

In Our Prayers This Week

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

We pray for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

Doina Oana

Those in long-term need

Katie Aston

Maria Reis

Sergio Avanzi

Sarah Deal

June Scully

Frieda Bilger

Andrew Fernandes

Sue Spicer

Vincenzo Blandini

Tony Gordon

Becky Tinsley

Theo Bulkai

Joan Jackson

Pat Wilson

John Cantlie

Barbara Longford

Roger

Joan Davies

Soheli Madadi

Rosie

Leo Koymans

Mary McKenna

Amir

Simon Portal

Diana Nicol

Roxana

Annie Redmile

Michael North

Alma

James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Gohar

Peter

and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Terry Pritchard 11th November

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

10th November 2019



Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist with
Children on Sundays Groups

Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

10.50am Solemn Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

11.15am **Civic Remembrance Service**

Preacher: Rev'd Emma Dinwiddy Smith

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Sung Evensong followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Rev'd Emma Dinwiddy Smith

Monday 11th November Martin of Tours

8.00am Morning Prayer

11.00am **Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial**

1.05pm **Informal Eucharist – Sunday on Monday**

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 12th November

8.00am Morning Prayer

11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 13th November Charles Simeon

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am **Holy Eucharist**

1.05pm Meditation Group

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 14th November Samuel Seabury

8.00am Morning Prayer

NB 9.20am School Eucharist – All Welcome

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 15th November

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am **Holy Eucharist**

1.05pm Royal College of Music Recital

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 16th November Margaret of Scotland

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am **Holy Eucharist**

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 17th November Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Family Eucharist with
Preschool Children on Sundays Groups
Preacher: Rev'd Emma Dinwiddy Smith

11.15am Choral Matins and Eucharist
Setting: Missa in illo tempore - MONTEVERDI
Anthem: Cantantibus organis - PHILIPS
Preacher: Rev'd Emma Dinwiddy Smith

There is no 12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Sung Evensong followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Rev'd Emma Dinwiddy Smith

LOOKING AHEAD Archdeacon's Farewell

Farewell Service for Archdeacon Stephan, **Friday, 22 November 2019 at 7pm** at St Paul's Hammersmith. You are warmly invited to attend a service of thanksgiving and farewell to mark the retirement of Archdeacon Stephan. If you would like to attend, please speak to one of the clergy know **as soon as possible** so they can let the service organisers know.

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

Bishop Graham has already spoken on the theme of the Incarnation at two Bishop's Teaching Evening and had planned to do so in our other four deaneries. But, in view of the urgency of the situation in the nation at the moment, has decided to speak instead on a Christian approach to Brexit. SPCK are publishing a short book he has written on the topic later in November.

Bishop Graham thinks that we as the church may have a crucial role to play in reconciliation after Brexit and these evenings will aim to help us see how we might do that and help people think in Christian way about the Brexit debate.

Dates and Venues:

- 3 December/St Mary's Sunbury/7.30pm

St Mary Abbots Christmas Fair

Saturday 23 November, 12pm to 4pm in the church. Lunch play and shop at our Christmas Fair. £10 kids' ticket includes unlimited access to indoor and outdoor activities:

- Bouncy Castle
- Bungee Run
- Football Shootout
- Lego Table
- Crafts
- Treasure Trail Around The Church.

Adults come in free and have lots to do and buy: Mulled wine, hot dogs, chocolate tombola, chocolate fountain and stalls to get you started on your gift shopping. Meet Santa in our special grotto (charged separately). Tickets on sale now.

<https://smachristmasfair.eventbrite.co.uk>.

If you are able to volunteer or to donate books, cakes, raffle prizes, face painting, please contact Zalfa at zalfahanna@hotmail.com.

Quiet Day – The Dream of the Rood

Our next Quiet Day will take place on **Wednesday 27 November** at Bickersteth House on Sheffield Terrace W8 7NQ, from 9.30am to 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 if you would like to go or sign up in church.

Handel's Messiah

This year's performance of Handel's Messiah will take place on **Sunday 8 December at 6.30 pm**. Tickets are £20 and are available online from <https://smamessiah2019.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Friends of St Mary Abbots Event

5 December. "An Evening Round the Mayor's Christmas Tree" in the Mayor's Parlour, Kensington Town Hall with Christmas Music from Opera Star Lola G, Christmas Poetry and an International Christmas Buffet with treats from around the world. Sponsored by Knight Frank Kensington. Tickets are now available either from the Vestry or via sma-mayorsevening.eventbrite.co.uk. Further details from Steven Atack, Founding Patron at steveatack@aol.com. Renewal of memberships are now due. Single Members £15, Couples £25 and Ten Year £100.

CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PRACTICE 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

As you may be aware, we have begun a 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. This will make it simpler for us to document overall numbers for Health and Safety reasons as we consider helper ratios; to help us build an up-to-the minute database for communications about groups and for statistics for applications to a Church of England primary or secondary school.

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.

The register 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 Nativity

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.

Nativity Play

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 and then the dress rehearsal on 14th December at 2.30pm. If you are unable to make the casting session but would still like to participate send Fr Jonathan an email with the name of your child and their preferred role.