

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for last Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Collect for Christ the King

God the father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end, for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**



Christ Enthroned, Abbey of Kells Manuscript. Wikipedia

#### *Those in acute need*

Rhoda Bowker  
Brian Cripps  
Paul Fitch  
Emmanuel Kupa  
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  
Conor

#### *and for all who have died recently*

Donald Cameron of Lochiel    Camilla Peters    James Worsley

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

Suzanne Green, 28<sup>th</sup> November

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King**

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

9.30 am **Choral Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

12.30 **Mother Alice leaving lunch**

5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**

### **MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> November**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom

9 am **NO** Parents Prayer Group

12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

### **TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> November**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

6 pm **Tommy's Carol Concert**

### **WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> November**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

### **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November – Andrew the Apostle**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am School Eucharist (all welcome)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in church

7 pm **Opera Holland Park Carol Concert**

### **SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

9.30 am **Holy Eucharist with Nativity Play**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Advent Service of Light**

## Message from Mother Emma

Today, on the Feast of Christ the King, we shall be sad to say goodbye to Mother Alice, who has brought so much to our church and community over the years she has been with us. We wish her, Cain and the boys every joy and blessing in their new parish. Mthr Alice will be presiding and preaching at both the 9.30 am Eucharist and the 11.15 Matins, and we invite you to join us at her farewell lunch in the school hall from 12 noon. Please come and help us to give the Ormondroyds a wonderful send-off.



As Christ the King marks the end of the church's liturgical year, so the new church year begins on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December with Advent Sunday. At the 9.30 am Family Eucharist, we will be, as ever, entranced by the Nativity Play put on by our children, and in the evening at 5.30 pm. If your child would like to take part please contact Martina by the end of today (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>). I would really encourage you to join us for the beautiful, candlelit Advent Service of Light, with our professional choir, as we enter this season of hope and expectation.

*May the light of Christ, the King of all, shine ever brighter in our hearts, that with all the saints in light we may shine forth as lights in the world.* [Common Worship, Night Prayer in the Kingdom Season]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

## Message from Mother Alice

"I am so grateful to have had the privilege of serving at St Mary Abbots over the last 3 years, and want to offer my thanks to the community here for forming and shaping me as a priest. I have so many memories to treasure, as well as some incredibly kind messages and gifts. I do hope many of you will be able to join us to worship on Sunday and say goodbye! Please pray for our family as we make our move back north, and for my new churches in Warton and Yealand, who I will serve as Vicar after my induction in January. With my love and gratitude, Mother Alice"



Tickets are now available for the Messiah on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 pm via the 'What is on' page of the website or by emailing or calling Leonora. Tickets are £15 and include a programme, glass of mulled wine & mince pie.

## Travelling Crib



A reminder to sign up for the Travelling crib – pictured here on a small tray. The crib travels from house to house where it stays for 24 hours before meeting up the next family on the list – with prayers and festive drink as you hand it over. It is a wonderful way to mark the passing of the advent period and a way to meet new people in the church community. Father Evan has the sign up papers so please contact find him or email him to take part.

## Food Bank – Carrier Bags Needed

If you have any large plastic or stiff paper shopping bags please could you bring them to the church? The food bank donations are put into these bags before being picked up on Thursday by volunteers and we have very few left. Please leave them in the food donation box or outside the vestry.

## External Charity Carol Concerts at St Mary Abbots

*Tickets are available via the 'what is on' page of our website:*

Tommys	28 <sup>th</sup> November
Opera Holland Park	2 <sup>nd</sup> December
The Mayor's Carol concert	4 <sup>th</sup> December
<i>In support of The Felix Project</i>	
Hope and Home	5 <sup>th</sup> December
London Land Management	6 <sup>th</sup> December
<i>In support of the Royal Marsden Hospital</i>	
Horatio's Garden	7 <sup>th</sup> December