

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for Candlemas

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of heaven: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen**

### Prayer for King Charles 1, c.1640

O Lord, the Governor of all things, set bounds to our passions, to our errors by truth, to our discontents by good laws justly executed, and to our divisions by charity, that we may be a country at unity in itself. Grant this, O God, in thy good time and for ever, for Christ's sake. **Amen.**



Eikon Basilike, King Charles I, the portait of his sacred Majesty in his solitude and suffering. 1649 woodcut. Published after his funeral

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

*and for all who have died recently*  
Nyako Nakar

*and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*  
Joyce Johnston, 31<sup>st</sup> January Leith McGrandle, 4<sup>th</sup> February

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH  
KENSINGTON

Sunday 28<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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

**MONDAY 29<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 30<sup>th</sup> January – Charles, King & Martyr**

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

**WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January**

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

**THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> February**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am **School Eucharist** all are welcome  
2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group** – Winter sports & Pastimes  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer  
6 pm **Youth Group (year 7+) St Mary Abbots Centre**

**FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Anskar, Archbishop**

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

**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**  
9.30 am **Family Eucharist**  
11.15 am **Choral Matins**  
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong**  
Preaching: Janet Proudman, LLM Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford

## Message from Father Tim

Today we are celebrating Candlemas, the presentation of Christ at the temple. We will be blessing the Church candles and hearing the story of the fulfilment of the God's promise in Christ to be a light to all people at both our 9.30 service. At 5.30 this evening please join us as we welcome Revd Joe Moore, the Vicar of St John the Divine preaching.



For any young people and adults who are considering Confirmation, preparation classes will be on Tuesdays, beginning 20th February. Father Evan will be leading the adult classes, and I will be leading the classes for young people. We will be joined by confirmation candidates and clergy from St Phillips Earls Court. Classes will take place every Tuesday, in the afternoon for young people and the evening for adults, with a break over Easter. If confirmation is something you have questions about, please ask Father Evan or I and we will be more than happy to discuss what is involved (and what is not!). I am hoping that in partnership with St Phillips to help facilitate discussion around topics such as prayer, the Bible and who is Jesus. We hopefully feel more informed and confident in our faith, get to know some new people, have fun and there even be something nice to eat along the way!

Speaking of young people, St Mary Abbots has begun a new youth group for young people who are 11 and above. Martina, our youth and children's worker, has been doing a great job at organising sessions where young people in the Church can explore faith, have fun, and eat some delicious pizza. Although the pizza is being paused next week as we are making some pancakes as an early Shrove Tuesday event. If you know any young people who would be interested or if you would like to volunteer, please speak with Martina.

Finally Rev'd Andy Roland and Friends are holding an event in the church on Wednesday 31st January at 7pm to discuss 'Daily Prayers from the World's Faiths - A Symposium'. Members of different faiths will discuss what prayer means to them and then open the floor to the audience. Entrance is free and all are welcome.

God Bless you, Father Tim



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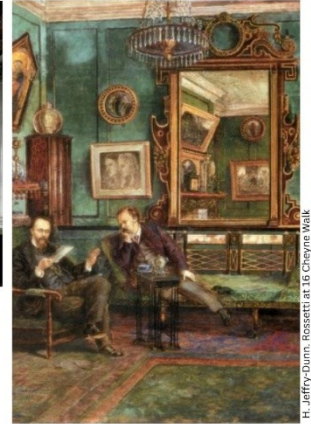
## ARTISTS HOUSES IN VICTORIAN KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

*From Palaces of Art to Studios of Bohemia*

A TALK BY JO BANHAM



Arab House, Legation Hill



Jeffrey-Dunn, Rossetti at 16 Cheyne Walk

**TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2024  
AT 7PM**

### Victorian Society Talk

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7pm**

On 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 £10 (£15 with donation) with the money being divided between the Victorian Society and the church. There will be a paid bar before and after the event.

### Book and Discussion Evenings

The talk by Miles Maskell on his book 'My wife's Canary and other anecdotes' on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at the St Mary Abbots Centre has been cancelled.



### 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 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)