

## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for those whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster. Especially praying for those affected by hurricanes in the Caribbean and the earthquake in Mexico.

We continue to pray for all the victims of the  
**GRENFELL TOWER DISASTER**

We pray for St Mary Abbots School and all schools, colleges and places of education at the start of a new academic year.

We pray for those preparing for Holy Baptism, especially  
ESME HAWTHORN : MURDO HAWTHORN  
JULIANE WILSON STEPHENS

LILAH WILSON STEPHENS : SAM WILSON STEPHENS

We pray for those preparing for Marriage, especially  
GEORGIOS TZENECHRISTOS & CANDICE BREVIS

We pray for new Clergy in our Deanery:

Fr PHILIP BARNES (St Stephen, Gloucester Road)  
The Revd PIPPA TURNER (St Philip, Earls Court Road)  
The Revd PAT ALLERTON (St Peter's, Notting Hill)  
Fr SAM McNALLY-CROSS (St Thomas, Kensal Town)

And for our former Vicar TIM THORNTON  
in his new ministry as Bishop at Lambeth

Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially

SAMIR ABOURAHME : VINCENZO ACCURSO  
SERGIO AVANZI : FRIEDA BILGER : VINCENZO BLANDINI  
SHEILA BRADSHAW : TOVAH CAMERON : JOHN CANTLIE  
DAPHNE CRAIG : JOAN DAVIES : NICK ERIKSEN  
TONY GORDON : MICHELLE HARDMAN : JEREMIAH JUNG  
HILAL KIBBARA : LEO KOYMANS : JOAN MARTIN  
EDWARD McNALLY : AUDREY RASKIN : PETER ROBERTS  
CECILY SCOTT : JUNE SCULLY : GODERT VON CAMPE  
IRIS WOON : JAMES WORSLEY : CARL-FREDRIK  
CAROLYN : GOHAR : MICHAEL

Please pray for all who have died recently

ELIZABETH DAWNAY : GAY RABER  
BERNARD CLOW : JOHN LEGGETT

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

MARCUS AMES-LEWIS (Sept 10) SUSAN MAXWELL (Sept 11)  
JANET POLLEY (Sept 15) JAMES DAWNAY (Sept 15)

Central Kensington Group Ministry

## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2017



### Sun 10<sup>th</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> SUN AFTER TRINITY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
First Lesson: Galatians 3. 16-22  
Gospel: Luke 10. 23b-37

### 9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST with preschool Children on Sunday Groups

Reading: Romans 13. 8-10  
Gospel: Matthew 18. 15-20

### 11.15am CHORAL MATINS & EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Ezekiel 12. 21 – 13. 16  
New Testament: Mark 7. 24-end  
Preacher: The Revd Stephen Fielding

No 12.30pm Service Today

### 4.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

No 6.30pm Service Today

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am Morning Prayer  
1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday'  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September St John Chrysostom

8.00am Morning Prayer  
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP)  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept Holy Cross Day

8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST  
10.30am St James's Schools Start-of-Year Service  
1.05pm Meditation Group.  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST  
St Mary Abbots School Service – all welcome  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September St Cyprian

8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST  
3.00pm Holy Matrimony: Georgios Tzenezchristos & Candice Brevis  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September St Ninian

9.40am Morning Prayer  
10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Sun 17<sup>th</sup> September 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
First Lesson: Galatians 5. 16-24  
Gospel: Luke 17. 11-19

### 9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST & HOLY BAPTISM with Children on Sunday Group

Reading: Genesis 50. 15-21  
Gospel: Matthew 18. 21-35  
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

### 11.15am CHORAL MATINS

Old Testament: Ezekiel 20. 1-8, 33-44  
New Testament: Acts 20. 17-end  
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

### 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG  
Old Testament: Isaiah 44. 24- 45. 8  
New Testament: Mark 8. 27-end  
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

followed by HOLY EUCHARIST

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## NEWCOMERS TO OUR CHURCH AND SERVICES

As we return to some semblance of normality after the summer break let's remember that this is the time of the year when the greatest number of people wonder whether, after all, there may be something in all this God stuff and come to church either for the first time or after a long break. For those who aren't hardened worshippers services can seem a strange and daunting experience. Of course, it's precisely at this time that we old hands look forward to meeting all our dear friends again and swapping holiday snaps etc (the clergy are always moved by how many people make their closest friends in church). But please look out for new faces, young and old. We don't need to be excessively, gushingly, overwhelming. For many people nothing could be more off-putting, and we must respect those who come to church precisely to be alone with God. But a welcoming smile, help with finding their place in the service booklet and hymn book (I'm talking to that minority of our regular congregation who have worked out how to do this), and at the 9.30 explaining to those who bring children just where they will find the children's groups, etc, can make all the difference to people, helping them to realise that the love of God, rather than his stern distant frown of disapproval, is really present and active with us. And this ministry, which we all share, continues after the service, especially over the refreshments.

*Please do seek out our visitors and newcomers and make them welcome*

### TODAY 10<sup>th</sup> September our special once-a-month provision:

#### 9.30 Family Eucharist

An all-age service for the whole family to worship together. Younger members of our fellowship will play many roles: sidesmen, servers, readers, etc.

Why don't your children volunteer in advance?



#### 11.15 Choral Matins & Eucharist

Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist:

SCHUBERT'S **Mass in G**

and SCHUTZ's anthem **Was betrubst du dich?**



## CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

As the new school year begins we will be welcoming new families into our community and, we hope, will have an increased demand on our Sunday provision for children. As the budding economists amongst you know an increased demand must be met by an increased supply.

The Lord in his generosity has provided us with all we need and even now he is calling people from this congregation into ministry with our young people and children. If you have discerned the whisper of the calling of the Holy Spirit on your life to support, care and teach our children on Sundays then please speak to Martina Sadovska our Children on Sundays Coordinator & Children's Champion or a member of the clergy. Contact details can be found on the back cover.

## TRANSFER DEADLINE

September opens with a remarkable influx of clergy into the Deanery of Kensington – the process kickstarted before the holidays, of course, by our own **Fr JONATHAN MACNEANEY**; **NEIL TRAYNOR** and **PETER WOLTON** at **St John the Baptist, Holland Road**, and **ANDY BUCKLER** at **St Barnabas, Addison Road**.

Last Tuesday **Fr PHILIP BARNES** was welcomed as Priest-in-Charge of **St Stephen Gloucester Road**.

Closer to home for us, we shared in the rejoicing of our dear friends and neighbours at St Philip, Earls Court Road as they welcomed as their Vicar on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September **The Revd PIPPA TURNER** (Kensington Deanery's first woman Incumbent – at last!).

This Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm **St Peter's Notting Hill** finally welcomes its new Vicar: **The Revd PAT ALLERTON**.

And on Monday week, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, **Fr SAM McNALLY-CROSS** will be inducted as Vicar of **St Thomas's, Kensal Town**.

*We are all warmly invited to share in these services*

As far as I can tell, this is an absolutely unprecedented crop of new priests in any one Deanery, anywhere. It sends a strong message that the Church of England, here at least, is flourishing and growing, with great confidence in its future ministry. Pippa's arrival completes at last the team for our new Central Kensington Group Ministry (inaugurated on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>) and we look forward to a new era of co-operation and mutual support between ourselves, St Philip and Christ Church. We pray for God's Blessing on all these clergy and parishes, and for our common and shared Witness throughout Kensington.

## FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

Now meeting again after the summer break, children from birth to 4yrs (with a parent or two – not au-pairs, please) are warmly welcomed at our playgroup, which meets in St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN. It's as much a support and friendship group for (new) parents as a play-and-sing session for the children. Detail from [laurasyvester@mac.com](mailto:laurasyvester@mac.com)

## Last Tuesday's 'WELL-BEING AT WORK' Breakfast

was a fascinating and provocative introduction to this vital theme, led by consultant psychiatrist, **GARY BELL**. The next session will be on Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> (breakfast from 7.30; talk at 8.00) when the topic will be WELL-BEING AND SPORT. Further details from [sf@smaw8.org](mailto:sf@smaw8.org).

Today Sun 10 September 4.00pm

*Our first treat of the Autumn:*

**ST MARY ABBOTS'**

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL



We are delighted to have secured as our Guest Preacher  
**LORD HENNESSY OF NYMPFIELD**

Peter Hennessy is one of our most distinguished, informed and engaging Constitutional Historians, constantly invited onto our TVs and Radios to analyse and comment on current political issues and events. Now in the Upper House, he plays his part in shaping our national life, relishing what it is to be a gamekeeper after a lifetime of academic poaching!

He is also a committed Christian, on the Board of the excellent RC weekly *The Tablet*. He will address us on the vital subject:

### POLITICS AND FAITH

We can promise an address to be remembered and reflected on.

The music of the service from our combined professional and voluntary choir will enhance our worship with glorious music from an unusually wide range: Tudor (Parsons), Classical (Haydn), Romantic (Baird), and, in further marking of his 450<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the great MONTEVERDI's *Sancta Maria*.

*Your friends and neighbours will greatly appreciate these delights: be sure to bring them along!*

This is our annual offering of Praise and Thanksgiving for every aspect of our life here, the ministry and witness that in the power of the Holy Spirit we are enabled to make. It's also 'At Home' to all our neighbours in Christ of every denomination.

There will be a group for preschool children – they're welcome too!

*It will be followed by a glass of wine and a canape or two – but we need your help in providing this. If possible, please bring something along the lines of smoked salmon bites .....*

## OUR AUTUMN PROGRAMME

We're finalising details of events and meetings, but basically look forward to:

**September:** meetings with Children on Sundays Leaders and Parents;

**October:** Stewardship campaign (Quiz Supper Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>) & study sessions on the Church's Mission at national and local level;

**November:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Bonfire Night; Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 Commemoration of All Souls with the Mozart Requiem; An encounter with Mark's Gospel, based around dramatic readings of the entire text;

## EXCITING NEW MUSICAL PROVISION!

By far the largest of our Sunday congregations is the one that never hears our professional choir – so experimentally on one Sunday a month the professional quartet, at least, will join forces with the voluntary choir and offer two or three anthems/motets in the course of the 9.30 Sung Eucharist. As well as greatly enhancing our liturgy, we hope that this will encourage new singers to join the volunteers.

On these Sundays 11.15 Matins will have a single professional cantor to lead the music and explore the under-valued repertoire of solo religious music.

**Wednesday 20 September at 11.00**  
**REMEMBERING SEYMOUR DALLAS**  
**A Service Of Commemoration**  
**for a most remarkable St Mary Abbots priest**



The Revd Chaplain William Loraine Seymour Dallas (1884 – 20<sup>th</sup> September 1917) was curate of St Mary Abbots from 1908. He volunteered for missionary service in the Alberta Prairies ministering there from 1911-15. During that time he built several churches, including the only other St Mary Abbots in the world, in Barrhead, Alberta. Returning to Great Britain in 1915 he became an Army Chaplain with the rank of Captain and was killed in action on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1917, two days after his 33rd birthday. A **Service of Remembrance** will be held here at 11.00 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - 100 years to the day of his death. All are welcome to

remember the Revd Chaplain Dallas and all who perished in the Great War.

We will be joined by distinguished guests, including the Mayor of our Royal Borough. A Monograph about his life is being prepared written by Steve Atack, Founding Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots.

And while on the subject of former St Mary Abbots Clergy we offer our good wishes to and prayers for Fr Gillean's predecessor as Vicar here The Rt Revd **TIM THORNTON**, most recently Bishop of Truro, who has just been made Bishop at Lambeth, Bishop to HM Forces and Bishop of the Falkland Islands. Presumably he and Sian have returned to live in London – so perhaps we can look forward to seeing more of them.