

A Church of England prayer for the 2019 General Election:

God of grace and truth,
 send your Spirit to guide us
 as we discover your will for our country.
 Help us to discuss the issues before us
 with courtesy, truth and mutual respect,
 and grant that all who stand for parliament
 will seek to serve the common good,
 through him who came not to be served but to serve,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Michael North	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Katie Aston	Doina Oana	Sergio Avanzi
Evangelia Brown	Maria Reis	Frieda Bilger
Sarah Deal	June Scully	Vincenzo Blandini
Andrew Fernandes	Sue Spicer	Theo Bulkai
Tony Gordon	Becky Tinsley	John Cantlie
Joan Jackson	Roger	Joan Davies
Barbara Longford	Rosie	Leo Koymans
Soheli Madadi	Amir	Simon Portal
Mary McKenna	Roxana	Annie Redmile
Diana Nicol	Alma	James Worsley

In thanksgiving for those who have recovered
 Pat Wilson

and for all who have died recently

Peter Ian Napier John Vincia John Crowley

and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Joseph Crosthwaite 24th November
 Suzanne Green 28th November

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NEWSLETTER

24th November 2019



Sunday 24th November Christ the King – Sunday next Before Advent

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Professional and Voluntary Choir
- Preacher: Revd Thomas Choi
- 11.15am Matins with Soloist
 CHILD – Jubilate in D
 BACH – Mighty Lord and King eternal
 Preacher: Fr Jonathan MacNeaney
- 12.30pm Holy Eucharist
- 6.15pm MENDELSSOHN - Prelude & Fugue in C
- 6.30pm Sung Evensong followed by Holy Eucharist
- Preacher: Revd Dr Daphne Green

Monday 25th November Isaac Watts

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 1.05pm Informal Eucharist – Sunday on Monday**
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 26th November

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)**
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27th November

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 8.15am Holy Eucharist**
- 1.05pm Meditation Group
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 28th November

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- NB9.20am School Eucharist – All Welcome**
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 29th November Thanksgiving for Missionary Work

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 8.15am Holy Eucharist**
- 1.05pm Royal College of Music Recital
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer
- 7.00pm **Kensington Hustings**

Saturday 30th November Andrew

- 9.40am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am Holy Eucharist**
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 1st December The First Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Children on Sundays Groups
 Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
- 11.15am Choral Matins
 Benedicite in B flat - SUMSION
 Anthem: Ne timeas, Maria - LUIS de VICTORIA
 Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
- 12.30pm Holy Eucharist
- 6.30pm Advent Carol Service
 Followed by Holy Eucharist

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Church Dates:

Hustings 29th November

Advent Carol Service 1st December

Bishop Grahams Teaching evening: Beyond the Brexit Debate, 3rd December

Handel's Messiah, 8th December

St Mary Abbots Christmas Fair

A HUGE thank you to everyone - volunteers and parish staff - who contributed so generously of their time, resources, skills and effort to the wonderful Christmas Fair yesterday. Thank you, too, to everyone who came to join in the fun of the Fair, to support us, and to create a wonderful community atmosphere. More reports next week!

Quiet Day – The Dream of the Rood

Wednesday 27th November at Bickersteth House on Sheffield Terrace W8 7NQ, from 9.30am - 2.30pm.

It will be led by Rev'd Canon Geoffrey Connor on the theme of The Dream of the Rood. *The Dream of the Rood* has been heralded by scholars as the finest expression of the Crucifixion theme in Old English poetry. Though it focuses on a motif common in Old English poetry, *The Dream of the Rood* is unique in describing it from the viewpoint of the Cross and within the context of a dream vision.

Please contact Fr Jonathan for more information

Kensington Hustings

St Mary Abbots is pleased to invite you to hustings on **29th November at 7pm** in St Mary Abbots Church. Questions for the candidates can be sent in advance to jm@smaw8.org

Candidates who have confirmed their attendance are:

ASTON COLQUHOUN Jay Hilda - Brexit Party

BUCHAN Felicity Christiana - Conservative Party Candidate

DENT COAD Emma - Labour Party

GORE Harriet Nkechi Adimora - Touch Love Worldwide (UK)

GYIMAH Samuel Phillip - Liberal Democrats

LICHTENSTEIN Vivien Aviva - Green Party

Nativity Play Casting

1st December during Sunday School, St Mary Abbots.

The nativity play is currently being written by our talented children and will be performed on 15th December.

Casting will take place in Sunday school on 1st December with rehearsals on 8th December in Sunday school, the dress rehearsal on 14th December at **the amended time of 10.30am** If you would like to participate send Fr Jonathan the name of your child.

Bishop Graham Teaching Evening Beyond the Brexit Debate, Bringing the Nation Back Together

Tuesday 3rd December, 7.30 at St Mary's Sunbury.

In view of the urgency of the situation in the nation at the moment, Bishop Graham will be speaking on a Christian approach to Brexit. SPCK are publishing a short book he has written on the topic later in November.

An evening around the Mayor's Christmas Tree 5th December, 6.30 pm - Friends of St Mary Abbots

A Gala Festive Evening around the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea's Christmas Tree to be held in the Mayor's Parlour, Kensington Town Hall.

Christmas entertainment to be led by Opera Star, LolaG singing Russian festive music, An International Christmas Buffet of British, Puerto Rican, Italian and Russian festive treats, with wine, hosted by the Mayor Councillor Will Pascall, Mother Emma and Founding Patron of the Friends Steve Attack. There will be a cash raffle in aid of the Friends with a superb selection of prizes. Further information from Steve Attack at steveattack@aol.com

Tickets: £20 including buffet and wine available from the Vestry or via sma-mayorsevening.eventbrite.co.uk

Handel's Messiah

8th December at 6.30 at St Mary Abbots church

A baroque Christmas concert by candlelight

Tickets: are £20 and are available online from <https://smamessiah2019.eventbrite.co.uk>.

OTHER NOTICES

Food Bank

Please continue to support the foodbank

A typical food donation includes:

Food Items: Cereal; Soup; Pasta; Rice; Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce; Lentils, beans and pulses; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tea/coffee; Tinned fruit; Biscuits; UHT milk; juice; Non-food items:

Toiletries: deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes

Household: detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid

Feminine products: sanitary towels and tampons

Baby supplies: nappies, baby wipes and baby food.

Re-registration of Children at SMA

We are continuing the process of re-registering all the children who attend St Mary Abbots Church on Sundays, whether they attend the Children on Sunday groups or remain in church with their families. Forms are available from the leaders and helpers, and also from our Pastoral Assistant, Louis, and once the form has been filled in and returned, children are being added to our brand new database. These children's names will then appear automatically on our new registers, which will be taken in the groups by Louis or a volunteer, and from January, we expect that parents will also have the opportunity to sign the register if their child decides to stay with them in church. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact Mother Emma or Martina. Please do fill in a form as soon as possible if you haven't already, and spread the news to others that they should do so, too! Thank you.

Travelling Crib

Each night in December one lucky household will have the opportunity of looking after the travelling nativity set. Louis has been taking names. If you would like the crib to stay with you one evening then please email him on lhk@smaw8.org or catch him at church.

Christmas Lunch drivers

Once again this year, we are looking for volunteers who might consider helping with the Christmas lunch in St Mary Abbots Centre, and in particular, by offering lifts to and from the Centre at the beginning and end of the lunch. If you might be able to help, please contact the Vicar's PA on pa@smaw8.org or 020 3479 4731.