

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**

Prayers at the Advent Wreath

People of God, be glad! Your God delights in you, giving you joy for sadness and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope therefore; for your God comes to save. You are God's children. **Amen**



Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, Pinterest

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Duncan Stafford Shaw	Long-term need
Rhoda Bowker	Sara Strong	Hillary Bardsley
Brian Cripps	Jill Traynor	Christopher Browne
Paul Fitch	Luke Thomas	Evelyn Ellison
June Hirschmiller	Adam	Juliet Fenwick
Emmanuel Kupa	Jean	Paul Proudman
Buyile Phiri	Luke	Michael Turner
James Philpot	Stephanie	
George Rabbett-Smith	Talia	

and for all who have died recently

Camilla Peters Emily Plane James Worsley

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

Ann Bradley

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
KENSINGTON



Sunday 10th December 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

4th December – 13th December

There will be **NO EVENING PRAYER** in church at 5.30 due to concert rehearsals. Please join the clergy by praying in the quiet of your home.

SUNDAY 10th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist with Baptisms**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Handel's Messiah (part 1) (ticketed)**
Tickets available on the door

MONDAY 11th December

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)
6.30 pm Missing Peoples Carol Concert (private)

TUESDAY 12th December

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**
7 pm St James's school (private)

WEDNESDAY 13th December – Lucy, Martyr

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

THURSDAY 14th December – John of the Cross

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **School Carol Service (all welcome)**
11.30 am Thomas's School Carols (private)
2 pm **Funeral of Emily Plane**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
6 pm Youth Group (year 7 and above)

FRIDAY 15th December

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 Mini Abbots, St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
1.05 pm **No** Royal College of Music (resume 12 Jan)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 16th December

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

SUNDAY 17th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Choral Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Nine Lessons and Carols**

Message from Mother Emma

A final reminder that the performance of the Advent and Christmas sections of Handel's Messiah by our professional choir and the Purcell Players will be at 5.30 tonight! Tickets (£15 or £10 for under 16) will be on sale at the door and include a programme, mulled wine and a mince pie. Please come and join for this wonderful musical rendition of the prophecies pointing towards the Messiah, and the story of the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. Funds raised will go towards the work of the church, including the maintenance of our much-appreciated choral tradition.



For anyone who missed the delightful Nativity Play (huge thanks to Martina and to all the parents who helped and to the children who took part!) or the Advent Service of Light last weekend, please see the pictures below.

A reminder that we are not saying Evening Prayer in the church again until Wednesday 13th, as we are hosting charity and school Carol Services every night till then, but please do join the clergy by saying it in the peace of your own homes.

And finally, our new Youth Group for year 7 and above will be meeting for the second time at 6 pm on Thursday 14th December in the church. please contact Martina. There will be pizza, games, quizzes and other activities.

Stir up your power, O God, and come among us. Heal our wounds, calm our fears and give us peace through Jesus our Redeemer. Amen [Common Worship, Night Prayer in Advent]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

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HANDEL'S
Messiah
A concert by candlelight Part 1
with our professional choir and The Purcell Players

Sunday 10th December 2023
5.30 pm

Ticket £15 (£10 under 16)
includes a programme,
mince pie & glass of mulled wine

www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/what-is-on/Messiah

Children's Nativity Play



Advent Service of Light



Sunday 17th December

5.30 pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
by Candlelight

Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve

9.30 am Eucharist for the 4th Sunday of Advent
4 pm Children's Crib Service
Children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Nativity
11 pm Midnight Mass by Candlelight
with our professional choir

Monday 25th December, Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30 am Festal Eucharist *with our professional choir*
11.15 am Festal Matins *with our professional choir*
5.30 pm Christmas Eucharist at the Crib

Christmas Outreach

Lucille is once more arranging a Christmas Eve lunch at our church hall for vulnerable older residents from the borough. If you would be willing to buy a present (we have a list of present requests) or help at the lunch, or act as a driver we would love to hear from you. Please contact Leonora.

Food Bank

If you would like to bring items for the foodbank these can be left in the two food boxes also but please remember not to bring any fresh food or ready meals as we have no way of storing them. A full list of items needed can be found on our food bank page www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html