

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### Blessing for our ramp: 2 Samuel 7: 29

Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue for ever before you; for you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed for ever. **Amen**



The Blessed Virgin Mary

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Luke Thomas	<i>Long-term need</i>
Evelyn Ellison	Adam	Hillary Bardsley
Paul Fitch	Gillie	Christopher Browne
Rev'd Colin Oxenforth	Jean	Paul Proudman
Buyile Phiri	Jeremy	Mary Roberts
James Philpot	Luke	Michael Turner
George Rabbett-Smith	Olive	Conor
Sara Strong	Stephanie	
Jill Traynor	Talia	

*and for all who have died recently*

Hakan Growth                      Fiona Paine

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

Elizabeth Costley-White, 16<sup>th</sup> August      Gay Babbage, 18<sup>th</sup> August  
Clifford Eastwood, 18<sup>th</sup> August

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> August – The Blessed Virgin Mary**

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 15<sup>th</sup> August**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> August**

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 17<sup>th</sup> August**

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 18<sup>th</sup> August**

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 19<sup>th</sup> August**

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

#### **SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> August – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

8 am            **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
9.30 am       **Parish Eucharist**  
11.15 am      **Sung Matins**  
Preacher: Petter Kringberg, LLM St Thomas, Kensal Town  
5.30 pm       **Taizé Eucharist**

## Message from Mother Alice

Over the summer months we have welcomed many more visitors to St Mary Abbots, and it has been wonderful just this week to meet people from the USA, Germany, Armenia, and Iran. It is such an encouragement to hear news of the Church in other countries – sharing our faith in Christ together, and remembering that we are part of the one, universal Church. I hope those of you who have been travelling recently have found welcome in other Churches and have enjoyed the opportunity to worship elsewhere.



It has been horrifying recently to see so clearly the impact of climate change with the heatwaves in southern Europe, fires, floods and other extreme weather in other parts of the world. With climate change, it is always the poorest and most vulnerable communities who suffer, and it further highlights the many injustices in the world. As Christians we are called to steward the earth, and St Mary Abbots has begun our journey to think through how we must live differently so that we have less of an impact on the environment and can steward it better for future generations. Many of us have found the A Rocha resources really helpful as we seek to make changes to the way we steward our resources. You can find out how you can make changes by visiting their website: [www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/lifestyle/](http://www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/lifestyle/)

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter I will be running the Royal Parks Half Marathon in October to raise money for the wonderful work of the Royal Parks – if you would like to sponsor me you can do so here: [www.justgiving.com/page/alice-ormondroyd-1681937194306](http://www.justgiving.com/page/alice-ormondroyd-1681937194306)

As Father Christopher serves his final two weeks with us, I would like to add my personal thanks to him for being such a generous and warm colleague. I have learnt so much from him, and been truly inspired by his love of God and passion for social justice. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to continue his Outreach Ministry amongst the homeless in our parish as we look ahead to the winter months.

With love in Christ, Mother Alice

## Access Ramp Project

On Monday, before Mother Emma went on leave, a final meeting took place in the vestry concerning the Access Ramp Project. We are delighted to announce that the project has now started. The cloister will remain open to the public and the Church remains accessible through the South Cloister Doors, however on some occasions these doors will be closed off. We will endeavour to give advanced warning of these occasions in the notices, in the newsletter, Mother Emma's weekly message and on our posters. The church will still be accessible from the West Doors as usual. Our

thanks to Mother Emma, the Wardens, and the project team for all their hard work in getting to this point.

The boards in the Holland Chapel are now showing the ramp story to date, and we will be posting a timeline and updates on the website once Mother Emma returns.

While the Friends extremely generous and successful fundraising campaign covers the cost of the ramp itself, we are continuing to raise funds for the additional work of rehanging the doors, panels and providing a wheelchair area. If you would like to contribute towards the project please contact Petter or use the QR code on the church noticeboards or on the 'what is on' website page.

## Patronal Festival

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 11.15 am



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1872-2022  
**Patronal Festival**  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
President and Preacher  
The Bishop of London  
The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
11.15 am

Followed by celebratory lunch in the Vicarage Garden for the congregation. Contributions of food would be very welcome but please let Leonora know so that we do not end up with many of the same items or over ordering!

## The Grand Tour Concert

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30.

Join celebrated Scottish soprano Susan Hamilton and the Baroque Ensemble Laudonia for their final concert on their Grand Tour. Featuring music by Corelli, Rosenmuller, Purcell and more. Tickets are £35, including a glass of wine, and can be bought via the 'what is on' page of the website.



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Join our team for the 11<sup>th</sup> Glass Door sleepout to raise money and awareness for the homeless. Glass Door covers West and South West London and offers three main services: hostel accommodation with shower and laundry, hot food given out 7 days a week, and caseworkers providing advice and practical help. Spending one night sleeping out in the street gives a small insight into a homeless person's life, however you will be sleeping in a group, in a busy area, with help at hand should you need it – and in the morning you can go home. If you would like to join us for this sometimes life changing experience, and to raise money for this excellent cause, please look on the 'what is on' page of the website.