

In our Prayers this week

Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Prayer for Wholeness. *CofE service of Healing*

Lord, grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence. Sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life. Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. You are the Lord who does mighty wonders. Hear us, Lord of life: **Amen**



Passio Sancti Georgii, c1270 manuscript from Verona Civic Library. Pintrest

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
Christina Browne
Evelyn Ellison
Paul Proudman
Michael Turner

and for all who have died recently

David Griffiths

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

Winifred Howe, 24th April Richard Hosley, 27th April
Oliver Philpott, 28th April Elva MacPherson, 28th April

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

Sunday 21st 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 21st April – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

MONDAY 22nd 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

TUESDAY 23rd April – George, Patron of England

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

WEDNESDAY 24th April

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group
12 noon **Holy Eucharist** (or Midday Prayer)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 25th April – Mark the Evangelist

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am **School Eucharist** – all are welcome
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 26th April

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 27th April

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

SUNDAY 28th April – 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Message from Mother Emma

We continue to move through Eastertide, rejoicing in the Resurrection, but at the same time praying constantly for peace and reconciliation across God's broken world today, and thinking of all those living in places of war and destruction.



We are glad to welcome you again to one of our services this Sunday – a reminder that this week we have our Taizé Eucharist at 5.30 pm, a quiet, reflective service at which we sing the beautiful chants of the Taizé community, with the opportunity to receive communion at this later time of day. There is no sermon at this service, but you are invited to come up and light candles for those people, places and situations on your hearts at present, in a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere.

The clergy and some of the staff team this week attended the first in a series of meetings with other churches from our Deanery on growing the church in faith and community, and we look forward to sharing with you and asking for your thoughts on the helpful insights which our discussions bring. We would also very much welcome your input and participation as we work together as a parish to develop different aspects of our life together and to raise up people who would like to take on new areas of responsibility within the different ministries of the church. The Grow course has helped many churches to identify ways in which they can draw others to the love of Christ and strengthen and encourage the faith of their church communities.

One of the first ways we can do this is by developing still further the wonderful work Martina is doing to support our parents in sowing the seeds of faith and Christian practice amongst our children and young people. As I think Fr Evan has already mentioned, if you would like to be more involved with our children's work, please do contact Martina or one of the clergy to hear more about all the different children's activities available and how you could contribute.

As we wonder if we are seeing the first glimpses of summer(?), Leonora is now looking ahead positively to the Summer Garden Party in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday 8th June, sponsored by Knight Frank. She asks if anyone might consider donating an exciting prize for the raffle which will be drawn that day. If this is something you could contribute to our community, please could you get in contact with her.

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth; grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may even be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer and know ourselves surrounded by their witness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen [Common Worship Times and Seasons: Mission]

With my love and prayers, as always, Mother Emma



Join our Flower arrangers team

We are looking for volunteers to try their hand at creating a flower arrangement for the front of church on Saturday morning (or Friday if you prefer) for the Sunday services and the rest of the week. Whether you are an experienced arranger or looking to learn a new skill we would love to hear from you. Please could you contact Leonora for details!

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REFLECTION REFLECTION

Exploring
Easter, Ascension and Pentecost
through three works of Art

Saturday 18th May 2024, 10 am - 12 noon

Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock, Kensington
41 Kensington Church Street, W8 4BB

Father Evan and Father Tony from Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be exploring three famous works of Art: 'Noli me tangere' by Giovanni Battista Caracciolo / 'The Ascension' by William Blake / 'Pentecost' by El Greco to reflect on the three great festivals of Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. **Entrance is free** but spaces are limited so please go to the 'what is on' website page, or contact Leonora to reserve a place.

Christian Aid Week

Sunday 12 – Saturday 18th May

Christian Aid week this year is 'Push back Poverty', helping people pushed into poverty find strength and opportunity to improve and fulfil their hopes and ambitions. You can raise money by fundraising, joining their campaign or donate. www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals.