

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Collect for Passiontide

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Prayer for healing

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice. Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to know their salvation. **Amen.**



Lazarus by Sir Jacob Epstein, New College, Oxford. 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  
Michael Turner  
James Worsley  
Conor

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

Afrodite Christopher Braddock Fr David Michaels  
Simon Ward

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

Brian Sale, 26<sup>th</sup> March Arthur Bliss, 27<sup>th</sup> March  
John Attack, 3<sup>rd</sup> April

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 26<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 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

#### MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> 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 (to go on hold next week)

#### TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March

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

#### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</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

#### THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March

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

#### FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre  
12 noon Holy Eucharist  
1.05 pm No Royal College of Music concert (resume 28<sup>th</sup> April)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

#### SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April

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

#### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Palm Sunday

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Procession of Palms and Parish Eucharist  
11.15 am Choral Matins  
5.30 pm The Messiah, Parts II & III  
Tickets available via 'what is on' page of website

## Message from Mother Emma

It was very good to host a talk for the Victorian Society last night at the church on the two Sister Cemeteries of Brompton and Kensal Green, and the participants enjoyed being in the truly Victorian setting of St Mary Abbots. We are hoping to share more events with the Victorian Society later in the year, so please keep a look out!



Tickets are now available for Handel's Messiah with our professional choir and the Purcell Players, on the evening of Palm Sunday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>). We very much hope that you will buy a ticket and join us for this very special evening as we begin Holy Week, supporting our choir and the musical tradition of St Mary Abbots.

As Lent draws to a close, we shall be holding our final Lent group this Sunday at 4 pm, and would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to come, whether or not you have been able to attend earlier sessions. The painting by Emma, our artist-in-residence, inspired by the parable of the Prodigal Son is also reaching completion; please do take the opportunity to speak with her about it, and there is a particular chance for children and families to do so after the 9.30 am Eucharist this Sunday.

Passiontide begins this Sunday, and the crosses in the church are veiled in purple as we prepare for Holy Week, which begins with the procession and dramatized reading of the Passion at 9.30 am on Palm Sunday on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Holy Week and Easter cards have been distributed and are available in church – please do take one (or look on the services page of the website). Someone who was going to be away told me they were glad to have taken one, as they saw that we are offering Online Reflections in the first part of Holy Week, which can be accessed even if you are on holiday. St Mary Abbots School's Passion Service will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>, as the children act out the story of Holy Week, with narration, songs and prayers, at 9.30 am. Please pray for your clergy and all the members of the Parish Office during these final weeks of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, that every element of our services may truly enable everyone in our congregations to draw closer to God during this time which forms the foundation of our faith.

### *And our weekly Fabric update:*

The work on the external lighting has continued successfully this week, as you may have seen if you are passing. We apologise that the access to the Garth is still closed, but want to be sure that all the electricals are safe and complete before we allow people into the area. We believe that (all going to plan), the lights will be ready to switch on again for Easter Eve (April 8<sup>th</sup>), revealing St Mary Abbots once again as a beacon of light and hope in our community. Our thanks go to the Friends of St Mary Abbots for their original installation of the lighting at the time of the Millennium.



We are also delighted to say that the PCC met and passed the final drawings for the South Door access ramp (the subject of the Friends' 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project) and these have presented been to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for their input. Following this meeting, one clarification was needed on the handrail which will be needed, but once the PCC have approved this, we can apply for the Faculty (legal church permission) and go out for the final consultation. All plans and drawings will be displayed in the church during this time and we can then move on to the final building stage! We are excited and thankful that two of the aspirations in our three-year Mission Action Plan are already coming to fruition, as we work to demonstrate in the church's fabric the warm and inclusive welcome we seek to offer to all.

*God, our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen [CW Times and Seasons, Intercessions for Lent]*

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



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*Handel's*  
**MESSIAH**  
*A Performance by candlelight* **Parts II & III**  
*with our Professional Choir and The Purcell Players*

**Sunday 2nd April 2023**  
**5.30 pm**

Tickets: £15 and includes a programme & a drink  
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