

In Our Prayers This Week

Collect for Easter Day

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayer of Thanks

And now we give you thanks because Christ our paschal sacrifice has made us children of the light, rising to new and everlasting life. He has opened the gates of heaven to receive his faithful people. His death is our ransom from death, his resurrection is our rising to life. The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory. Amen.



San Giovanni Paoloi, Pintrest

Those in acute need

Hillary Bardsley
Robby Dundas
Evelyn Ellison
Jill Traynor
Buyile Phiri
James Philpot

Paul Proudman

Adam
Gillie
Luke
Philippa
Stephanie
Talia

Those in long-term need

Christopher Browne
Mary Roberts
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

Mary Jean Khoury, 14th April Edward Adnams, 15th April

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 9th April 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 9th April – EASTER DAY

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

MONDAY 10th April

8 am No Morning Prayer via Zoom
 8.30 am No Bible Study via Zoom
 9 am No Parents Prayer Group in church
 10 am Church opens
 12 noon Holy Eucharist
 3 – 7pm Peal of Bells to celebrate Easter
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

TUESDAY 11th April

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

WEDNESDAY 12th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 8.35 am No Bitesize Bible Group
 12 noon Holy Eucharist
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 13th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 9.30 am No School Eucharist
 12 noon Holy Eucharist
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

FRIDAY 14th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
 9.30 No Mini Abbots
 12 noon Holy Eucharist
 1.05 pm No Royal College of Music concert (resume 28th April)
 5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 15th April

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

SUNDAY 16th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Message from Mother Emma

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A very warm welcome to St Mary Abbots Church this morning as we come together to give thanks for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. During the past week, we have walked with him the Way of the Cross, recalling his final days, his betrayal, arrest, trial, and death on a cross. Last night we celebrated the first signs of the light overcoming the darkness, as we lit the New Fire and the Paschal Candle and heard the story of the empty tomb. For centuries, Christians have gathered on Easter Day to celebrate Christ's rising from the dead and the promise of eternal hope which this brings for all of us, and have also baptised new Christians who rise with Christ to new life on Easter Day. It is a delight and a joy to welcome Otto and Isabella and their families and friends, as they prepare to be baptised during this service. We shall also be sprinkling the whole congregation with the baptismal waters, in remembrance of our own baptisms on this Resurrection Day which lies at the heart of our faith.

My heartfelt thanks go to all those, both staff and volunteers, who have worked so hard to make this Holy Week and Easter special: everyone who prepared and cleaned the church, designed and printed the liturgies, provided the wonderful music and the beautiful flowers, and also to all those who have shared with us in this most important season of the church year. It has been a great joy to worship alongside so many of you, both regular parishioners and visitors from across the country and around the world, and to be conscious of our shared faith and hope in Christ.

It was amazing to see the church exterior lighting project completed this week and to be able to light the church and the East window for our service last night, and we pray that St Mary Abbots will continue to provide a beacon of light and hope in our community.

I wish you all a very joyful Eastertide and look forward to seeing you over the weeks ahead as we mark the forty days of Christ's Resurrection appearances on earth before he ascended into Heaven.

Almighty God, by triumphing over the powers of darkness, Christ has prepared a place for us in the new Jerusalem; may we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, praise him in the eternal city of which he is the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. [Common Worship, Night Prayer for Eastertide]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Flower Arrangers – Volunteers needed

Now that Lent is drawing to an end we will once more have flowers in the church each Sunday. These are created by our amazing flower arranger team – however we are still looking for more volunteers to take part. Flower arranging takes place on Friday afternoons or Saturday. If you would like to try your hand, or learn how to create a large arrangement, then please contact Leonora who will add you to the rota and / or arrange a first training session!

Save the Date: Spring Events at St Mary Abbots

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| 5 th May | Civic Service on the Eve of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III at 5.30pm |
| 7 th May | Street Party arranged by Holland Park from 12 noon. Volunteers needed! |
| 10 May | The Laudonia Ensemble evening concert |
| 20 th May | The Clemson University Choir at 1pm |

Volunteers for Coronation Street Party

Sunday 7th May from 12 noon – 4pm

On the Sunday following the Coronation Sarah Jane is arranging a street party in Holland Street 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.

Food Bank

Thank you for all your donations to the food bank and please keep the steam of wonderful donations coming in! 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 you can visit their website here: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk

Photos from the week



Passion Sunday Play



Mini Abbots Easter Egg hunt



Handel's Messiah,
Parts II & III

