

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for all the victims killed in the terrorist atrocity at al-Rawda mosque in Bir al-Abed: those murdered, those maimed and injured, those bereaved. We pray for all the people of Egypt and its government at this time

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

We pray for those meeting this week to discern the Spirit's calling on the next bishop of London

Please pray for those baptized at this time:
NINA DEHAIS : SAMUEL MASON
ANNA MONTANARO : MARGAUX SPOSITO

Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers
VINCENZO ACCURSO : SERGIO AVANZI
FRIEDA BILGER : TERESA BIRCHER
TOVAH CAMERON : SANDY CLAYTON
TOM CLAYTON : DOUGLAS EVANS
TONY GORDON : BRIAN HARVEY
HILAL KIBBARA : LEO KOYMANS
JOAN MARTIN : ISABEL MILNER
ROSE MURPHY : STEVE PAPE
AUDREY RASKIN : JUNE SCULLY
CAROLYN : GOHAR : OLGA
SIMON EGERT

Please pray for all who have died recently

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
SUZANNE GREEN (28 November)

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Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER for the week beginning 26th November 2017



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. 31-36
Preacher: The Revd Gillean 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 Gillean Craig

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Monday 27th November

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

Tuesday 28th November

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

Wednesday 29th November

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

Thursday 30th November **St Andrew**

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

Friday 1st December

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

Saturday 2nd December *Comm'n of Charles de Foucauld*

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

Sunday 3rd December **ADVENT SUNDAY**

- 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Romans 13. 8-14
Gospel: Matthew 21. 1-13
- 9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with Children on Sunday Groups
The Reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 3-9
Gospel: Mark 13. 24-end
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

- 11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
First Reading: Isaiah 1. 1-20
Second Reading: Matthew 21. 1-13
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

- 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST *readings as 8.00am*

6.30pm **THE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

A candlelight procession around the church with Readings, Motets and Hymns for Advent

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Today is the **LAST SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT, or CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY.**

We especially remember in our prayers our friends and neighbours of our sister church Christ Church, Victoria Road, as they keep their **PATRONAL FESTIVAL** this morning.



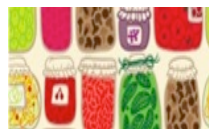
THIS SUNDAY NEW MUSICAL PROVISION

Today we offer 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 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 – including this week a movement from Bach's *Magnificat*.

StMA ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CARDS

Last year, after more than a decade of using the same extremely elegant format of a card first launched under our previous Vicar Tim Thornton, we struck out with a different concept, and a different process. This year's card follows the same pattern stretching all the way from yesterdays Bazaar to New Year, with details of our great services and events – and we have been able to print them and have them commercially distributed throughout our parish for the same price as the previous printing alone. So no more bundles of cards for you to distribute, street by street! Make sure that you pick up your card today – and as many as you like for friends & neighbours.



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?



Next Sunday, December 3rd Advent Sunday, our small but beautiful travelling Crib, carved in the Holy Land from local olive wood, 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 sign sheet in church to book your slot!



JOAN MARTIN

102 YEARS YOUNG YESTERDAY!

Among our distinguished congregation few have made a greater contribution than Joan. A doctor who gave heroic service throughout the horrors of the Blitz in the East End, she later developed a life-changing programme of swimming for severely disabled people. Few have more fully deserved the MBE. We hold her in our prayers and in our hearts. Happy Birthday Joan!

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

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!

November is HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WILL? month

When we are all encouraged to undertake that excellent Christian duty of making or revising our wills. Throughout November, many solicitors draw up your Will for a donation, rather than the usual fee. Google **Will Aid** to find one. We have printed a special St Mary Abbots leaflet that explains how you might include a bequest to your favourite parish church (ie, this one) and a leaflet setting out the recommended text to use – also for adding a codicil to an existing Will.

Both are available in church from today – do take one.

Next Sunday 3rd December is Advent Sunday

The start of a new church year, when we fix our gaze firmly forward, as we await the birth of Jesus at Christmas and his return at the end of time. In the evening we offer one of our most special services, the

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

6.30pm on Sunday 3 December

A wonderful procession through the church with readings & splendid music by choir & congregation. This year the climax will be the final movements of Mendelssohn's

LOBEGESANG, or *Hymn of Praise*, an unfairly neglected masterpiece whose text and sentiment is ideally suited to Advent. Don't miss it!



Then on Monday 4th

we launch the second year of our unique

KENSINGTON LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR.

Fr Stephen has once again organised a splendid preparation for Christmas: at 3.45 every weekday afternoon a different shop or organization will unveil its own new display proclaiming **'PEACE TO THE WORLD'**.

How many will you see? More details from the leaflets or look up

www.smaW8.org/living-advent-calendar

This Tuesday 28th November at 7.00pm The Friends of St Mary Abbots Church "HOW DO YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM LIKE KOREA?"



TICKETS £15 (all funds raised will go toward projects funded by the Friends for the fabric of St Mary Abbots) are still available now from Steve Attack (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 Attack, will be followed by a Korean Buffet devised and produced by Alison Steel.

OUR THANKS TO ALL who worked so hard to make yesterday's CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

such a happy and successful event. It will be some time before we have the final result – do present any outstanding expenses asap, please. But the new-look arrangement gave us all an extra lease of life. Our particular thanks to Hannah, to Sophie and of course to Adam – and to all who prepared and ran stalls, donated prizes, baked cakes, and the Knight Frank, our generous sponsors.

An Annual Highlight:

StMA LUNCHTIME COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 13th December at 1.05pm

Glorious music, readers from local institutions and our community, and the service is followed by refreshments supplied by local hotels and restaurants.

Today we start the rehearsals for Sunday 10th December's

CHILDRENS NATIVITY PLAY

At the 9.30 Family Eucharist on Sunday 10th December our schoolage Sunday Groups will present a newly-written dramatization of the Christmas Story. **A little more adult help is needed:** Stage Crew, Wardrobe etc – contact Fr Jonathan (jm@smaw8.org)



HANDEL'S MESSIAH

6.30pm Sunday 17th December

Tickets now on sale £20/under 16 £10

www.smaw8.org or (cash) from the

Vestry. Baroque Orchestra, augmented professional and voluntary choir, professional soloists. Candlelight performance.

For many, the real start of Christmas in Kensington!

Ticket includes programme booklet and interval drink.