

## In our Prayers this week

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

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### Prayer for Healing (CofE service of healing)

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole. Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.. Hear us, Lord of life: heal us and make us whole. **Amen**



St Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury is asked for advice. Illumination Paris, Master of the City of Women. Wikimedia

#### Those in acute need

Rhoda Bowker  
Brian Cripps  
Emmanuel Kupa  
Buyile Phiri  
James Philpot  
George Rabbett-Smith  
Duncan Stafford Shaw  
Sara Strong  
Jill Traynor  
Luke Thomas

Adam  
Carlo  
Cristina  
Jean  
Luke  
Maria  
Natalia  
Perdita  
Stephanie  
Talia

**Long-term need**  
Hillary Bardsley  
Christopher Browne  
Evelyn Ellison  
Paul Proudman  
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

Mary Jean Khoury, 14<sup>th</sup> April      Edward Adnams, 15<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 14<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 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**  
5.20 pm **Sung Evensong**

### MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
8.30 am Bible Study via Zoom  
9 am **Parent's Prayer Group** in Church  
12 noon **Informal Eucharist** (Sunday on Monday)  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7 pm **Wedding Preparation**

### TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April

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

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> April

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

### THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am **School Eucharist** – all are welcome  
2 pm **Funeral Service of John Paine**  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April – Alphege, Archbishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom  
9.30 am Mini Abbots (in St Mary Abbots Centre)  
12 noon **Holy Eucharist**  
1.05 pm Royal College of Music Free Concert  
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April

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

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

## Message from Father Evan

On Sunday we mark the Third Sunday of Easter. Although we are used to thinking of Christmas as a lengthy period of celebration both before and after 25 December, it's easy to miss the fact that the Church celebrates Easter for 50 days, decidedly more than the 40 allotted to Christmas. The centrality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead in the Church's calendar prompts us to ask ourselves whether our own faith is similarly proportioned. What might it mean for us to take Easter as seriously as we take Christmas? How might we go about living as 'Easter people', those who believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting? We are, I hope, comfortable with Jesus 'the Word made flesh'. Are we as comfortable with Jesus 'the Word risen from the tomb'?



I hope you will ponder these questions as we begin to return to a more normal schedule of church and community events. This week our children's groups begin afresh with Bite-Sized Bibles on Wednesday mornings at 8.35 in church, and Mini Abbots Baby and Toddler group on Fridays at 9.30 at our church hall, the St Mary Abbots centre. Please contact Martina if you would like to join. We are also delighted to bring back the pre-school Parent Prayer Group which will resume on Monday mornings from 9am to 9.15 in the church – all are welcome to join.

With the return to school, our Thursday 12 noon eucharists cease and the 9.30 School Eucharist restarts. Please keep in your prayers all the children of St Mary Abbots School as they return to their classes and we ask that they continue to grow in knowledge and in the love of God.

The new term also brings the return of the free Royal College of Music concert series on Friday afternoons at 1pm. A list of what they will perform can be found on the 'what is on' page of the website, and on the church railings.

Please note for your diaries that the next Taizé Eucharist will be at 5.30 on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. This service offers a unique opportunity to pray and receive the grace of Christ in the sacrament in a gentle, relaxed way. If you or someone you know is looking to get back into Church, or to connect with God in a different way, this is a great opportunity to do so.

I close with some words from the Homily for Easter Day by Bishop John Jewel, who reminds us what Jesus has done for us, and urges us to live with eternal perspective. *'He hath spoiled, saith Saint Paul, rule and power, and all the dominion of our spiritual enemies. He hath made a show of them openly, and hath triumphed over them in his own person. This is the mighty power of the Lord, whom we believe on. By his death, hath he wrought for us this victory, and by his resurrection, hath he purchased everlasting life and righteousness for us... Ye must consider that ye be therefore cleansed and renewed, that ye should from henceforth serve God in holiness and righteousness all the days of your lives, that ye may reign with Him in everlasting life.'*

Warmly and with love, Fr Evan

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**TIME: 7 PM**

**TICKETS: £15**



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## Raffle Prizes for 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024

For the Summer Party this year (Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June) we hope to run a raffle / tombola so we are asking you to consider donating a prize. This does not need to be a big thing – for example we have a box of chocolates (in date!), a bottle of single malt, some beauty products, bottle of prosecco, and we are working on a few more substantial prizes – but if you can think of a good prize please email Leonora or bring it to the vicarage!

## Glass Door Walk – Final Fundraising Figure

The final sum raised by the St Mary Abbots Team who took part in the London fundraising walk was £4,120 (including gift aid) which is a fantastic figure. The money goes towards the work of Glass Door Homeless charity who run a food bank, homeless shelter and offer support to help get people off the street in West London. Well done the team and a large thank you to all those who donated before and after the charity walk.

## Food Bank Support – donations, drivers and more!

A reminder that we are still collecting for the food bank – not only food but unused toothpaste, shampoo, washing up liquid etc. The donation boxes can be found at each entrance to in the church – but no fresh food or ready meals as we have no way of storing them. If you could drive our donations to the food bank on Thursday morning please contact Alex via Leonora. They also ask for donations - £5 pays for one bag of Groceries, £15 a bag of food for the week, £45 supports a family of 4 To make a donation or find out more about them please visit their website: [www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk)