

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 9th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect for the Transfiguration of our Lord

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; **Amen**



Transfiguration of Christ

Those in acute need

Evelyn Ellison
Paul Fitch
Adrianna Henley
Janneke Mulder
Rev'd Colin Oxenforth
Buyile Phiri
James Philpot
George Rabbett-Smith
Lucille Simpson

Jill Traynor
Luke Thomas
Adam
Gillie
Jeremy
Luke
Nichola
Olive
Stephanie
Talia

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

Hakan Groth

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

Anthony Kemp, 12th August

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 6th August 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 6th August – Transfiguration of our Lord

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

MONDAY 7th August

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom
9 am **No** Parents Prayer Group (resumes 11 Sept)
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

TUESDAY 8th August – Dominic, Priest

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

WEDNESDAY 9th August – Mary Sumner, Founder

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am **No** Bitesize Bible Group (resumes 20 Sept)
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

THURSDAY 10th August – Laurence, Deacon

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **No School Eucharist** (resumes 14 Sept)
12 noon Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 11th August – Clare of Assisi, Founder

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 **No** Mini Abbots (resumes 8 September)
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm **No** Royal College Music (resume 22 Sept)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SATURDAY 12th August

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**
2 pm **Wedding of Babatunde and Astrid**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

SUNDAY 13th August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Message from Mother Emma

I do hope that you are enjoying some relaxation this month, in spite of the weather! We look forward to welcoming those who are in London at the moment for our celebration of the Feast of the Transfiguration this Sunday (6th). We remember Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain as he prepared to start the journey to Jerusalem which would end in his Crucifixion. If you are travelling, or unable to be in church, please may I remind you of Martina's wonderful YouTube video of the story of the Transfiguration, made during lockdown for the children's group, but an extremely touching and prayerful reminder of the story for us all! You find this via my message on the website.



In a strange déjà vu from last summer, I have to have a hospital procedure on 8th August (next Tuesday), which may require up to four weeks' recovery. I am grateful to Fr Christopher, Mother Alice, Fr Peter and some kind visiting local clergy for covering services and offering pastoral care during this period, and look forward to being back with you by the start of term. For administrative questions, please contact either Leonora or Petter, and of course, our Churchwardens, Guy Heald and Ed Warrick, can be contacted via the parish office if needed.

On my return, I am much looking forward to our postponed joint celebration of our 150th Anniversary Patronal Festival with the Bishop of London on 10th September. I would also draw the attention of all those interested in Victorian architecture and in local churches to the Victorian Society talk at the church on 10th October on "Kensington's Victorian Churches, A Battle of Styles" by David McDonald. Tickets are £10, the money raised going towards the Victorian society and church. These are only the first of a wonderful autumn and winter programme of events, to which Leonora is still adding – please go to the "What is on" page of the website, or posters on the church railings for information and tickets.

I wish you a peaceful and restful remainder of the summer, and look forward to seeing you soon.

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

Food Bank

While many of us are off enjoying a summer break we urge you not to forget to donate items to the food bank – the need for your contributions continues no matter what the season. As you know the 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. To make a donation please visit their website: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
150th Anniversary, 1872-2022

Patronal Festival

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Celebrating our 150th Anniversary

President and Preacher

The Bishop of London

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally

Sunday 10th September 2023

11.15 am

After the service there will be a lunch in the Vicarage Garden to which all members of the congregation are welcome. If you would be willing to bring a contribution of food to the feast this would be very welcome. Please could let Leonora know what you will bring so that we do not end up with many of the same items or over ordering!

Joining the Major Churches Network



Sharing Faith, Living Heritage

Last week we became members of the Major Churches Network. This is a group of 320 of the largest churches in England, recognised by both the Church and the state. To qualify the church must be "physically very large (over 1000m2 footprint, Grade I or II or (exceptionally) II listed, with Exceptional architectural or historic significance and with a role beyond that of a typical parish church, making a considerable civic, cultural and/or economic contribution to the wider community". This follows on from becoming, since the start of the year, members of Inclusive Church, The Prayer Book Society, YMIC youth group, signing up to be a living wage employer and last month being granted our Eco Bronze Eco Award as part of Eco Church. To find out more about these organisations you can look on the 'affiliated groups and charities' page of our website.

The Grand Tour

St Mary Abbots, Friday 8th September at 7.30pm

Melrose • Edinburgh • Dunkeld • Inverness • Aberdeen • London

Tickets £19-34 (50% discount for under 25, scan QR code for online tickets)



With celebrated Scottish soprano Susan Hamilton
and Baroque ensemble Laudonia

Music by Corelli, Rosenmüller, Draghi, Cesti, Pasquini,
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Join us for Laudonia's last stop on their Grand Tour on 8th September at 7.30. Tickets are £35 each and include a glass of wine, and can be bought using the QR code above, or via the 'what is on' page of the website, or on the door.