

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; **Amen**

### Prayer for Christian Unity

Lord, give us the grace to know you deeply, in order to love you entirely. May the gift of your Holy Spirit enable our eyes, ears and minds to receive the unconditional love with which you love us. Purify our hearts that we may always be ready to love our neighbour, however different, as ourselves. Through the self-giving life of Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Baptism of Christ, Veit Stoss, Met Museum of Art. Pinterest

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

*and for all who have died recently*

Nyako Nakar

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

Fredrick Lloyd, 14<sup>th</sup> January    Joan Martin, 15<sup>th</sup> January  
David Wilson, 17<sup>th</sup> January    Samir Abourahme, 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Dennis Corble, 19<sup>th</sup> January    Anthony (Tony) Dawes, 21<sup>st</sup> January

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> January – Baptism of Christ (transferred)

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

### MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom  
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> January

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

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> January – Antony of Egypt

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

### THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January - Prayer for Christian Unity

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am **School Eucharist** all are welcome  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> January – Wulfstan, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre  
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**  
1.05 pm Royal College of Music all are welcome  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> January

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

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**  
11.15 am **Choral Matins**  
5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

## Message from Father Evan

As we continue to celebrate the feast of Christmas, I find myself giving thanks especially for the family of God of which I am by faith a member. It can be easy, as the hustle and bustle of family gatherings dies down, to return to a kind of dull regularity. But there is nothing dull or regular about our life as Christ's brothers and sisters in Kensington. This week we welcome yet another child into our number, and we thank God for bringing Zachary to the baptismal font where his parents will claim the faith of Church on his behalf.



Our children's growth in the knowledge and love of God is a precious thing, and volunteers to support the work of our Sunday School are a significant part of this growth. We are in need of more help as our Children and Youth ministry grows. If you are able to offer your time and energy on Sunday mornings in particular, please contact Martina.

As we heard on Epiphany, there are many and diverse ways to give back to the God who loved us enough to give us His Son. Please consider how you might support the proclamation of this Good News in the parish and, if you are able, pick up a Standing Order form and give regularly to support the worship and work of St Mary Abbots.

Finally, Fr Andy Rowlands' postponed Symposium on prayer in the world's faiths has been rescheduled to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Tickets are £5 (to cover the glass of wine) and if you would like to attend please book via the 'what is on' page of the website.

*Almighty God, grant that the new birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old slavery under sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Christmas Day Collect, Gelasian Sacramentary, 8th century.)*

In the peace of Christ, Fr Evan

## Book and Discussion evenings

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January Rev'd Andy Rowland and friends will be holding his postponed Prayer Symposium at the church where members of different faiths will discuss what prayer means to them. Tickets include a glass of wine and cost £5. A link can be found on the 'what is on' page of the website. While the ticket price goes to the church (for the wine!) Andy will also be selling his books after the event. Meanwhile on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at the St Mary Abbots Hall, Miles Maskell discusses his book 'My wife's Canary and other anecdotes'. Please email Leonora for details.

## Victorian Society Talk

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March the Victorian Society return to the church with a talk, From Palaces of Art to the Studios of Bohemia: Artists' houses in Victorian Kensington and Chelsea by Joanna Banham. Tickets are £15 with the money

being divided between the Victorian Society and the church and there will be a paid bar. Please come and learn about this fascinating subject. Tickets can be purchased on the 'what is on page' of the website.

## Prayer for Christian Unity Week

**18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. The poster for the Churches Together service can be found below.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA  
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN NOTTING HILL

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at 7pm**

*hosted by*

**St Yeghiche Armenian Church**

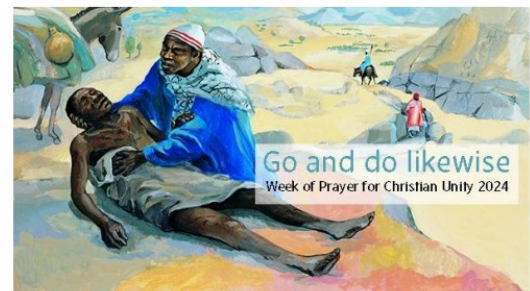
*13b Cranley Gardens, South Kensington, SW7 3BB*

*the speaker is*

**Doral Hayes, Churches Together in England's**

*Principal Officer for*

*Ecumenical Development & Relations*



## Food Bank



While many of us have been enjoying our Christmas with friends and family others have been in a less fortunate position and we urge you not to forget to donate items to the food bank. As you know the donation boxes can be found at each entrance to in the church. Please remember not to bring any fresh food or ready meals as we have no way of storing them. To make a donation or find out more about them please visit their website: [www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk)