

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

### Collect for the Annunciation

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Islamic Annunciation – The remaining signs of Past Centuries.  
National Library of France. Wikipedia .

#### Those in acute need

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

#### and for all who have died recently

David Griffiths      John Paine      Jonah Walker-Smith

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

Judith Marshall, 12<sup>th</sup> April      Mary Jean Khoury, 14<sup>th</sup> April

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 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 7<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

#### MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April – **Annunciation of our Lord to The Blessed Virgin Mary**

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom  
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** (NO Sunday on Monday)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April

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

#### WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April – William Law, Priest

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
8.35 am **NO** Bitesize Bible Group (resume 17 April)  
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am **NO** School Eucharist (resume 18 April)  
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am **NO** Mini Abbots (resume 19 April)  
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**  
1 pm **Brighton College Chamber Choir**  
**Free lunchtime concert**  
1.05 pm **NO** Royal College of Music (resume 19 April)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

#### SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April

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

#### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

8 am **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist** with Baptism  
11.15 am **Choral Matins**  
5.30 pm **Sung Evensong with Voluntary Choir**



## Message from Mother Emma

It was so good to worship with many of you over Holy Week and Easter; we were delighted to see you, to remember the Crucifixion and celebrate Christ's Resurrection together. I am so very grateful to the clergy, parish staff, choir and volunteers who worked so hard to prepare and lead all our services, to enhance them with beautiful music, and to make the church a wonderful and welcoming place to be during this holy time.



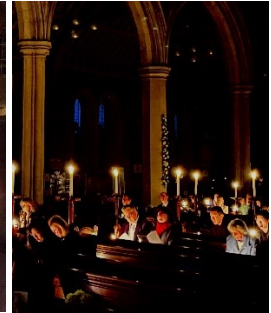
We are now in Eastertide, the season of the church which lasts from Easter Day until the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday 9th May, and we remember in our Gospel readings Jesus' many different Resurrection appearances to his disciples. The other Sunday readings at the Eucharist during Eastertide come from the Acts of the Apostles, the record (probably by St Luke) of the earliest church, as followers of Jesus began to reflect on his life, ministry, teaching, death and Resurrection, and what these meant for them and for their lives. We shall be thinking this year about the church as understood by those earliest followers and the ways in which we can learn from them to grow and strengthen our own faith and community.

One thing we would like to do during this season is to begin our service a little differently. We are so aware that in a church the size of ours, those who sit near the back or gather near the Children's Chapel feel a very long way away for the clergy at the High Altar, and in order to include everyone equally in our worship, we shall be doing the first parts of the service (the Greeting, the Prayers of Penitence and the Absolution) from the West Doors, before we continue our procession up to the High Altar. Please could we encourage you, even if you normally spend time in the Children's Chapel, to start the service by sitting in one of the pews with your children, so they can share in this worship for themselves before going out to our Sunday Groups? As we make our confession through the prayers of penitence and hear the words of God's absolution and forgiveness, this is an opportunity to teach our children about God's love and forgiveness, as well as remembering it for ourselves.

As we look ahead to summer, please do keep an eye out for the extra events being organised in the Church, beginning with the free lunchtime concert by the Brighton College Chamber Choir. The following Friday the Royal College of Music Friday lunchtime concerts resume after the holidays.

*Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day; speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy and send us to share the good news with others. Amen* [Common Worship; Times and Seasons 2006]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



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WINNERS OF BARNARDO'S  
NATIONAL CHORAL COMPETITION 2023

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

**FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024**

Come and support the students from Brighton College Chamber Choir at our free lunchtime concert, starting at 1pm. See 'what is on' website page for their programme.