

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 1st Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lent Prayer

Loving God, you have created the world and everyone in it. Help us to watch out for signs of your goodness in our world in other people and in ourselves. **Amen.** *CoE Watch and Pray booklet*



Jesus rejects the devil by Friedrich Klopstock. Pintrest

Those in acute need

Rhoda Bowker	Duncan Stafford Shaw	Stephanie
Brian Cripps	Sara Strong	Talia
Paul Fitch	Jill Traynor	Long-term need
June Hirschmiller	Luke Thomas	Hillary Bardsley
Emmanuel Kupa	Adam	Christopher Browne
Buyile Phiri	Jean	Evelyn Ellison
James Philpot	Julia	Paul Proudman
George Rabbett-Smith	Luke	Michael Turner

and for all who have died recently

Kenneth Burrell	Juliet Fenwick	David Gwilt
Colin Oxenforth, Priest		Robert Pickard

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

Ivan Cameron, 25 th February	Arthur Harriman, 28 th February
Anthony Minoprio, 29 th February	Thomas Nevell, 3 rd March

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 25th 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 25th February – Second Sunday of Lent

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

MONDAY 26th 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 27th February

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer
7 pm	Guild of Vergers Service & AGM

WEDNESDAY 28th 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 29th February

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30	School Eucharist, all are welcome
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer
6 pm	Youth Group in church (year 7 +)

FRIDAY 1st March

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 2nd March

12 noon	Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 3rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

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

Message from Father Evan

In the Collect for the 2nd Sunday in Lent we pray that God will restore to the way of righteousness 'those who are in error'. From time to time, we will all have found ourselves in error - in regard to our own estimation of ourselves, in regard to how we view others, and in regard to God's desire for our lives. It can be tempting to resist admitting error, often in part because setting things right comes at the cost of being vulnerable to others. Let me encourage you to embrace such vulnerability this Lent in the knowledge that it will make returning to the way of righteousness that much more joyous.



The second of our clergy Lent Reflections is now available on the Lent / service page of our website, where Fr Tim has written movingly about courage and love. If you do not have access to a computer please call Leonora who will post it to you. Our final reflection from Mother Emma will be following shortly after that.

Speaking of Mthr Emma, she will be returning to light duties by Wednesday next week. Fr Tim and I are especially looking forward to having her back with us as we have missed her gentle guidance and her sense of humour.

Over the next few days we will be welcoming new groups to the church, with a Service of Remembrance for the regiments of the Gurkha Rifles who fell at Gallipoli, 1915 and then, later in the week, the London, Southwark and Chelmsford Branch of the Church of England Guild of Vergers. At this service there will be a presentation of new members, including our own virgers Simon and Martina.

The 3rd Sunday in Lent, also called Mothering Sunday, is coming up on the 10th March, where the children present flowers to mothers, Grandmothers and other family members. If you are willing to help put together daffodil posies please contact Martina.

Next week on Thursday 29th February at 6pm we will be holding our monthly Youth Group event for year 7 and above. Held in the church there will be games, pizza and the start of a new project. The first event included a game with shaving foam (see youth page of the website) and last month pancakes were flipped and eaten. As I am helping Martina with the event I am somewhat nervous as to what they have planned for me!

Also upcoming are the Victorian Society talk on Tuesday 12th March at 7pm and Handel's Messiah (parts II and III) on Sunday the 24th of March at 5.30pm – see posters below. Proceeds from both will be go towards the music and worship of St Mary Abbots so please come and support us.

I am looking forward with anticipation to my first Holy Week and Easter with you all and I'm sure it will be a spiritually nourishing and uplifting time.

With love, Fr Evan

THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY ©
CAMPAIGNING FOR VICTORIAN AND EDWARDIAN ARCHITECTURE

ARTISTS HOUSES IN VICTORIAN KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

from Palaces of Art to Studios of Bohemia

A TALK BY JO BANHAM



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H. Jeffrey, Dum. Rossetti at 16 Cheyne Walk

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

Tuesday 12th March 2024 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 our church. There will be a paid bar before and after the event for those wishing for a drink. www.smaw8.org/victorian-society-talk

Handel's Messiah

Parts II & III



www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/whatison



A Performance by Candlelight
with our Professional Choir
and The Purcell Players
at St Mary Abbots Church,
Kensington, W8 4LA

Sunday 24th March 2024

Tickets: £10 / £15 at 5.30 pm

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Tickets for the Messiah, Parts II and III are now on sale on our website for £15 (£10 for under 16s) and include a programme and glass of wine. If you are free to come and help set up or sell tickets on the door please let Leonora know - she is always looking for new volunteers for this and other events.

**Glass Door 10k London Walk
Friday 22nd March 2024 from 9pm**

If you would like to support the team walking 10k in aid of Glass Door homeless charity then please go to the 'what is on' page of the website to donate or contact Father Tim for more information. Each person walking is asked to raise £150 in sponsorship and it costs £25 to register – so please help them raise this and more!