

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Prayer for John the Baptist

Lord God, who sent John to witness to the light, to be the voice of one crying in the wilderness and to prepare the way of the Lord: comfort your people and bring your healing to the sick and needy, to the broken-hearted and the oppressed, to prisoners and captives. **Amen**



Birth of John the Baptist by Domenico Ghiutandaio. Pinterest

#### Those in acute need

Martin Carroll  
Evelyn Ellison  
Jill Traynor  
Luke Thomas  
Buyile Phiri  
James Philpot  
Janneke Mulder

Adam  
Gillie  
Jeremy  
Luke  
Nichola  
Olive  
Stephanie  
Talia

#### Those in long-term need

Hillary Bardsley  
Christopher Browne  
Fiona Paine  
Paul Proudman  
Mary Roberts  
Michael Turner  
James Worsley  
Conor

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

Iris Michelle Bennie Sir Peter Marshall Josephine Nyabunze

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

Susannah Farrant, 24<sup>th</sup> June Olwen Haslam, 27<sup>th</sup> June

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 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 18<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**  
11.15 am **Choral Matins**  
12.30 **3<sup>rd</sup> Party Giving Meeting**  
5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

#### **MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> June**

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 20<sup>th</sup> June**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> June**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group for Children  
12 noon **Healing Eucharist**  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

#### **THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Alban, 1<sup>st</sup> Marytr of Britain**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am **School Eucharist – all are welcome**  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### **FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely**

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 24<sup>th</sup> June – Birth of John the Baptist**

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

#### **SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity *and Refugee Sunday***

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

## Message from Mother Emma

Once again, an ENORMOUS thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Summer Garden Party, to all those who donated wine, cakes, goods and financial contributions, or who bbq'd, manned stalls or helped with the setup and clear up, and of course, to all of you who attended, joined in all the fun, supported the stalls and enjoyed the food and drink! Our thanks especially to Action Amanda and Silva Ace, Fitness Trigga for providing such amazing entertainment for the children and to the trio of Royal College of Music students who played so beautifully. It was a wonderful occasion, and I felt so privileged to be serving such a warm and supportive community. Thank you all, for everything you do, and special thanks, of course, to Leonora for masterminding the event, to Martina for the children's activities, and to our new Hall Manager, Dimitrios, who worked incredibly hard behind the scenes.



We have been mentioning recently our desire to ask for your feedback on the church's charitable giving, and how you think the sum of money set aside by the PCC for this purpose should be used. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a glass of wine and discussion around this topic at 12.30 pm in the Holland Chapel this Sunday. We are very keen to hear your input and to reflect together on the way we respond to the Bible's call to serve the poor, the needy, the isolated and the marginalised.

On Wednesday (21st) at 12 noon, we hold our monthly Healing Eucharist, at which we pray for our own healing, as well as that of those we love and of the

brokenness of our world. We warmly invite you to join us, whether or not you have been before – it is a wonderful reflective service of compassion and love, and is followed by a sandwich lunch!

**SAVE THE DATE!** We now know that Fr Christopher will sadly be leaving us on August 25th, and we have decided that it would be better to hold our farewell party for him on Sunday 16th July, before people leave for their holiday. This will be in the Vicarage Garden - more details to follow shortly. If you would like to donate towards his leaving present please contact Petter, our Parish Manger, for bank details or leave a contribution in one of the yellow donation envelopes marked '**Father Christopher's leaving gift**'.

*Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (churchofengland.org)*

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

### Full Time Associate Vicar

#### Application closes Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Applications close on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> for those applying to join our team as our full-time Associate Vicar in our large and busy parish. The candidate will share in Sunday & weekday services, school Eucharists, pastoral care, outreach, community events and administration. The post comes with a 3 bedroom cottage. A full job description and application form can be found via the front page of the website.

### Youth Event in the Vicarage Garden

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 from 5pm – 8 pm

We are very pleased to be hosting the Summer Festival for local parish network YMIC (Youth Ministry in Communion) in the Vicarage Garden for Years 6 and 7. The events includes inflatables, silent disco, BBQ and more. To find out more or to book a place, please contact Martina.

### Refugee Week – what you can do

This Monday (19th) is the beginning of Refugee Week, a festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of **refugees** and people seeking sanctuary. It is also a time for us to pray for all those who are forced to flee their countries, and who seek shelter in other countries, including our own. Lasting from 19th June - 25th June the theme this year is compassion' *where we carry out simple acts to show our support for refugees and make new connections in our community*'. The link to the 'simple acts' idea can be found here:

<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/introducing-simple-acts-2023/>