

In our Prayers this week

Collect for Sunday next before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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
Browne
Evelyn Ellison
Juliet Fenwick
Paul Proudman
Michael Turner

and for all who have died recently

Colin Oxenforth, Priest Robert Pickard

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

Richard Gatehouse, 15th February

Wendell Cadogan, 18th February William Wilson, 18th February

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 11th 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 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*

MONDAY 12th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)
1.30 pm **Piano Recital, Ming-Hang Zhang**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 13th February

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

WEDNESDAY 14th February – **Ash Wednesday**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am **NO** Bitesize Bible Group in church
12 noon **Choral Eucharist**
with imposition of Ashes
5.30 pm **Said Eucharist**
with imposition of Ashes

THURSDAY 15th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 **NO** School Eucharist
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 16th February

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 **NO** 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 17th February – Janani Luwum, Archbishop

12 noon **Holy Eucharist**
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 18th February – 1st Sunday of Lent

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Parish Eucharist** *with Commissioning of Confirmation Candidates*
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Taizé Eucharist**

Message from Father Evan

We are soon to enter the season of Lent where we focus our hearts and minds on the suffering of Christ and remember our mortality and the sin from which He came to save us. Ash Wednesday, the 14th, marks the beginning of this period and there will be a Choral Eucharist at 12pm with the Imposition of Ashes to which all are welcome. If you cannot make noon, there is a Said Eucharist with Ashes at 5.30pm. The clergy will be offering ashes on the street corner near the church both after the 12pm and before the 5.30pm services. If you are able to help hand out prayer cards and encourage people to receive ashes, please contact the virger@stmaryabbots.org.uk. I recognise Ash Wednesday and St Valentine's Day conflict this year but please take the time to mark this important moment in the life of the Church if you are able.



On Monday, 12 February there will be a free piano concert from Ming-Hang Zhang. Ms Zhang is a virtuosic pianist and will be performing works by the early 20th Century composers Alexander Scriabin and Maurice Ravel. If you are a lover of music, please put this concert in your diary as it looks to be excellent.

We are all looking forward to commissioning our Candidates for Confirmation at the Parish Eucharist on Sunday the 18th. Please pray for them as they begin a deeper exploration of their faith. If you have been considering confirmation yourself or know anyone who could benefit from it, it's not too late to sign up. Just get in touch with me (for adults) or Fr Tim (for children), or email Leonora for further details.

There is a message on the next page with an update on Mother Emma. She will remain in recovery for approximately 3 weeks with a return to full duties by the start of March.

Lastly if anyone would like to join our Glass Door 10k walk team on Friday 22nd March please let Father Tim know. The team assembles in the evening at St Martin in the Fields and then walks across London, raising money through sponsorship for Glass Door Homeless Charity.

Worshipping with you over the Christmas/Epiphany period has been a very nourishing and uplifting thing for me and I hope to see as many of you in church over the next few weeks as we pivot collectively from the crib to the cross and hear again the full story of our redemption in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Warmly and with love, Fr Evan



ASH WEDNESDAY

'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'

Wednesday 14th February 2024

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| 12 noon | Choral Eucharist
<i>with imposition of Ashes</i> |
| 5.30 pm | Said Eucharist
<i>with imposition of Ashes</i> |

Mother Emma update

As some of you know, Mother Emma was due to have a hospital procedure on 23rd January, but this was cancelled and she then caught a 10-day flu from which she has been recovering. Her procedure was re-scheduled for this week, and took place on Tuesday. All went well; we she will shortly be home and hopes to return to work towards the end of February. She is very grateful for all the good wishes, prayers and messages she has received.

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KENSINGTON

MING-HANG ZHANG
**PIANO
RECITAL**

LUNCH TIME
CONCERT

WORKS BY
SCRIBIN
AND
RAVEL

AT ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH | MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2024
KENSINGTON, W8 4LA | 1.30 PM

We look forward to welcoming pianist Ming-Hang Zhang to St Mary Abbots on Monday 12th February at 1.30pm. Performing works by Scriabin and Ravel, this former Royal College of Music Student is looking forward to playing at the church once more. **Entrance is free.**

THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY

CAMPAIGNING FOR VICTORIAN AND EDWARDIAN ARCHITECTURE

Tuesday 12th March 2023 at 7pm

From Palaces of Art to the Studios of Bohemia: Artists' houses in Victorian Kensington and Chelsea a fascinating talk taking place at the church 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. If you can help on the door or bar please contact Leonora – free tickets for volunteers! www.smaw8.org/victorian-society-talk

Postcard from Minnesota

Father Christopher has been in touch with an update on how he is settling in to his new parish and a lovely picture of his nativity play. If you would like to read this please go to www.smaw8.org/former-staff-and-clergy-updates