

In our Prayers this week

Collect for Remembrance Sunday

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for hope

We entrust to you, eternal God, those times when we can see only shadows and lose sight of the hope to come; the times when suffering seems so senseless, life so fragile, war so unstoppable and death so permanent. Bless us with the assurance that you are in all things, the tragic and the beautiful, the nightmare and the dream, the light and the darkness. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the peace of the world, today, tomorrow and forever. *Amen From Roots Resources*



Those in acute need

Brian Cripps
Paul Fitch
Buyile Phiri
James Philpot
George Rabbett-Smith
Duncan Stafford Shaw
Sara Strong
Jill Traynor

Luke Thomas

Adam
Jean
Luke
Stephanie
Talia

Long-term need

Hillary Bardsley
Christopher Browne
Evelyn Ellison
Juliet Fenwick
Paul Proudman
Michael Turner
James Worsley
Conor

and for all who have died recently

Donald Cameron of Lochiel Jennifer MacLellan
Simon Mulvihill

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

Christiana Abegunde, 13th November Penelope Carver 17th November
Guy Libby, 17th November Ann Peerless, 18th November

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 12th November 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 12th November – Remembrance Sunday

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Remembrance Eucharist for families
10.55 am Civic Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial followed by
Service of Remembrance
5.30 pm Sung Evensong with voluntary choir

MONDAY 13th November - Charles Simeon, Priest

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 14th November

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

WEDNESDAY 15th November

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

THURSDAY 16th November – Margaret, Queen of Scotland

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist (all welcome)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
6 pm Youth Group (contact Martina)

FRIDAY 17th November – Hugh, Bishop

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 18th November – Elizabeth of Hungary

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

SUNDAY 19th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

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

Message from Mother Emma

We welcome you to church this Sunday for Remembrance Sunday where we remember and honour all those who have lost their lives in wars both past and present, and as we pray together for a future of peace and remember those still caught up in conflict today.



It has been very exciting to welcome Fr Tim, our new Associate Vicar, following his licensing by the Bishop of Kensington on October 29th and the making of his vows before the congregation last Sunday (see pictures of both events on the Gallery page of the website). In his first week, Fr Tim has experienced the Bonfire Party, our beautiful Commemoration of All Souls and an event held at St Mary Abbots on Monday, when we welcomed Bishop Emma as she shared her vision for local churches with ninety clergy and lay ministers from around the Kensington Episcopal Area. Fr Tim will be writing next week in this slot to give his first impressions of the church, but he has been very appreciative so far of the warm welcome offered to him.

None of this week's wonderful events would have been possible without the hard work, commitment and good humour of all our incredible volunteers and our parish staff team. The Bonfire Party especially involved all kinds of input, from building the bonfire to serving the hotdogs and much more, and we are so very grateful to everyone who took part. My thanks also go to Mark Uglow and the choir for the beautiful music at the All Souls Service, which was deeply moving for many.

As we look ahead, we hope to see many of you at our Victorian Christmas Fair sponsored by John D. Woods & Co on 25th November. If you are able to volunteer on the day, or to make cakes for sale in advance, please contact Leonora.

As I reported last week, Mother Alice's final day in the parish will be on Sunday 26th November, when she will preside and preach at both the Eucharist and Matins. If you would like to contribute to her leaving gift, please contact Petter.

Majestic and gracious God, more awesome than the agents of war, more powerful than the wrath of nations, restrain the violence of the peoples and draw the despised of the earth into the joyful life of your kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever. [Response to Psalm 76, Common Worship, Daily Prayer]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Save the Date – Advent

25 th November	Victorian Christmas Fair
3 rd December	Advent Service of Light
10 th December	Messiah (part I)
Tickets via the 'What is on' page of the website or phone or email Leonora	
17 th December	Service of 9 Lesson & Carols

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KENSINGTON

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Victorian Christmas Fair

*celebrating Beatrix Potter's church
St Mary Abbots, Kensington, W8*

*Christmas Stalls, Victorian Carol Singers, Punch & Judy
BBQ, mulled wine, hot chocolate, home made cakes,
games & children's activities and much more.....*

Saturday 25th November

11.30 am - 3 pm

Free entry
children's activity voucher £8 for
all games and entertainment, drink & slice of cake
Sponsored by John D. Wood & Co

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Children's tickets have gone on sale for our Christmas Fair, sponsored by John D Wood & Co. As well as lots of opportunities to buy your Christmas presents at the Christmas stalls, and music from the Victorian Carol Singers and the return of Professor James, the Punch and Judy Man, we will be joined by Volunteers from The Beatrix Potter Society and there will be a **fancy dress competition**: dress as your favourite Beatrix Potter character. If you are free to help with any of the church stalls please let Leonora know, and as always a appeal to bring a donation of a homemade cake for the cake stand.



Travelling Crib

During Advent we ask families and friends to make space in their homes for one night for the travelling crib. A sheet of paper with suggestions for setting it up, prayers to say on its arrival and its departure are provided – before each host takes it on to the next house for the next 24 hours. If you would like to take part there is a sheet at the back of the church or contact Father Evan to find out more.