

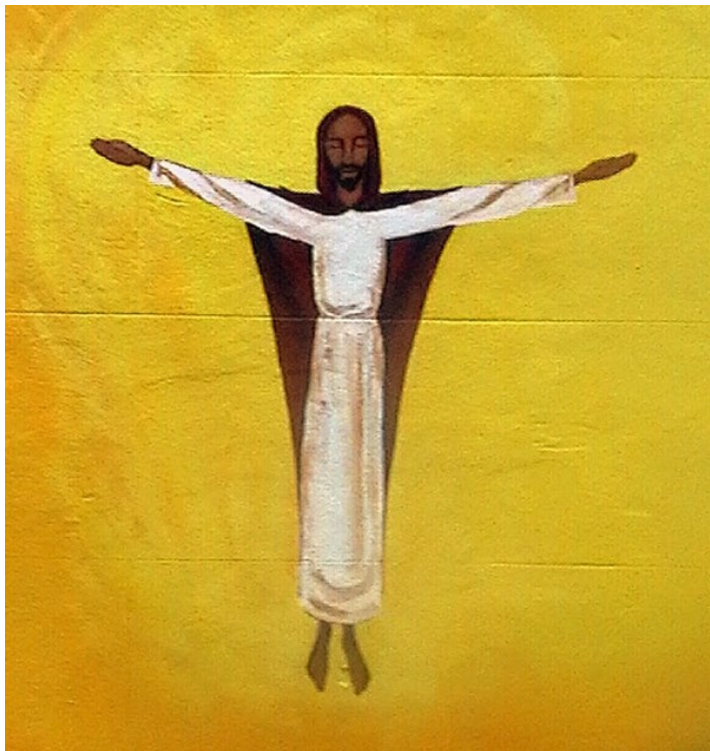
In our Prayers this week

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Collect for Ascension Day

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen**



Mural of Christ ascending to heaven, Graffiti in Bristol. Flickr

Those in acute need

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

Paul Proudman

Adam
Gillie
Jeremy
Luke
Olive
Stephanie
Talia

Those in long-term need

Christopher Browne
Mary Roberts
Michael Turner
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently
Frederique Ottov

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

Hugh Thomas, 17th May Violet Sale, 17th May
Ian Tamblyn, 19th May Didier Lenart, 20th May

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 14th May 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 14th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Baptisms
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Sung Evensong with Voluntary Choir

MONDAY 15th May – Matthias the Apostle

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

TUESDAY 16th May

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

WEDNESDAY 17th May

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group
12 noon HEALING Eucharist
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
6.20 pm APCM in St Mary Abbots Hall

THURSDAY 18th May – Ascension Day

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist – All are welcome
12 noon Choral Eucharist on Ascension Day
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

FRIDAY 19th May – Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Hall
12 noon Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm Free Royal College of Music concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 20th May – Alcuin of York

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
1 pm Clemson University Choir, free concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 21st May – Sunday after Ascension

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

Message from Mother Emma

What an amazing Coronation weekend we had, with celebrations ranging from the Civic Service on Friday to the Family Eucharist on Sunday, to say nothing of the wonderful Holland Street party, arranged by neighbours, friends and congregation members with a very helpful grant from RBKC and much generosity from local residents and businesses who provided such delicious food. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many familiar faces, and to be able to celebrate the new King's reign in such wonderful community style, as he himself had envisaged. Photographs of these services and events on the Gallery page of the website. Huge thanks to everyone who played a part in preparing or offering any of the services/events. We give thanks, too, for the beautiful Coronation Service and for the King's commitment to serve "the King of Kings", as well as the nation.

This evening we are starting a new innovation. Anglican chant has been one of the glories of the Church of England for centuries and is used for the Responses, Psalm, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis at Evensong, when the congregation are invited to join in. However, many of us (and I include myself!) did not grow up learning this tradition and sometimes find it hard to follow the chant. Mother Alice is forming a voluntary choir to lead us as we learn the music together. If you are either familiar with Anglican chant already and prepared to help lead others, or if you enjoy singing and would like to join a voluntary choir and learn a different genre of music, we would be absolutely delighted to hear from you, or to see you at Evensong this Sunday (5 30 pm). The voluntary choir will continue to lead Evensong on the second Sunday of each month going forward, and in due course start to sing an anthem in place of the existing organ piece.

We are delighted that Vera Ezumah, our placement ordinand, who will preach at the 9.30 am Eucharist today and we welcome Antonia, Daisy and Sterling who will be baptised at that service.


Next Thursday (19th May) is the Feast of the Ascension. This is the fourth most important festival in the Christian Church, where we remember Christ ascending into Heaven forty days after his Resurrection. We are reminded of the promise of Ascension in the Eucharistic Prayer for that day: *"By the glory of his resurrection, he opened the way to life eternal and by his ascension, gave us the sure hope that where he is we may also be."* As well as the 9.30 am School Eucharist we shall offer a Choral Eucharist at 12 noon – do join us.

God of power, you are strong to save and you never fail those who trust in you; keep us under your protection and spread abroad your reign of peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen (Common Worship, Daily Prayer, response to Psalm 125)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



LUNCHTIME CONCERT







Clemson University Singers From South Carolina, USA

Conductor
Dr. Anthony Bernarducci
with Collaborative Pianist Grace Berardo

Saturday, May 20th at 1pm

St Mary Abbots Church
Kensington Church Street, London, W8 4LA

Free Admission with a retiring collection in favour of Glass Door
PLEASE JOIN US!
Please email performancesbooking@gmail.com for information and seat reservation



Clemson University Choir Saturday 20th May at 1pm

A Free lunchtime concert by a 50+ strong choir of students from Clemson University, USA. A collection will be taken for Glass Door Homeless Charity.

www.smaw8.org/the-clemson-university-singers.html

APCM

Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 6.30 pm.

St Mary Abbots' Annual Meeting of Parishioners, followed immediately by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, will be held at St Mary Abbots Hall, Vicarage Gate, W8 4HN. All are warmly invited to attend.



SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 10th June from 12 noon – 3pm

Our Garden Party this year will feature live music from students of the Royal College of Music, children's entertainer Action Amanda, arts and crafts, Games and Activities (including the coconut shy and bouncy castle), tea and cake stands, BBQ and Bar. We have a number of volunteers but would welcome more and if you would be willing to bake a cake, cupcakes, chocolate brownies, flatjacks or any other homemade treats Leonora would love to hear from you.

**Youth Group Summer Festival
Sunday 9th July 2023 at 5.30**

The Youth Ministry will be holding their summer festival in the Vicarage Garden for years 6-7. Formed by Parishes in Kensington, Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham who hope to renew youth ministry in the area. The event includes inflatables, silent Disco, BBQ and more. To know more or to book a place please contact Martina.