

In our Prayers this week

Collect for Ascension

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Prayer for Rogation Day

Remember, Lord, your mercy and loving-kindness towards us. Bless this good earth, and make it fruitful. Bless our labour, and give us all things needful for our daily lives. Bless the homes of this parish and all who live within them. Bless our common life and our care for our neighbour. **Amen**



Jesus Ascension to Heaven by John Singleton Copley, Wikipedia

Those in acute need

Rhoda Bowker
Brian Cripps
Thomas Dawnay
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
Paul Proudman
Michael Turner

and for all who have died recently

Evelyn Ellison Barry Powell

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

Anne Benge, 6th May Rodney Bennett, 10th May

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

KENSINGTON

Sunday 5th May 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 5th May – 6th 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

MONDAY 6th May - Rogation Day

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom & Bible study
9 am No Parents' Prayer Group
10 am Church opens (bank holiday hours)
12 noon Holy Eucharist (No Sunday on Monday)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 7th May - Rogation Day

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

WEDNESDAY 8th May - Julian of Norwich

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.35 am Bitesize Bible Group
10.30 am Funeral Service for Barry Powell
12 noon Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 9th May - Ascension Day

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist – all are welcome
12 noon Choral Eucharist for Ascension Day
2.30 pm Rainbow Poetry Group on 'The Sacred'
3 - 7 pm Peal of Bells for Ascension Day
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

FRIDAY 10th May

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 Free Concert
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 11th May

12 noon Holy Communion (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 12th May – Sunday after Ascension & Bell Sunday

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Baptisms
11.15 am Choral Matins
5.30 pm Sung Evensong with voluntary choir



Message from Mother Emma

Today we celebrate Rogationtide. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are Rogation Days, a festival taken over by Christians from a Graeco-Roman tradition in which prayers were offered to protect the crops from mildew! When the festival was adopted by Christians, it became an opportunity for liturgical processions, often around parish boundaries, for the blessing of the land. This became known as "beating the bounds", and the poet George Herbert interpreted the procession as a means of asking for God's blessing on the land, of preserving boundaries, of encouraging fellowship between neighbours with the reconciling of differences, and of charitable giving to the poor. Our readings, songs and talk at the 9.30 will reflect this blessing and these concerns, and we look forward to having children once again participating in all aspects of the service.

Meanwhile, the Church of England is encouraging us to celebrate the period between Ascension (9th May) and Pentecost (19th May), as we await the coming of the Holy Spirit, by joining in "Parish Prayer Walks", during which we pray for the different parts of our parish. As a way of combining these two traditions, all the clergy, together with members of our regular Morning Prayer Group, are planning to **walk prayerfully around the bounds of our parish on Tuesday 14th May, meeting at 9.30 am in the church**, and returning there for coffee and croissants. We would love to invite anyone else to join us, if you would enjoy seeing the modern extent of the parish, and praying for all the different elements we find, from local government to transport, from parks to the shops and businesses of the High Street. If you could let me know in advance that you are coming to ensure enough croissants!

We shall be marking Ascension Day (the fourth most important Christian feast after Easter, Christmas, and Pentecost!) with a Choral Eucharist at 12 noon on Thursday 9th May. Please do join us if you can, or perhaps find a service closer to your place of work if you are not in the parish during the day.

There are still some spaces left at the joint talk being given by Fr Evan and our Carmelite neighbour, Fr Tony, if you would like to sign up via the website. The event will take place on Saturday 18th May at 10am at the Carmelite church, just up Kensington Church Street from St Mary Abbots.

Leonora would still very much welcome some further donations to the raffle for the Summer Fair on 8th June, sponsored by Knight Frank, and also would love to hear from any potential cake-makers and volunteers!

O God, have mercy on our tired land, and prosper the work of our soiled hands. Forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency so that we may truly praise you for your provision and goodness. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen. [Common Worship Times and Seasons, Rogation]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
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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

Free Entry
Spaces are limited so please book in advance
www.stmaryabbots.org.uk/what-is-on or 0203 479431

Looking forward to seeing you for the joint event where Fr Tony and Fr Evan will be reflecting together on Easter, Ascension and Pentecost through three works of art. Tickets via the 'what is on' page of the website www.smaw8.org/reflection-and-prayer or contact Leonora.

May / June Save the dates

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...

FREE ENTRY
Children's activities tokens available for purchase

Sponsored by Knight Frank
Bar supplied by Fishers Gin

at the Vicarage, Vicarage Gate, London, W8 5HN

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH
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Marina Grozdanovic PIANO RECITAL

**AT ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH
KENSINGTON, W8 4HN**

DEBUSSY PRELUDES, CHOPIN BALLADE NO. 1, MAZURKAS OP. 63 & PIECES FROM THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH BAROQUE PERIOD

DATE: WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2024

TIME: 7 PM

TICKETS: £15

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**Summer Garden Party, sponsored by Knight Frank,
Saturday 8th June**

Pimms, G&T, Procecco, BBQ, Live music from RCM Quartet, Action Amanda, bouncy castle, facepainting, games (more details shortly) - sponsored by Knight Frank.

Marina Grozdanovi in concert, 26th June at 7pm

A piano recital featuring Purcell, Couperin, Debussy and Chopin. Half of the ticket money will go towards the church and there will be a paid bar. Tickets via the 'What is on page' of website or contact Leonora.