

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Romans 8: 38-39

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God.

Amen.



The Christian Martyrs of Nagasaki, Japanese Painting c 16th / 17th Century. Wikipedia

Those in acute need

Rhoda Bowker
Brian Cripps
Paul Fitch
June Hirschmiller
Emmanuel Kupa
Buyile Phiri
James Philpot
George Rabbett-Smith

Duncan Stafford Shaw

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

Long-term need

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

and for all who have died recently

Nyako Nakar
Colin Oxenforth, Priest
Robert Pickard

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

Leith McGrandle, 4th February Sarah Lamping, 6th February
Robert Lane, 8th February Antony Carr-Gromm, 9th February
Annie Lloyd, 9th February

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 4th February 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 4th February – 2nd 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

MONDAY 5th February

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 6th February – the Martyrs of Japan, 1597

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon **Holy Communion (BCP)**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

WEDNESDAY 7th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group in church

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 8th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am **School Eucharist** all are welcome

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 9th 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 10th February

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**

5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 11th February – Sunday next before Lent

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

9.30 am **Parish Eucharist**

11.15 am **Choral Matins**

5.30 pm **Sung Evensong** with voluntary choir

Message from Father Tim

Our services last Sunday were very special as we gathered to celebrate Candlemas. A highlight was having our young people join the procession during the opening of the service and carrying candles to be blessed for the coming year. A theme of belonging was prominent within the service, when Simeon met the child Jesus, he declares that he is a 'light to lighten the Gentiles', emphasising that Christ is for everyone, especially those who do not feel like they belong. All are invited into this circle of light. We hope that this year St Mary Abbots can continue to be a beacon of light in our community, where all feel a sense of belonging in Christ.



As well as our usual Sunday services, we are delighted that Janet Proudman, LLM at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford will be taking our Evensong service at 5.30 pm. Please join us in offering her a warm welcome to the church.

Speaking of belonging, our confirmation classes are open to all. The prospect of being confirmed should not feel intimidating, it is the job of those running the confirmation classes to create a place of belonging where we can discover more about what it means to be a Christian and how we can do that together in community. If you would like to find out more, there is still time, please contact Father Evan (adults) or Father Tim (youth). More details about the timetable can be found below.

As we journey from the crib of Christmas we begin to turn towards the cross of lent and Easter. There will be a Choral Ash Wednesday Eucharist at 12pm on Wednesday 14th February. It is always a special service to prepare our hearts and minds for the Lenten season. There will also be a said Eucharist in the evening and ashing after the services outside the church. If you could bring your palm crosses to the church on Sunday they will be collected after the services, or you can drop them off at the vestry during the week, to be prepared for Ash Wednesday.

As part of our journey into Lent together as a community, a weekly reflection will be written by the clergy to help us reflect on certain Lent themes. We hope to include some aids for reflection, such as music or a picture of a painting that may help us meditate on the season of Lent. A link to the reflections will be printed in the newsletter, via our weekly mailout and on our website so that you can open and read them over the Lent period – these will be available to all with no need to sign up. If you would like to receive a physical copy please contact Leonora with an address to post them to.

God bless you, Father Tim

Join our Confirmation Group 2024

Commissioning of Candidates: 18th February 2024

Lent is the traditional time for the preparation of Confirmation candidates, where we run a course looking at Baptism & Confirmation, God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, the

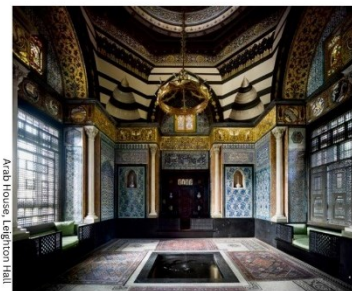
Bible, Prayer, the Church and the Eucharist before the confirmation service on Thursday 23rd May. The courses take place on Tuesday afternoon (for children) and Tuesday evening for adults and there will be a break for Holy Week and over the Easter school holidays. Candidates will be commissioned and prayed for during our 9.30 am Parish Eucharist on 18th February, and the classes start on 20th February. Timetables will be sent to those who have signed up - if you would be interested in learning more please talk to Father Evan (adults) or Father Tim (youth).

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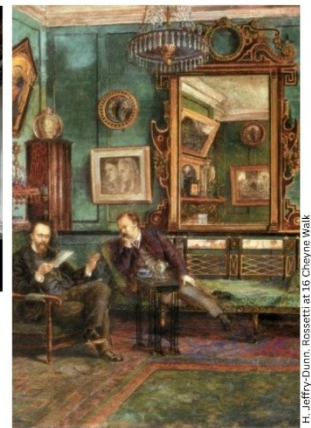
ARTISTS HOUSES IN VICTORIAN KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

From Palaces of Art to Studios of Bohemia

A TALK BY JO BANHAM



Arch House, Legh, 1810



St. Jeffrey-Dunn, Rossini at 16 Chryse Walk

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

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 £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.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Musical Poetry Workshop Thursday 8th February, 3pm – 5pm

Karma Bank, a local collective which supports refugees by giving them a creative and emotional outlet and potential to earn money via art, food and life-enhancing new skills is running a workshop organised by their partner the Institut Français, as part of their annual Night of Ideas. This aims to bringing people together to discuss topical issues that matter. Participants will work together to create poetry, sharing their voices to create new blends of words and music with poet Nancy Hudson's guidance. Email to book a place: community@karmabank.com