

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*We pray for the people of Las Vegas.
For those who were killed, for those who are injured
and for all whose lives will forever be scarred by this tragedy.*

We pray for all those preparing for Baptism at this time, and especially

LOUANNE CHAPUT COSTA
TATE PAUL OFFEN-AMARTEIJIO
THALIA ROSE MORAN
CATHERINE ANNE THOMSON

and being welcomed at St Mary Abbots
HELENA DARDEN SHAW

*We pray for the crown nominations committee
and all those involved in the selection of the next
Bishop of London.*

*We thank you for those who commit their lives to public service
and pray for our political leaders and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.*

*We pray for those who work and compete in professional sport
and all involved in amateur competition.*

Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers
VINCENZO BLANDINI : TOVAH CAMERON
JOAN DAVIES : DOUGLAS EVANS
TONY GORDON : BRIAN HARVEY
HASSAN HASSAN : JEREMIAH JUNG
HILAL KIBBARA : BILL KIRKPATRICK
LEO KOYMANS : ANNE PEASE
JAMES PHILPOT : PETER ROBERTS
SONIA SAMUELS : JUNE SCULLY
GODERT VON CAMPE : ROXANNA ZADVORNY
CARL-FREDRIK : CAROLYN
GOHAR : MICHAEL

Please pray for all who have died recently
CECILY SCOTT

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

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NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
8th October 2017



Sun 8th October

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

CW Proper A22

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle Ephesians 4. 1-6
Gospel: Luke 14. 1-11

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with **Children on Sundays Groups**

Reading: Isaiah 5. 1-7
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 Preb Gillean Craig

No 12.30 Holy Eucharist today

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG** followed by **HOLY COMMUNION**
Old Testament: Isaiah 49. 13-23
New Testament: Luke 12. 1-12
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

Monday 9th October

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

Tuesday 10th October St Paulinus

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

Wednesday 11th October Commem'n of St Ethelburga

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm Meditation Group.
5.30pm Reception of Body into Church and Evening Prayer

Thursday 12th October St Wilfrid

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am St MARY ABBOTS SCHOOL EUCHARIST
All Warmly Welcome
12.00pm FUNERAL EUCHARIST: Cecily Scott RIP
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 13th October St Edward the Confessor

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm Royal College of Music Students' Recital
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 14th October

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

Sunday 15th October EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

CW Proper A23

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle 1 Corinthians 1. 4-8
Gospel: Matthew 22. 34-end

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM**
with **Children on Sundays Groups**

The Reading: Philippians 4. 1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22. 1-14
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

Old Testament: Proverbs 3. 1-18
New Testament: 1 John 3. 1-15
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30 HOLY EUCHARIST

6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Old Testament: Isaiah 50. 4-10
New Testament: Luke 13. 22-30

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY TODAY

In the next couple of weeks we're going to enjoy a bracing short, sharp, shock as we encourage all those who consider themselves to belong to St Mary Abbots to think hard about their level of regular giving to support the regular week by week ministry of our church, ie, YOUR church. We get NO MONEY from the Government; the rumours that we have vast historic reserves stashed away out of sight are, alas, entirely untrue. Yes, we make money from letting out our Church Centre and its carpark – but they don't even cover the money we have to give to the Diocese – well north of £170,000 this year. In return the Diocese pays the stipends of the Vicar, Jonathan and Stephen & maintains the Vicarage - but we have to find every other cost ourselves to run the church and its ministry, week by week. Last year we had a short campaign that produced really encouraging results, and we're in a far better position than we were then. But our expectations of outside financial support for Fr Stephen's High Street Ministry have failed to materialize – so we're anticipating an income/expenditure deficit of £34,000.

In the next few weeks, by public appeal and direct personal letters, we'll be challenging YOU – do you give regularly to support the church: if not, will you in response to all the gifts of God that you receive, join our scheme to do so? And if you're already in the scheme, will you consider your level of giving? Should you increase it [or indeed, decrease it – people's circumstances go down as well as up]? We'll be handing out letters and a leaflet with, we hope, a clear and transparent message (remember that our accounts are open for anyone to inspect). As we give thanks for all the glorious autumn benison of God's limitless giving to us let us all respond by sharing in this support, or considering our level of giving.



Today Sunday 8 October

11.15am Choral Matins & Eucharist

Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist. Alas, sickness and non-availability of deputies has forced us to postpone the advertised MONTEVERDI'S Mass setting. Instead we will have HASSLER's splendid *Missa Verba mea*.

We will reschedule the Monteverdi in November. The anthem remains GIBBONS's *The Secret Sins*.

CECILY SCOTT

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death after long illness borne with the greatest courage, grace and good humour of our dear friend Cecily. In recent years she has been the supreme in charge of our church flowers, really coming into her own at Easter and above all at Christmas – year after year she would devise new and different ways to hang wreathes at high levels, place candles surrounded by flowers and seasonal greenery – our church always looked wonderful. She made friends with all, young and old, and loved to see our church full of people. We pray for the repose of her soul, pray for her family and friends – especially her son Francis, a good friend to so many of us here. Her body will be received into church on Wednesday afternoon to lie in the Resurrection Chapel overnight before her Funeral Eucharist at noon on Thursday.

*Rest Eternal Grant To Her O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon her.*

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). If you haven't been asked to share a table don't worry: we have a place for you! **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.*

This Friday Lunchtime at 1.05 in church

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL

We are indeed fortunate to be the venue for these splendid free concerts: the new season started last Friday. The standard of these students' performance is always amazing and moving. This week: BACH Partita; DENISOV Saxophone Sonata & TOSTI Selected Songs. Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

Next Sunday 15 October

6.30pm CHORAL EVENSING

Our Professional and Voluntary choirs combine to offer Evensong, that particular glory of the Church of England, BLITHEMAN'S *In Pace In Idipsum*; TOMKINS's *7th Evening Service* and HOLST'S *'Turn Back, O Man'*



Continues this Thursday: October Study Course

Renewal & Reform

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 last week's fascinating and challenging first session we **looked inwards** at how we grow as disciples of Christ and minister within the church. Our second session this week will **focus outwards** at how we share our faith and witness to the world.

This Thursday 12th October

7.30pm Light Supper; 8.00-9.00 Session

St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN.

You're welcome whether or not you came to the first session:

To register email jm@smaw8.org or sign list in church

NEW SUNDAY MORNING MUSICAL PROVISION

A fortnight ago we offered the first in our monthly experiments: 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. 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.

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 – hooray!

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 the recent 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. Have you read the copies of the *Church Times* Article on the church noticeboards? And have you picked up your copy of Steve Attack's new monograph, published at his expense to mark the centenary of Dallas's death? It's FREE (thank you for this Steve) and available from the church.

St Mary Abbots SEEKS ASSISTANT VIRGER

We have received a number of applications and will be interviewing this week. Do hold this process in your prayers: it is essential that we find the right person to appoint, as the work of our church continues to grow.

**OUR AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Dates to Book
Sunday 5th November at 6.30pm**

ALL SOULS SOLEMN REQUIEM FOR THE DEPARTED

One of our most powerful and moving services, as we pray for all those we love but see no longer. This year our extended Professional and Voluntary Choirs sing liturgically the complete MOZART *REQUIEM*

Friday 3 November

PARISH BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS PARTY

Come and trash the Vicarage Garden at our annual Autumnal bacchanal: fantastic fireworks, splendid fire, wonderful food. Fun for children of all ages. Tickets (which have to be limited for safety reasons to congregation members only) on sale shortly.

**Thursday 9, Tuesday 14 & Thursday 23 November
'THE DRAMA OF MARK'**

Next year is the Year Of Mark – that is, the main Sunday service Gospel Readings are taken from his, the earliest of the Gospels to be written. It's also the shortest, and we're planning a radical introduction which will be based on dramatic readings of the complete text, all in church.

Saturday 25 November

ST MARY ABBOTS 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