

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for those who have not been able to gather the harvest.
For those who bear the brunt of a changing climate, and unreliable rains.

We pray for those who struggle to get land
or have been forced off the land. For those who have abandoned land
because of conflict and left crops un-harvested.

We pray for those who still do not get a fair price
for the food they grow and sell.

May the God who gathers and scatters us as seed give us a harvest of
peace sown in justice that everyone may have daily bread.

Especially we pray for the flourishing of
UPPER ROOM - working with West London's Homeless and Destitute.
THE BUSOGA TRUST - securing a clean water supply for African villages.
DELGARNO TRUST FOODBANK –
supporting vulnerable people in RBK&C

Join with our Vicar Fr Gillean as he thanks God
for 40 years of Ordained ministry.
He was ordained Deacon in St Paul's Cathedral on 29 September 1977.

Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers

SHEILA BRADSHAW : TOVAH CAMERON
JOHN CANTLIE : DAPHNE CRAIG
NICK ERIKSEN : TONY GORDON
HASSAN HASSAN JEREMIAH JUNG
HILAL KIBBARA : BILL KIRKPATRICK
LEO KOYMANS : ANNE PEASE
PETER ROBERTS : SONIA SAMUELS
CECILY SCOTT : JUNE SCULLY
GODERT VON CAMPE : JAMES WORSLEY
CAROLYN : GOHAR : MICHAEL
OYIN & DAMALOLA

Please pray for all who have died recently

IRIS WOON : MICHELE HARDMAN
ELIZABETH CRUTTENDEN
JOAN BRZESWINSKA

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
MARY RICHARDSON-VAN ITTERSUM (September 30)
HENRY ROBERSON (October 1)
JOYCE NORTH (October 5)
ALEXANDRA HORSLEY (October 6)

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NEWSLETTER for the week beginning 1st October 2017



Sun 1st October	HARVEST FESTIVAL
8.00am	HOLY EUCHARIST First Lesson: Ephesians 3. 13-end Gospel: Luke 7. 11-17
9.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST OF HARVEST FESTIVAL with PreSchool Childrens Groups with special All-Age Harvest Presentation and Offertory Procession of Harvest Gifts.
11.15am	CHORAL MATINS Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8. 7-18 New Testament: 2 Corinthians 9. 6-15 Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding
12.30pm	HOLY EUCHARIST readings as at 8.00am
6.30pm	TAIZE PRAYER & COMMUNION <i>'The Harvest of God's Gifts'</i>
Monday 2nd October	
8.00am	Morning Prayer
1.05pm	INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday'
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 3rd October	Commemoration of George Bell
7.00am	Morning Prayer
7.30am	WELL-BEING BREAKFAST
11.30am	HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP)
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 4th October	St Francis of Assisi
8.00am	Morning Prayer
8.15am	HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm	Meditation Group.
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 5th October	
8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	St MARY ABBOTS SCHOOL HARVEST EUCHARIST All Warmly Welcome
2.30pm	Rainbow Poetry Circle: 'Autumn'
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 6th October	Commem'n of William Tyndale
8.00am	Morning Prayer
8.15am	HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm	Royal College of Music First Students' Recital
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 7th October	
9.40am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 8th October	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY CWProper A22
8.00am	HOLY EUCHARIST Epistle: Ephesians 4. 1-6 Gospel: Luke 14. 1-11
9.30am	SUNG EUCHARIST with Children on Sundays Groups Old Testament: Isaiah 5. 1-7 New Testament: Philippians 3. 4b-14 Gospel: Matthew 21. 33-end Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig
11.15am	CHORAL MATINS AND EUCHARIST Old Testament: Proverbs 2. 1-11 New Testament: Mark 10. 13-16 Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding
No 12.30 Holy Eucharist today	
6.30pm	SUNG EVENSONG followed by HOLY COMMUNION Old Testament: Isaiah 54. 1-14 New Testament: Luke 13. 31-35 Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

TODAY 1st OCTOBER:



HARVEST FESTIVAL

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME!

Mainly focused on the 9.30 Family Eucharist, but the other services (esp the 6.30 Taize Prayer) also take up the theme.

Today we support two splendid charities

At 9.30 members of our Children's Groups will help to lead the service with readings, prayers and a special Harvest Presentation.

Our thanks to all who take one of these special parts, and to all who have helped to put this service together. All but the youngest children will stay in church.

At the heart of the service will be the great Offertory Procession:

Children offer food and requisites

to provide throughout the winter nourishing meals served by the

UPPER ROOM

to local homeless & destitute people.

While Adults bring up their cash offerings:

Collections at all services today

(other than pledged Stewardship) are in aid of the

BUSOGA TRUST

to dig more St Mary Abbots wells in Uganda – see the splendid display by the sidesmans table, with the moving letter from Canon Andrew Pearson. Please continue your generous support of this vital work. *Cheques, please, to 'The Busoga Trust' and we ask all UK taxpayers to maximize your donation by filling in the special Busoga Trust Giftaid envelopes*

Taizé tonight Sunday 1st October at 6.30pm

TAIZÉ PRAYER

the harvest of God's gifts

This first-Sunday-in-the-month evening service is a peaceful and meditative close to the weekend and a reservoir of hope for the working week ahead. It always attracts Christians from other churches – why not join them?

GLORIOUS HARVEST DECORATIONS

Our thanks to those who worked hard yesterday to decorate our church so splendidly: Alison Bertlin nobly hobbling despite broken ankle, Ran Xu, Rachel – all under Hannah's inspired leadership. The produce is all from Kent, the Garden of England – esp the hops from Bekebourne nr Canterbury. To join in next time: hannahvstewart@yahoo.com

Two separate Treats this Thursday 5th October:

For another chance to sing the great harvest hymns you are very welcome to join in

St Mary Abbots Wholeschool
9.30am HARVEST EUCHARIST



2.30pm RAINBOW POETRY KENSINGTON

In Holland Chapel / Transept. The subject, seasonally, is "Autumn". All welcome - bring your favourites on the theme.

This Friday Lunchtime at 1.05 in church

FIRST CONCERT IN THE 2016/7 SEASON OF ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITALS

We are indeed fortunate to be the venue for these splendid free concerts. The standard of these students is always amazing and moving. This week: BRAHMS Violin Sonata 3 & Cello Sonata 2. Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

LAST SUNDAY'S NEW MUSICAL PROVISION

At the 9.30 SUNG EUCHARIST the professional quartet joined forces with the voluntary choir and occasional volunteer singers and enhanced our worship with three anthems. All comments have been highly positive.

The next two such Sundays are **October 29 & November 26:**

if you enjoy singing why not join in? Contact uglowmark@yahoo.co.uk

At 11.15 MATINS a single professional cantor led the music, exploring the under-valued repertoire of solo religious music.



Next Sunday 8 Oct 11.15am Choral Matins & Eucharist
Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist: MONTEVERDI'S *Missa Illo Tempore* and the anthem: GIBBONS's *The Secret Sins*

7.30am this Tuesday 3rd October - our next 'WELL-BEING BREAKFAST'



Our innovative new series of monthly breakfast meetings continues with

'SPORT AND WELL-BEING'

Fr Stephen writes:

TOM WOODBRIDGE, of Christians in Sport, will speak about the benefits of sport, not only the obvious physical benefits but also the psychological advantages, including identity, and the importance of training for performance. He plans to go on to say that some sports people have found that though sport is helpful, it isn't enough, and he'll give some examples of people whose Christian faith has shaped their identity eg Debbie Flood among others. Tea and coffee and croissants served from 7.30; the celebrity speaker introduces the topic at 8.00, followed by general discussion. The session finishes by 9 o'clock so you can get to work on time. To take part contact Fr. Stephen (020) 7937 4106 or email sg@smaw8.org.

LONG OVERDUE VESTRY LOO REFURBISHMENT!

Our beloved church building offers, alas, entirely inadequate provision for our physical necessities, and the one WC and sink is heavily overused. But at least it has now been completely renewed and refurbished. Watch out for a special service of Blessing....

IF YOU BRING CHILDREN TO ST MARY ABBOTS

(whether they go to the groups or not) you may have been one of the lucky ones who shared in last Thursday's Social Evening. We greatly enjoyed

- meeting each other for far longer than is possible over coffee on a Sunday morning – and especially without the distraction of the children
- hearing about many of the aspects of StMA & what it might offer you.
- Sharing a buffet supper and glass(es) of wine.....

If you couldn't make it, look out someone who did & find out what you missed



The Revd SEYMOUR DALLAS Our Commemoration, on the centenary of the death in action of this former Curate gathers wider interest! An intrepid missionary in the wilds of Alberta, founding schools & Churches, incl the only other St Mary Abbots. Pick up Steve's Book & see *Church Times* Article.

Our Autumn Stewardship Season will end with the Thursday 19th Oct STEWARDSHIP QUIZ SUPPER

One of the most enjoyable evenings of the year, a splendid chance to display your well-stocked mind and expose your pitiful ignorance, in the company of friends both old and newly-made who of course will strike out your correct answers & substitute their own hopelessly wrong ones. A brilliant time will had by all (except those who take it too seriously). **Save the date**, mug up your trivia and start making up tables or sign the list in church.

WHY STEWARDSHIP? *It's a vital theological truth: all things belong to God – what we have is by his grace, his free gift to us. Rather than own them, it's our task to care for, nurture them – acting as good stewards.*

OUR AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Dates to Book

November – Friday 3rd PARISH BONFIRE & FIREWORK PARTY

November – Sunday 5th 6.30 All Souls Commemoration + Mozart Requiem

November – Thursday 9, Tuesday 14 & Thursday 23 – all in church

'THE DRAMA OF MARK' We look at the first Gospel based around dramatic readings of the complete text.

November – Saturday 25th CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We're putting together a team to plan and prepare for our major fundraising event of the year. To join the committee; if you've ideas, skills, sponsorship leads – sg@smaw8.org

StMA SEEKS ASSISTANT VIRGER

Still **just** time to apply for this very demanding but highly rewarding role. Usually spread over 3 days a week, but 'anti social' times & seasons (Christmas & Easter) essential. £15,000 for 1500 hours / year. Full details, job description, & application form are on our website www.smaw8.org.

Starting this Thursday: Our October Study Course



A Church for Tomorrow

Where is the Church of England headed? Where is London Diocese going? Where does St Mary Abbots fit in? By exploring national and diocesan programmes we will seek to answer these questions. In our first session we will be **looking inwards** at how we grow as disciples of Christ and minister within the church. Our second session will focus **outwards** at how we share our faith and witness to the world.

Thursday 5th & Thursday 12th October

7.30pm Light Supper; 8.00-9.00 Session St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN. To register email sg@smaw8.org or sign list in church