

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for Conversion of St Paul

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**



Conversion of St Paul illustration, Pinterest

Those in acute need

Rhoda Bowker
Brian Cripps
Paul Fitch
June Hirschmiller
Emmanuel Kupa
Rev'd Colin Oxenforth
Buyile Phiri
James Philpot
George Rabbett-Smith

Duncan Stafford Shaw

Sara Strong
Jill Traynor
Luke Thomas
Adam
Amanda
Jean
Luke
Stephanie
Talia

Long-term need

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

and for all who have died recently

Nyako Nakar

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

Anthony (Tony) Dawes, 21st January, Barbara Hosegood, 22nd January
Michael Wilson, 22nd January Monica Libby, 22nd January
Joyce Johnston, 31st January

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 21st 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 21st January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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

MONDAY 22nd 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 23rd January

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

WEDNESDAY 24th January – Francis De Sales, Bishop

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

THURSDAY 25th January – Conversion of Paul

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

FRIDAY 26th January – Timothy & Titus, companions of Paul

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 27th January

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**
3 pm **Peal of Bells for Candlemas**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 28th January – Candlemas, Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Choral Eucharist**
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Choral Evensong for Candlemas**
Preaching: The Rev'd Joe Moore, Team Vicar, St John the Divine, Richmond

Message from Mother Emma

We continue to travel through the Sundays of Epiphany as Christ is gradually revealed, this Sunday in his first miracle turning water into wine. Next Sunday (28th), we reach the wonderful feast of Candlemas, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, and we shall be celebrating the end of the Epiphany season in all our worship that day, perhaps especially at our candlelit Choral Festal Evensong at 5.30 pm, as we remember Christ's coming "as a light to the nations", with the Blessing of Candles, and beautiful choral music. Our preacher that evening will be the Revd Joe Moore, Team Vicar at the church of St John the Divine, Richmond. Please do make a note of it in your diaries.



Our thoughts this Sunday (21st) are especially with Mother Alice and the parish of Warton St Oswald with Yealand Conyers St John, as she is collated and inducted as their new Vicar. We send her our love and prayers for a fruitful and happy ministry. Please hold Alice, Cain and the boys in your prayers.

We are very grateful to those of you who have already responded to our Epiphany season appeal to help us with this year's budget by setting up a regular standing order to the church. As we remember that everything we have comes from God, honouring him by our own gifts to the work of his Church make it possible for us to continue the opportunities for worship we currently offer, to maintain our building and to work with our community. It would be wonderful if more people might consider setting up a regular gift by filling in the standing order form, which also shows some of the ways your giving is used.

As you consider all the ways in which you offer support to the church, heartfelt thanks go to those who have come forward to help with our children's work. If you too feel able to contribute to our children's development in faith, whether as a leader or helper, please do speak to Martina.

In February we begin preparation sessions for anyone who would like to be confirmed, when Bishop Emma visits us for the Confirmation Service on Thursday, 23rd May. If this is something you have been planning to do, or just wondering or praying about, or if you have any questions about what it entails, please speak or write to Fr Tim (for children and youth) or to Fr Evan (for adults). They will be able to answer questions and to give you a form to complete ahead of the preparation.

King of kings and Lord of lords, making the true light to shine: lighten our darkness now and evermore that with our lips and in our lives we may praise you; for you are our God, now and forever, Amen. [Common Worship: Night Prayer for Epiphany]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Collection Plate



Our thanks to Kevin who has cleaned one of our beautiful collection plates – as you can see it makes quite a difference.

DAILY PRAYERS
FROM THE WORLD'S FAITHS
A SYMPOSIUM

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Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 7pm

at
St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington

**REV ANDY ROLAND
AND FRIENDS**

FREE ENTRANCE

Victorian Society Talk

Tuesday 12th March 2023 at 7pm

On 12th 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.

Food Bank

We urge you not to forget to donate items to the food bank – particularly in this cold weather. The donation boxes can be found at each entrance to 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