

In our Prayers this week

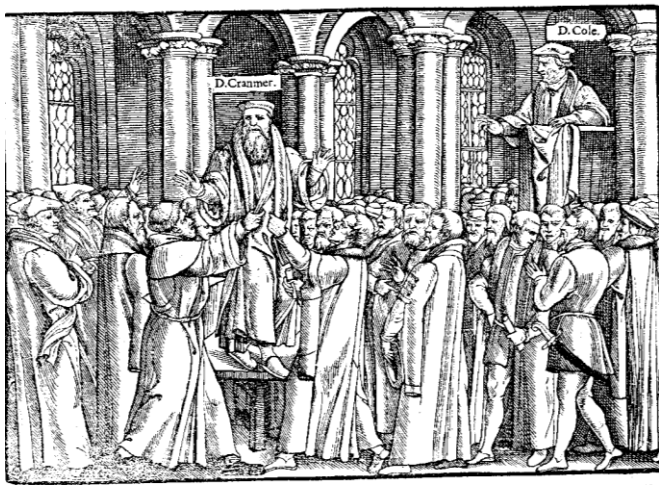
Collect 5th Sunday of Lent

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

Lent Prayer

Jesus we ask you to be close to all who are ill, sad or in trouble, and to bless all who work to care for them. Amen. *CoE Watch and Pray booklet*

☞ The description of Doctour Cranmer, howe he was plucked downe from the stage, by Friers and Papifts, for the true Confession of hys Faith.



Woodcut, John Foxe's The Acts and Monuments Online.

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

Libby Boone
Ailsie Corble
Liz Robson
Kenneth Burrell
Juliet Fenwick
Sir Jonah Walker-Smith
Tona Campbell
David Gwilt

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

Billy Green, 17 March
Moreen Freed, 17 March
Hew Service, 20 March
Alfred Plumridge, 17 March
Ben Regan, 19 March
Margy Fitter, 20 March
Berit Kringberg, 22 March

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 17th 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 17th March – Passion Sunday

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

MONDAY 18th 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 19th March – Joseph of Nazareth

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

WEDNESDAY 20th March – Cuthbert, Bishop

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

THURSDAY 21st March – Thomas Cranmer, Martyr

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist, *Passion Play* - all welcome
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
6 pm Youth Group in church

FRIDAY 22nd March

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
9 pm Glass Door Walk

SATURDAY 23rd March

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 24th March – Palm Sunday

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Procession of Palms and Holy Eucharist - starting at the West Doors
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Handel's Messiah Parts II & III
Tickets available on line



Message from Mother Emma

We are now approaching Passion Sunday, as we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week which will begin the following Sunday. You will notice this Sunday that the crosses and statues in the church have been veiled in purple to remind us of the solemnity of the days ahead. Fr Tim, Fr Evan and I continue to hold you all in our thoughts and prayers as we approach this holiest season of the year, and we look forward to welcoming you to as many of our Holy Week services as possible.



There is still time to buy your tickets for Handel's Messiah, parts II and III, at 5.30 on Sunday 24th, which allows us to begin our Holy Week devotions through the lens of Handel's beautiful musical interpretation of the events of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection!

Thank you to all those who have recently signed up to give their regular offering by standing order. May I ask, during this time of reflection, if those who have not yet done so, might consider doing the same, as it makes the task of budgeting for our services, buildings maintenance and community work so much easier. As you may have heard us say at the start of the year we do not receive any outside funding - we rely entirely on your weekly donations as well as our annual events, such as the Messiah, and the hire of our church hall and car park. To give you an example of costs: **Children and Youth Work costs** £85 per week. This includes resources such as teaching materials, pens and paper, printing and refreshments for Children on Sunday groups, Bitesize Bible Group, Mini Abbots, Youth Group and the children's chapel. **The music** costs £715 per week, which pays for the choir, cantor and organist for all our services each week. Additional special services such as Christmas, Easter, monthly Choral Eucharist and Choral Evensong bring our music costs to £53,000 per year. Then there are the costs of the heating and electricity, maintenance, staff and clergy. Without your regular contributions and support we could struggle to continue providing the things that, according to our Mission Action Plan, are the most important reasons that you come to this church. Our Standing Order form, with more details on the costs of running the church, and what your money is used for, can be found by the church doors.

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father (Common Worship, Times and Seasons)

With my love, prayers and thanks for your support,
Mother Emma

Glass Door Walk Friday 22nd March 2024

A huge thank you to all who have donated towards the St Mary Abbots team taking part in the Glass Door Walk this Friday. We had an initial target of £500 which was quickly

increased by the Glass Door administrators after one very generous donation arrived, which was greeted with much delight. The charity raises vital money for the homeless in West London, offering a food bank, shelters and advice to help people off the street and out of poverty. Thanks to your support the £3000 target has now been reached – but we would like to raise more! If you can offer a donation, large or small, please talk to Father Tim or on line: www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/st-mary-abbots-london-walk

Victorian Society Talk on 12th March 2024



We were delighted to welcome the Victorian Society back to the church last week for a talk by Jo Banham in Artists Houses in Victorian Kensington and Chelsea. We had an excellent turn out and everyone enjoyed a fascinating and engaging talk before a short question and answer session and drinks afterwards. More pictures can be found in the 'Gallery' page of the website.

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

A last chance to buy tickets for Handel's Messiah, Parts II and III to support our professional choir and the Purcell Players. Taking place on Sunday 24th March at 5.30 pm tickets are £15 (£10 for under 16s) and include a programme and glass of wine. Money raised will go towards our music provision and to the work of the church. www.smaw8.org/handels-messiah-part-ii-iii or call Leonora to put tickets aside for you.

Friends of St Mary Abbots – Membership Renewals
Membership Renewals for the Friends of St Mary Abbots are now due for many. To renew your membership, or to join us in our work for our church, please contact Steve Attack, Founding Patron friends@stmaryabbots.org.uk. Rates are 10 year Membership £150. Single Membership £15.00, Double £25.00, Discretionary Rate £10.00. If you prefer to pay by bank transfer please contact Petter Kringberg at the Parish Office.