

## In our Prayers this week

### Prayer for those in Libya, Morocco and Hawaii

Be present, O Lord our Good Shepherd, to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness. Shield the people who suffer, console those who are bereaved, prosper the provision of relief, strengthen the work of emergency teams, and shine your light and hope in the midst of despair. Amen

### Collect for Matthew, Apostle

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen



The start of The Patroanal Festal Eucharist

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

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

Seymour Dallas Priest, 20<sup>th</sup> September

Jean Carr-Gomm, 21<sup>st</sup> September Isobel Fletcher, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Paul Sale, 24<sup>th</sup> September

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 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 17<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

#### MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> September

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom  
9 am Parents' Prayer Group  
12 noon Informal Eucharist (Sunday on Monday)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

#### TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> September

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

#### WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> September – John Coleridge Patteson

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group  
12 noon HEALING Eucharist  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

#### THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> September – Matthew, Apostle

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am School Eucharist  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> September

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

#### SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> September

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

#### SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
9.30 am Choral Eucharist  
11.15 am Choral Matins  
Preacher: The Rev'd Preb Gilleen Craig  
5.30 pm Sung Evensong

## Message from Mother Emma

What a truly amazing day we had on Sunday, as we celebrated all that is joyful about St Mary Abbots, welcoming our Bishop and marking our Patronal Festival, our delayed 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Blessing of our Access Project and sharing a wonderful party in the Vicarage Garden. My heartfelt thanks to absolutely everyone who played a part in the day, taking part in the service, bringing food for the party, helping with all the many preparations, and worshipping with us on such a special day. Many of us agreed we felt the Holy Spirit was very much with us, and we look ahead with excitement to whatever God next has in store for us as a church and community. You can see pictures of a memorable day on the 'Gallery' website page.



Looking ahead, I am delighted to announce that on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, Fr Gillean Craig, Vicar of the Parish from 2002 to 2018, will be marking the fifth anniversary of his retirement from Kensington by preaching for us at our 11.15 am service of Choral Matins. Fr Gillean will be joining us for coffee in between the Eucharist and Matins, so that everyone will have the chance to see him, and Martina will be supplying activities for older children to do in the pews during Matins if families who knew Fr Gillean during his time here also want to attend the later service.

We are also already starting to think about our Harvest Festival on 1<sup>st</sup> October, which will be a Family Eucharist, and to which we invite you to bring donations. Please see lists of much needed items on the 'what is on' website page.

If you are thinking about the Glass Door Sleepout, please do sign up or make a donation to the team on the 'what is on' website page. Many thanks to those who have already sponsored our team!

Our next event is a talk by the Victorian Society on 10<sup>th</sup> October – see opposite. We are very much enjoying our links with the Victorian Society, and recent talks here have been much appreciated by those who attended.

*May your Kingdom come, O God, with deliverance for the needy, with peace for the righteous, with overflowing blessing for all nations, with glory, honour and praise for Christ, the only Saviour, Amen* [Common Worship, Daily Prayer, Response to Psalm 72]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



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

Please sign up to join the sleep out or remember to sponsor members of the St Mary Abbots team as they take part in the 11<sup>th</sup> sleepout to raise money and awareness for homeless charity Glass Door. Glass Door covers West and Southwest

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. To donate money towards this vital cause please look on the 'what is on' page of the website or visit [www.smaw8.org/glass-door-sleep-out.html](http://www.smaw8.org/glass-door-sleep-out.html)

**THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY**  
CAMPAIGNING FOR VICTORIAN AND EDWARDIAN ARCHITECTURE



## Kensington's Victorian Churches

### Kensington's Victorian Churches, A Battle of Styles?

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7pm**

For those interested in Victorian architecture and in local churches the Victorian Society are hosting a talk by David McDonald. Tickets are £10 and available on the 'what is on' page of the website or on the door. Money raised will go towards The Victorian Society and St Mary Abbots. Drinks will be available to purchase – we hope to see you there.

### Rev'd Seymour Dallas, Curate of St Mary Abbots

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September marks the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the Rev. Seymour Dallas, curate of St Mary Abbots. He was sent by our church to Alberta, a remote part of Canada, and in 3 years he established many schools and 5 churches, the one in Barrhead, Edmonton dedicated to St Mary Abbots. In 1915 he returned to the UK, becoming a Royal Army Chaplain and serving at Ypres where he was killed in action aged 33 in 1917.



[www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/29-september/news/uk/dual-services-held-to-honour-military-chaplain-and-missionary-killed-in-action-100-years-ago](http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/29-september/news/uk/dual-services-held-to-honour-military-chaplain-and-missionary-killed-in-action-100-years-ago)

### Laudonia Concert – Report

Last Friday (8<sup>th</sup> September) we hosted a wonderful concert by Scottish Baroque ensemble Laudonia, with soprano Susan Hamilton. The theme was the Grand Tour to Rome of Sir John Clerk of Penicuik, later a signatory of the 1706 Treaty of Union between England and Scotland. As well as being treated to virtuoso performances of works by Corelli, Draghi and others that John Clerk might have known, and one of his own cantatas, Leo Scotius Irritatus (the Lion of Scotland Enraged), the audience was introduced to baroque instruments such as the theorbo (you may need to look that up!). CDs of the programme can be ordered on [www.laudonia.com](http://www.laudonia.com) if you want to catch up on what you missed!