8.org/glass-door-walk.html

On Monday 20th we will have a discussion (and drinks) for our outreach group who helped with people arriving from Afghan and the Ukraine, and who take part in our homeless ministry on Monday nights. Please let me know if you think you should have been invited and haven't been, or indeed, if you have been and haven't replied yet!

Our youth group (year 7+) had great fun when they met on 5th March at St Clements Church, with activities such as Arcade Games, Graffiti, Giant Hungry Hippos with very good food from a Burger Van. A huge thank you to Martina for arranging this and if you know of anyone who might want to attend on 9th July please contact her.

Our second meeting of our new Children's Choir went really well. We are very proud of them, as well as being grateful to Mother Alice for this great new way for your children to participate in church. Please speak to her if you would like to be involved in a children's and parents' choir for Mothering Sunday on 19th March (only a week on Sunday if you haven't thought about cards and flowers yet!).

And finally, we are looking for volunteers to help serve drinks at Peter Roper-Curzon's piano concert on the evening of Wednesday 15th March and at the Victorian Society talk on Wednesday 22nd March (which gets you free entry too). Please get in touch with Leonora if you can help and as always tickets are available on the 'what is on' page of our website.

With love, Fr Christopher

PETER ROPER-CURZON
Beethoven Waldstein Sonata
Bach/Busoni Chaconne
Schubert Impromptus
Chopin Sonata
no.3



PIANO CONCERT

Peter Roper-Curzon concert

15th March at 7.30pm

A last chance to buy tickets (£15) for the concert: Doors open at 7pm, with the performance starting at 7.30pm. There will be a paid bar with wine and soft drinks at the performance. Tickets via the 'what is on' page of our website and on the door.



THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY The champion for Victorian and Edwardian architecture

Victorian Society Talk

Wednesday 22nd March at 6.30pm

Tickets are still available for the Victorian Society talk by Robert Stephenson on Kensington's Great Sister Cemeteries: Brompton and Kensal Green. Tickets are £10, or £15 with a donation and there will be wine and soft drinks available. 'What is on' page of our website.

Valuation 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 St Mary Abbots church. Refreshments will be available. No appointment necessary. For further information please contact: enquiries@olympiaauctions.com or 020 7806 5541.