

## In our Prayers this week

### Collect for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

### Collect for Philip and James, Apostles

Almighty Father, whom truly to know is eternal life: teach us to know your Son Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life; that we may follow the steps of your holy apostles Philip and James, and walk steadfastly in the way that leads to your glory; **Amen**



The Mystic Marriage of St Catherine of Siena, Giovanni de Paolo

#### 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      Barry Powell

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

Oliver Philpott, 28<sup>th</sup> April      Elva MacPherson, 28<sup>th</sup> April  
Jeff Bardsley, 3<sup>rd</sup> May      Blossom Barrow, 3<sup>rd</sup> May

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

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH KENSINGTON

### Sunday 28<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 28<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

### MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April - Catherine of Siena

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

### TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April

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

### WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May - Philip & James, Apostles

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 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Athanasius, Bishop

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

### FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May

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 4<sup>th</sup> May - English Saints of the Reformation Era

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

### SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8 am      **Holy Communion** (BCP)  
9.30 am      **Family Eucharist** with children's choir  
11.15 am      **Choral Matins**  
5.30 pm      **Sung Evensong**

## Message from Mother Emma

We welcome you to our services this morning and the delight of our professional choir singing at the Eucharist as well as Matins. We will continue throughout Eastertide (up to the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May), to begin the 9.30 Eucharist at the West Doors, so that those who later leave for Sunday School can be fully involved in the confession and absolution and the children can learn to be part of the main service, if only for four minutes! We encourage families to arrive a little early and to sit in the back pews to help your children read along with the service booklet and/or modelling praying with your hands together. Today, at Matins, we also welcome Petter, our parish manager, who is a licensed lay minister in the Deanery (at St Thomas's, Kensal Town), who will be preaching to us.



As we approach the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, we are required to make sure that our Electoral Roll records are accurate and up to date. We shall be putting a list of all those on the Roll up in church ahead of this Sunday (the sidespeople will be able to show you where it is). Please do check, provided you are baptised, aged over 16 and EITHER live in the parish OR have been attending the church for more than six months, that your name is on the list. If not, please do speak to Ivell, our Electoral Roll Officer, who is known to everyone through his wonderful welcome at the South Door, and he will be able to give you a form to complete. Being on the Electoral Roll does not commit you to anything, but it does mean that you are eligible to attend the Annual Meeting and vote on issues raised, and it is very helpful for us to have an accurate picture of the congregation(s) when we apply for grants, clergy help, etc. The list will be up for two weeks, before it is closed until after the APCM.

In a fortnight's time, on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May, we shall be particularly celebrating our Guild of Bellringers, who draw us to worship each week with their wonderful ringing and who form, as people have said, part of the familiar "soundscape" of Kensington. Bellringers will be speaking to us briefly at each of the services, and they will also be announcing dates for visits to the bell tower for those who may be interested.

We are excited about our upcoming joint event with our neighbour, the Roman Catholic church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock on Kensington Church Street. Fr Tony Parsons of the Carmelites and our own Fr Evan will be reflecting together on Easter, Ascension and Pentecost through three works of art on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May (the day before Pentecost) between 10 am and 12 noon. This promises to be an inspiring and very interesting talk; entrance is free, but spaces are limited so do book via the "what is on" page on our website or contact Leonora.

May I also extend warm congratulations to another of our RC neighbours – Mgr Jim Curry, parish priest at Our Lady of Victories on the High Street and chair of Churches Together in Kensington, who has been appointed as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster.

*O Christ, our true vine, may we your branches be ever fruitful in your service and share your love and peace with all your children, in the power of the Spirit and to the glory of the Father, Amen* [Response to Psalm 128 Common Worship, Daily Prayer]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

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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

## Postcard from Lancashire

Mother Alice has been in touch with an update from her new parish in Lancashire. She shares some of the challenges and experiences she has had so far and how she and the family are settling into their new lives. The postcard can be found on the website: [www.smaw8.org/former-staff-and-clergy-updates](http://www.smaw8.org/former-staff-and-clergy-updates)

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH  
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**St Mary Abbots Church  
GARDEN PARTY**

Saturday 8th June 2024  
11.30 - 3pm

Live Music, BBQ, & Bar, Home-made Cake Stall,  
Bouncy Castle, Action Amanda, Face Painting, Lego, Fair Games  
and more...

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