

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Lent Prayer

Spirit of God, help us to make space this week to wait for you. Bring us new life, new hope and new energy to follow you and serve our neighbour. **Amen.** *CoE Watch and Pray booklet*



Christ in Wilderness by Moretto de Brescia, Met museum of Art. Pinterest

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

Stephanie Talia
Long-term need
Hillary Bardsley
Christopher Browne
Evelyn Ellison
Paul Proudman
Michael Turner

and for all who have died recently

Kenneth Burrell Ailsie Corble Juliet Fenwick
David Gwilt Liz Robson Robert Pickard

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

Thomas Nevell, 3rd March Charlotte Felderhof, 4th March
Mary Isa, 5th March Josephine Grieve, 5th March
Derrick Holden-Brown, 6th March May El-Kadi, 7th March
Penelope King, 8th March Alfred Bailey, 10th March
Jock Peas, 10th March

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 3rd March 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 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**

MONDAY 4th March

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 5th March

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

WEDNESDAY 6th March

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

THURSDAY 7th March – Perpetua, Felicity & Companions

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist, all are welcome
2.30 pm **Rainbow Poetry Group on The March**
Hare & other wild animals
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 8th March – Edward King, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am 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 9th March

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

SUNDAY 10th March – **Mothers' Sunday**

8 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
9.30 am **Family Eucharist** for Mothers' Sunday
11.15 am **Choral Matins**
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong** with voluntary choir

Message from Mother Emma

It is a great joy to be back with you all, and I am so grateful for all your kind messages, prayers and cards over the past few weeks. My heartfelt thanks go to Fr Evan, Fr Tim and the parish team, who by all accounts have accompanied the start of this year's Lenten journey with love, prayerfulness and a lot of hard work! I look forward to catching up with you all as we go forward through this holy season.



We have received the sad news of the deaths of two former, much-respected members of our congregation. Elizabeth (Liz) Robson, (wife of Fr Ian Robson, a former Vicar of the parish) has died at the age of 94. She is remembered with great affection by many for her work in the parish, and also served with distinction as London President of the Mothers' Union during the Robsons' years in Kensington. We hold her three children – Marcus, Eva and Gerard – in our prayers, as we give thanks for the lives of both Ian and Liz Robson. The funeral will be at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Burpham on Monday 11th March at 12 noon.

We also remember Ailsie Corble, a longstanding and devoted member of the congregation, who amongst her many other active contributions to the life of the church stitched a kneeler still in use in the St Paul's Chapel and featured in the book, "Kneelers: the Unsung Folk Art of England and Wales" by Elizabeth Bingham. Ailsie died aged 93 in the care home to which she moved in Stow on the Wold. We pray that both Liz and Ailsie may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Looking ahead, may I add my own warm invitation to those you may already have received, to join us for the St Mary Abbots Choir's performance of parts II and III of Handel's Messiah on Sunday 24th March at 5.30 pm. It is such a beautiful and poignant way to remember the events of Holy Week and Easter, and all money raised from ticket sales will go to support our regular music in the church. Please consider inviting your family and friends for this uplifting community event. Tickets available on line or if you don't have access to a computer please call Leonora.

One more reminder about the Glass Door walk on Friday 22nd March from 9pm. There are still two spaces left for walkers, and we do urge those unable to commit to walking that evening to sponsor someone who has via the 'what is on' page of the website or talk to Father Tim.

We pray that you are able to find time for prayer, reflection and study during this season: *May God bless us, that in us may be found love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving, discipline, gentleness and peace, Amen* [Night Prayer for Lent, Common Worship Daily Prayer]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

ARTISTS HOUSES IN VICTORIAN KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

from Palaces of Art to Studios of Bohemia

A TALK BY JO BANHAM

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

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**

www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/what-is-on

Sunday 24th March 2024 at 5.30pm

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.



Service of Remembrance

We were honoured to hold a service of remembrance for the officers and men of the 1/4th, 1/5th, 1/6th and 2/10th Gurkha Rifles who fell at Gallipoli in 1915. Echoing a memorial service held at St Mary Abbots on the same date 108 years ago. Readings and hymns from the original service sheet were used and last letters and memories from soldiers who fought and died there were read out. Men from a current Gurkha regiment attended, family members, supporters, military and civic representatives came to honour the departed. The photograph was taken by Freya Llewellyn-Smith who's father arranged the service. More photos can be found on the 'Gallery' page of the website.