

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for the whole nation of Zimbabwe – its people, its military, its political leaders – may they find a path forward that leads to the flourishing of the country and all its people.

*We pray for our government and the leaders of the European Union.
Guide by your Holy Spirit ongoing negotiations.*

*We give you thanks for all those who are committing time and resources
to our preparations for Advent and Christmas.
We pray for your blessing on our upcoming Bazaar.*

Please pray for those preparing for baptism next week:
NINA DEHAIS : SAMUEL MASON
ANNA MONTANARO : MARGAUX SPOSITO

Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers
TERESA BIRCHER : VINCENZO BLANDINI
TOVAH CAMERON : SANDY CLAYTON
TOM CLAYTON : JOAN DAVIES
NICK ERIKSEN : DOUGLAS EVANS
TONY GORDON : BRIAN HARVEY
HILAL KIBBARA : BILL KIRKPATRICK
LEO KOYMANS : SONIA SAMUELS
JUNE SCULLY : ROXANNA ZADVORNY
CARL-FREDRIK : CAROLYN : GOHAR : OLGA

Please pray for all who have died recently
BRYAN AUSTIN : PATTY BOYD : BRIAN JOSEPH FOSTER

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
TRUDI BLISS (21 November)
MARGARET WILKINSON (22 November)
PENELOPE FERGUSSON (22 November)
JOSEPH CROSTHWAITE (24 November)

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Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
19th November 2017



Sunday 19th November **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle: Philippians 3. 17-end
Gospel: Matthew 22. 15-22

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST with Children on Sundays**
Old Testament: Zephaniah 1. 7, 12-end
New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11
Gospel: Matthew 25. 14-30
Preacher: The Revd Daphne Green

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS AND EUCHARIST**
Old Testament: 1 Kings 1. 32-40
New Testament: Luke 9. 1-6
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gilleen Craig

No 12.30 Holy Eucharist today

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG** followed by HOLY COMMUNION
Old Testament: Daniel 10. 19-end
New Testament: Matthew 25. 14-30
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

Monday 20th November **St Edmund**

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

Tuesday 21st November

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

Wednesday 22nd November *Commemoration of St Cecilia*

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm *Meditation Group.*
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd November **St Clement**

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am St MARY ABBOTS SCHOOL SUNG EUCHARIST
All Warmly Welcome
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 24th November

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

Saturday 25th November *Commemoration of St Catherine*

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

Sunday 26th November **CHRIST THE KING Last Sunday Before Advent**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle: Colossians 1. 13-20
Gospel: John 6. 5-14

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM with Children on Sundays**
Reading: Ezekiel 34. 11-16
Gospel: Matthew 25. 31-46
Preacher: The Revd Gilleen Craig

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 23. 1-7
New Testament: Matthew 28. 16-end
Preacher: Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST *readings as at 9.30am*

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG**
Old Testament: Isaiah 4. 2 – 5. 7
New Testament: Luke 19. 29-38
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gilleen Craig

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Today we're delighted to welcome once more to St Mary Abbots our good friend **The Revd DAPHNE GREEN**, Chaplain to the Archbishop of York. She will preside at the 8.00am Eucharist and preaching at the 9.30am Sung Eucharist.

Today's 11.15 service is our one-Sunday-a-month **CHORAL MATINS LEADING INTO CHORAL EUCHARIST**

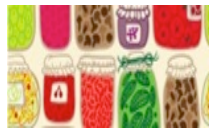


There is a particularly seasonal focus on music, God's glorious gift to us and chiefest foretaste of heaven. Our augmented professional choir helps us anticipate Wednesday's feastday of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music with

PETER PHILIPS' Cantantibus Organis

And we celebrate his 450th anniversary with

CLAUDIO MONTEVERDI Missa Illo Tempore



Our thanks to all who week by week support the **DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK**

We collect each Sunday & Thursday for the **Dalgarno Community Centre in North Kensington**. See the handbills in church provide the shopping lists.

WILL YOU OPEN YOUR DOOR TO JESUS FOR A NIGHT?



On December 3rd Advent Sunday, our small Crib start its journey around the Parish, returning to our church on Christmas Eve. The Advent Crib encourages us all to give a home to the Holy Family, making room in our lives for Jesus. We suggest prayers to say on its arrival and candles to light beside the figures. It's a lovely way for everyone, young and old, to engage with the Christmas story & to offer hospitality to people in the congregation whom may not know.

Email Fr Jonathan - jm@smaw8.org - or speak to him to book your slot!

The **Christmas Card Aid** stall is open for business:

Unlike commercial Christmas cards, where as little as 2% goes to charity, Card Aid guarantees that every penny of profits goes directly to charity. Cards + gift tags etc. Mon-Fri 11.00-4.00; Sat 10-5.00 closed Sundays

IT'S THIS WEDNESDAY:

WINTER QUIET DAY:

How Can We Sing The Lord's Song?

9.30-3.30 Wednesday 22nd November

Our final Quiet Day of the Year falls on St Cecilia's day – the patron saint of music and musicians.

Paradoxically, we offer a chance to spend time with God in *silence* without the noise of our busy lives – at St Mary's Convent, Chiswick. Book: sg@smaw8.org



Our Interactive Study Series reaches its climax this Week:

'THE DRAMA OF MARK'

7.30pm Thursday 23 November

Mark is considered by all thinking people (apart from Fr Stephen) to be the earliest of the Gospels. We're making a radical exploration based on dramatic readings of the complete text, followed by comment and discussion, all held in church. This is something really special - those participating in the first two sessions have been really enthusiastic about the new insights they have gained – not just into Mark, but into the person and Gospel of Jesus. It starts from 7.30pm with a light supper – so you can come straight from work. Each session is self-contained, so even if you missed the first two it will still make sense – do join us for the climax and apogee of the story. To help us cater and prepare do book your place: jm@smaw8.org. Book the dates now!



NEXT SUNDAY NEW MUSICAL PROVISION

Next Sunday we hold the third of our experimental once-a-month provision: the professional quartet, whose splendid singing graces weddings and funerals and 11.15 matins here, but never our main Sunday service, will join forces with the voluntary choir and offer three anthems/motets in the course of the **9.30 SUNG EUCHARIST**. This time our worship will be enriched by works by Tallis, Batten and Mozart. We are inviting the occasional volunteer singers – those who sing at Choral Evensong, Messiah etc – to join for these Sundays. As well as greatly enhancing our liturgy, we hope that this will encourage new singers to join the volunteers. We are aware that our congregation includes many excellent singers: this might just be the occasion for you to join in. Contact uglowmark@yahoo.co.uk

At **11.15 MATINS** will have instead of the usual 4-part choir a **single professional cantor** to lead the music and explore the under-valued repertoire of solo religious music – don't miss next week's BACH!

IT'S THIS SATURDAY!



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ATTRACTIONS FOR EVERY AGE:

- ★ **KIDZONE:** Children's Games, Activities & Stalls ★
- ★ **Lunch for all the family** ★ **Fabulous Silent Auction** ★
- ★ **Antiques** ★ **Books** ★ **Eric-a-Brac** ★ **Home Produce** ★
- ★ **Dining-Out Raffle** ★ **Etc** ★ **Etc**

Saturday 25th November
11.00am to 2.30pm

Admission: £3.00; Under 5s & OAPs £1.50

St Mary Abbots Centre,
Vicarage Gate,
Kensington W8 4HN

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As we reach the final preparation for the Christmas Bazaar, we would be **very** grateful to receive:

SILENT AUCTION contributions - this can be anything from the offer to bake a birthday cake.... Or to host a dinner party... Or perhaps you own (or know someone who owns) a business that may be able to offer a prize.

BOTTLES — any bottles - for the bottle tombola.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES

HELP!! in the kids zone or on a stall

PEOPLE!! We need people to help set up and clean up too!

Email **Sophie** sg@smaw8.org with your offers of help OR see **Hannah** after Church on Sunday.

Did you know November is the month of WILL AID?

When we are all encouraged to undertake that excellent Christian duty of making or revising our wills. Many solicitors draw up your Will for a donation, rather than the usual fee. Google **Will Aid** to find one. We have a leaflet prepared that explains how you might include a bequest to your favourite parish church (ie, this one) and the recommended text to use. **Both are available in church from today – do take one.**

The Friends of St Mary Abbots Church
"HOW DO YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM LIKE KOREA?"

Tuesday November 28th at 7.00pm

TICKETS £15 (all funds raised will go toward projects funded by the Friends for the fabric of St Mary Abbots) are available now from Steve Atack (steveattack@aol.com), Alison Steel or the Vestry.

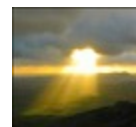


Lord Alton, Patron of the Friends, ia recognised world authority on North Korea, is the Founder and Joint-Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Korea and author of "Building Bridges - is there hope for North Korea" The event, hosted by Mr Steven Atack, will be followed by a Korean Buffet devised and produced by Alison Steel.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

6.30pm on Sunday 3 December

A wonderful procession throughout the church with readings and splendid music for choir & congregation.



HANDEL'S MESSIAH

6.30pm Sunday, 17th December

Tickets £20 /under 16 £10

for the candlelight performance available now www.smaw8.org or (cash) from the Vestry

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH FOR ELDERLY

Near the time we'll be asking for offers of gifts and puddings - but if you are able and willing **TO DRIVE** the guests to and from the Christmas Dinner at the St Mary Abbots Centre, please speak to Fr Jonathan, or better still be in touch with Lucille Briance luce@briance.co.uk. Many thanks!