

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Collect for Harvest Festival

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, **Amen**



Wolf of Gubbio engraving by Carl Weidemeyer. Wikipedia

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

*and for all who have died recently*

Anthony Hopkinson      Francis Scott

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

Henry Roberson, 1<sup>st</sup> October      Cicely Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Joyce North, 5<sup>th</sup> October      Alexandra Horsley, 6<sup>th</sup> October

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 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 1<sup>st</sup> October – Harvest Thanksgiving**

8 am      **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
9.30 am   **Family Eucharist with children's choir**  
11.15 am **Choral Matins**  
5.30 pm   **Sung Evensong**

#### **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October – Francis of Assisi**

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

#### **THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October**

8 am      Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am   **School Eucharist**  
2.30 pm   **Rainbow Poetry Group**  
5.30 pm   Evening Prayer in church

#### **FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> October – William Tyndale, Translator**

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  
9 pm      **SMA team Glass Door Sleep Out**

#### **SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> October**

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

#### **SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October – 18<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   **Sung Evensong with Voluntary Choir**

## Message from Mother Emma

Today we celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving, as we give thanks for all God's gifts to us in creation. The 9.30 service will be our Family Eucharist, with children reading, praying, welcoming, serving and singing, and we shall begin with a procession of the gifts which people bring to donate to our regular Harvest charity, the Upper Room. The Upper Room provides hot meals and a foodbank alongside support and advice to those in need, and your generosity is hugely appreciated. If you were unable to donate goods, but would like to make a financial contribution, please mark the envelope "Upper Room" and we will add it to our donation.



The second excitement and opportunity for sharing in God's work of care and compassion this week is the Glass Door Sleep Out! We now have a team of five people, who will be sleeping out in Duke of York Square, to raise money for Glass Door's homeless shelters which will open shortly for the winter. If you have not yet sponsored our team of sleepers, it would be wonderful if you could consider making a donation via the 'what is on' page of the website. We very much hope to be able to invite representatives from both these charities to speak to us in the months ahead about the way in which our donations are used, and perhaps hear some feedback from the sleepers themselves!

Looking ahead, the beginning of next month will see our All Souls' Service at 5.30 pm on 5<sup>th</sup> November, when we remember all those whom we have loved, but who have passed ahead of us into God's safekeeping. Forms will be going up over the next couple of weeks, but please do save the date, and look out for the opportunity to add any names you would like to be read out.

You will have seen considerable progress on the South Door ramp; there is now a short pause as the original flagstones are re-cut off site to fit the top of the ramp before they can be laid, but we are assured it will be completed in time for Remembrance Sunday!

*O Lord, you crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy. May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.* [Psalm 65, verses 11-13]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

## Rainbow Poetry Group

5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 2.30 pm

This week, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Professor Richard Bauckham, a noted theologian and a poet will join the Rainbow Poetry group to discuss the creative process and its connection to religion. The group is part of a nation wide, multi-centre organisation devoted to the promotion

and enjoyment of poetry in an inclusive atmosphere. The local branch meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month to read and share poetry at the church – new members are always welcome.



## Glass Door Sleep Out

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from 10 pm

A last chance to sponsor the 5 members of the St Mary Abbots team as they sleepout to raise money and awareness for homeless charity Glass Door. Mother Emma's husband Jeremy, who is sleeping out for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year writes: *In addition to providing emergency shelter for thousands of people in night shelters and hostels throughout the winter months, the money we raise helps the Glass Door casework team to provide essential support and advice to help people get out of homelessness and into permanent accommodation. Since the first sleepout, the annual Glass Door Sleepout has raised somewhere close to £2m supporting the homeless of this area. The shelters and hostels save lives, and the support services help to change lives.*

*The sleepout itself will be at Duke of York Square on Kings Road again this year. We are well looked after by the Glass Door team and really get only a glimpse of what life must be like for those who have to do that night after night. I often say to people who ask what it's like that sleeping out in the middle of London is a bit of an odd notion. No comfortable bed, no control over the temperature around you, no real darkness, constant noise of traffic and passers by and so on. Sleeping is not really a big part of it sometimes. Most people can manage a night - try to imagine what that's like every night, for months, in winter."*

To donate money 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)

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

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

Tickets are still available for the talk on Victorian architecture in local churches by David McDonald and hosted by the Victorian Society. 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.

## Daily Prayers from the World's faiths - A Symposium

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

Rev'd Andy Roland and friends are holding a Symposium at the church where representatives from different religions present their prayer techniques, followed by a discussion of differences and similarities. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine and available on the 'what is on' page of the website or on the door.