

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 7th Sunday of Easter

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Prayer by the Ven John Bede

Christ is the Morning Star, who, when the night of this world is past, gives to his saints the promise of the light of life, and opens everlasting day. **Amen**



The Ven John Bede, Monk, Scholar & Historian.

Those in acute need

Hillary Bardsley
Martin Carroll
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
Fiona Paine
Mary Roberts
Michael Turner
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently

Mike Margolis Frederique Ottou

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

Nemo Tin, 23rd May Mary Wendy Bourne, 24th May
Enid Stubbs, 26th May Doreen Jones, 28th May
Tommy Nevell Catherine Green

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 21st 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 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**

MONDAY 22nd May

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 23rd May

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

WEDNESDAY 24th May – John & Charles Wesley

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church
6 pm **Confirmation Rehearsal**

THURSDAY 25th May – The Ven John Bede, Monk

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist** – All are welcome
5.30 pm Evening Prayer (shortened)
6.30 pm **Confirmation Service with the Rt Rev'd Dr Emma Ineson, Bishop of Kensington**

FRIDAY 26th May – Augustine, Archbishop

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 27th May

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

SUNDAY 28th May – Day of Pentecost

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Choral Eucharist with Procession**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

Message from Mother Emma

On Thursday it was wonderful to celebrate Ascension, first with the school and then a Choral Eucharist. We are now in the ten days between Ascension and the great feast of Pentecost, when we particularly pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Archbishop of Canterbury has described this season as "Thy Kingdom Come", and encourages us to use this time for a particular season of prayer. During this time, we shall pray especially for the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon our fifteen Confirmation candidates, who will be confirmed by the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, Bishop of Kensington next Thursday (25th May). Please hold in your prayers: Alpha, Cecile, Felix, Rafferty, Thomas, Victoria, Lucasta, George, Henry, Alex, Laura Ann, Jackie, Fatima, Ellen and Baharak, and also the candidates joining them from St Philip's Earls Court Road and St Mary The Boltons. The Confirmation Service is at 6.30 pm on 25th May, and you are warmly invited to attend, and to greet our new Bishop on her first visit to lead a service in the parish and afterwards join us for refreshments at the Vicarage.

On Saturday (20th May) we welcomed The Clemson University Choir who were visiting St Mary Abbots from South Carolina in the US before travelling on to Cambridge, Canterbury Cathedral and Paris. A collection was taken for Glass Door, our local homeless charity. We wish them well as they continue on with their tour.

Next Sunday (28th May) we hope you will join us for the Feast of Pentecost, which we shall again be marking this year with a procession and Choral Eucharist at 9.30, and beautiful liturgy throughout the day as we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Christopher has written a message below to follow up his announcement in church last Sunday. We congratulate him warmly on his new appointment and shall be praying for him over the next few months as he prepares for this exciting move.

Following the wonderful community events for the Coronation, we now look ahead with great excitement to our Summer Garden Party in the Vicarage Garden on 10th June, from 12 noon to 3 pm! Come and join us for live music, delicious barbecue food, a cake stall, Pimms, and children's activities for all ages. Please SAVE THE DATE for this annual celebration of our wonderful community, and WATCH THIS SPACE, as well as our website, social media, newsletter and railings posters for further information.

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan and upon the disciples in the upper room; in your mercy fill us with your Spirit, hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever, Amen [Common Worship, Ascension intercessions]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Father Christopher

Last Sunday I announced that I will be leaving St Mary Abbots later this year. I have been appointed to the position of rector of St Matthew's Church in St Paul, Minnesota. This is still subject to the final visa approval, but I expect to be going around the end of August or start of September, so there will still be plenty of time to say goodbye! Please keep me and those whom I am going to serve in your prayers as I prepare for this big step.

Love from Fr Christopher



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, flapjacks or any other items** Leonora would love to hear from you. Details of how you might donate towards the fair can be found on the 'what is on'

Patron of Friends of SMA now High Sheriff of Suffolk

Steve Atack has been in touch to let us know that Mark Pendlington, a long term supporter and new Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots, has been appointed the new High Sheriff of Suffolk, a county where many parishioners have homes and businesses. We wish him the best in his new role.

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.