

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Thank you God for the love of our mothers: thank you God for their care and concern; for the joys they have shared with us; for the pains they have borne for us; for all that they give us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer for Joseph of Nazareth

Heavenly Father, whose Son grew in wisdom and stature in the home of Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth and on the wood of the cross perfected the work of the world's salvation: help us, strengthened by this sacrament of his passion, to count the wisdom of the world as foolishness, and to walk with him in simplicity and trust. **Amen.**



Detail of Annunciation. The Rosary Basilica of Lourdes. Lawrence OP. Flickr

#### 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 Frits Van Tuyll

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

Ben Regan, 19<sup>th</sup> March Margy Fitter, 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Hew Service 20<sup>th</sup> March Berit Kringberg, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March – **Joseph of Nazareth**

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 21<sup>st</sup> March – Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop

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

#### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> March

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  
7.30 pm **Victorian Society talk** (ticket on gate)

#### THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March

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

#### FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 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

#### SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March – **The Annunciation**

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

#### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March – Passion Sunday

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**  
11.15 am **Choral Matins**  
4 pm Lent Study Group: *Living the Prodigal Story*  
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

## Message from Mother Emma

St Mary Abbots provided a wonderful setting last night for the very well-attended piano concert given by the pianist, organist and composer, Peter Roper-Curzon, a former member of our school and church community. We were delighted to welcome him back after some years and much enjoyed his beautiful performance. We are very grateful that the concert helped raise money towards the work of the Church.



Looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter, our services for this period are now up on the website. Holy Week begins on April 2nd, with a procession in the morning for Palm Sunday (more of that next week), and in the evening a performance of Handel's Messiah parts 2 and 3 (the Holy Week and Easter part of Jesus' story) at 5.30 pm. Tickets are available on the 'what is on' page of the website. Please do join us for these beautiful and poignant sections of the Messiah as we prepare to walk through Holy Week together.

We congratulate our Glass Door Walk team for completing the 10km walk through London last week. If you have not yet got round to sponsoring them, their giving page is still open for support for this very important cause on the 'what is on' page of the website.

Finally, our progress on our church fabric continues, as the work on the spire has now been completed, and this past week contractors have been at the church restoring the exterior lighting of the church and spire, kindly donated by the Friends of St Mary Abbots at the time of the Millennium, which have not been working for the past few years. It looks as though this restoration should be finished in Holy Week, and I hope and pray that we shall be able to illuminate the church again for the first time as we celebrate the light of Christ's rising on Easter Eve after the darkness of Good Friday.

*God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [Prayer for family life, Church of England]*

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

## Volunteer drivers for Food Bank

If you would be able to volunteer on Thursday mornings to pick up the donated food at the church, drive 10 minutes to the food bank to drop it off then [alex.skourtis@hotmail.com](mailto:alex.skourtis@hotmail.com) would love to hear from you. Thank you to all those who donate towards this vital lifeline for many, and if you wish add something to our contributions then the 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 is [www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk)

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Chairman of The National Federation of Cemetery Friends

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Tickets £10- £15

Wine available to purchase

St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, W8 4LA

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A last chance to buy tickets for the Victorian Society's talk on Wednesday evening. Again a proportion of the ticket money will be going towards the church.

## Valuation Day at St Mary Abbots Centre Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 11 am – 4pm

This week Olympia Auctions will be holding a Valuation Day for antique jewellery, watches, ceramics, silver, sculpture, clocks, miniatures, objects of vertu, paintings, watercolours and drawings at St Mary Abbots Centre. 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 and no appointment necessary. For further information [enquiries@olympiaauctions.com](mailto:enquiries@olympiaauctions.com) or 020 7806 5541.



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## Handel's MESSIAH

A Performance by candle light **Part II & III**  
with our Professional Choir and The Purcell Players

Sunday 2nd April 2023  
5.30 pm

Tickets: £15 programme & a drink

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