

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

*As we prepare to observe our Lenten fast help us Father to:
Study your scriptures
Pray daily
Live lives that reflect your love*

*We pray for the Bishop Elect of London, of
the Rt Revd SARAH MULLALLY DBE*

*We pray for those who are being baptized this Sunday
RAFFERTY LESLIE HUGHES
GILBERT RAVI KUMAR KANDAMATH
And for all beginning confirmation preparation*

*Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers
TAREK ALWER : SERGIO AVANZI
JOHN BIGNALL : VINCENZO BLANDINI
THEO BULKAI : JOAN DAVIES
SARAH DEAL : FRANK GAME
TONY GORDON : BRIAN HARVEY
HILAL KIBBARA : LEO KOYMANS
JOSEPHINE PURVIS : MARK REDMAN
SONIA SAMUELS : ALEXANDRA WATT
CAROLYN : GOHAR
CARL-FREDRIK*

*Please pray for all who have died recently
CYRIL TAYLOR : JUNE TAYLOR.
JOAN MARTIN : SAMIR : JOHN MORLEY
JOAN SANCROFT : YOLANDE DARRELL*

*And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
ELYSSA LOCKHART (February 15)
RICHARD GATEHOUSE (February 15)*



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
11th February 2018



Sunday 11th February SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13
Gospel: Luke 18. 31-14

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST & HOLY BAPTISM**
with Preschool Children on Sundays Groups
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6
Gospel: Mark 9. 2-9
Sermon: The Rev'd Gillean Craig

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS leading into
CHORAL EUCHARIST**
Old Testament: 1 Kings 19. 1-16
New Testament: Mark 9. 2-9
Preacher: The Revd Gillean Craig

No 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST today

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG followed by HOLY EUCHARIST**
Old Testament: Exodus 24. 12-18
New Testament: Mark 9. 9-13
Preacher: The Revd Sephen Fielding

Monday 12th February

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

Tuesday 13th February

8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 14th February ASH WEDNESDAY

6.40am Morning Prayer
7.00am HOLY EUCHARIST with Ashing
1.05pm CHORAL EUCHARIST with Ashing
5.00pm Reception of Body into church
5.30pm Evening Prayer

7.00pm **SOLEMN EUCHARIST WITH ASHING**
Preacher: Fr Jonathan Macneaney

Thursday 15th February Commemoration of St Sigfrid

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST *said – halfterm week*
11.00am FUNERAL OF JOAN MARTIN
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 16th February

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

Saturday 17th February Janani Luwum

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

Sunday 18th February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6. 1-10
Gospel: Matthew 4. 1-11

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with Preschool Children on Sundays Groups
Epistle: Genesis 9. 8-17
Gospel: Mark 1. 9-15
Sermon: The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
Old Testament: Genesis 2. 15-17; 3. 1-7
New Testament: Romans 5. 12-19
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
Readings as at 9.30

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG followed by HOLY EUCHARIST**
Old Testament: Exodus 34. 1-10
New Testament: Luke 13. 31-35
Preacher: The Revd Canon Sephen Fielding

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SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday 30 September 2018, the 41st Anniversary of his Ordination as Deacon and 40th as Priest, the Revd Preb Gillean Craig will retire from his office as Vicar of St Mary Abbots Kensington. Linda and he hope that you will be able to join us at 4.00pm for a service thanking God for all the blessings that we have received in our sixteen years here, followed by a Party. Children will be very welcome.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Today is the Sunday before Lent, or Quinquagesima, and as the final Sunday before we enter the solemn penitential season it's the last time for nearly two months when we're allowed to sing the **Gloria**, have **flowers** in church, or use the glorious **A Word**.

So today we use it as much as possible - see if you can count how many times we sing it at this morning's 9.30 Sunday Eucharist. Throughout Lent we also refrain - except in emergencies - from conducting Holy Baptism, so on this final pre-Lent Sunday we are delighted to welcome into the fellowship of Christ's Church:

RAFFERTY LESLIE HUGHES
GILBERT RAVI KUMAR KANDAMATH



Today Sunday 11 February our special one-Sunday-a-month provision:

11.15am

Choral Matins & Eucharist

Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist. The Mass setting is GABRIELI'S splendid **Missa Brevis**.

The anthem will be BOYCE'S **O Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?**

This Thursday 16 February

In this halfterm week, there will of course be no 9.30 Sung Eucharist led by St Mary Abbots School. Instead, 8.00 Morning Prayer will be followed, as it is every Wednesday and Friday, with a said celebration of the Eucharist. Do join us!

DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK.

Thanks to all who support this vital service, seeing increased use every week. Please continue to support this work with regular donations - check the 'shopping lists' in church for what is needed. We deliver from the church to the foodbank every Thursday.



Dr JOAN MARTIN MBE

It is several weeks now since our beloved friend Joan died at the great age of 102 - but because of the large number of key people who need to be involved in her funeral, the service has had to be kept back to this week. Her body will be brought into church on Wednesday at 5.00pm to lie overnight in the Resurrection Chapel, and the funeral itself will be on Thursday 15th February at 11.00am. Her great friend Bishop Michael Colclough, former Bishop of Kensington, will conduct the service and there will be contributions from those who worked alongside and were inspired by her, and many of the clergy who ministered to her over the years.

She was known by all at St Mary Abbots and far beyond as a wonderful example to us all of self-giving Christian witness and service. As a junior doctor she dealt with one of the most horrific civilian tragedies of WWII, the Bethnal Green tube disaster, worked faithfully as a local GP and received the MBE for her remarkable work of swimming therapy with the disabled. The national importance of her contribution to the good of society, especially those in greatest need, was marked by Obituary notices in both the Times and the Telegraph - they managed to dig up material that we hadn't heard before, proving that her life was even richer than we thought, and are well worth reading.

*Rest eternal grant to her O Lord :
and let light perpetual shine upon her*

FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

Children from birth to 4yrs (with a parent or two) warmly welcomed at our playgroup, in St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN. Details from laurasylvester@mac.com

The new season of 1.05pm Friday Lunchtime is now well under way

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL

There's a flier with details of all the Recitals between now and Easter - take one for you and lots for your musical friends. You can eat your lunchtime sandwich, and there's tea & coffee.



The Rt Revd SARAH MULLALLY DBE, will indeed be the 133rd Bishop of London!

On the feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Prebendaries of our cathedral church (including your vicar) met and obeyed our Gracious Sovereign's instruction and elected her.

She will be Installed in St Paul's Cathedral on May 12th - watch out for details & keep her in your prayers

Easter is early this year: Lent starts this week!

FEBRUARY 14th IS ASH WEDNESDAY

After Good Friday, this is the most solemn day of the church's year, when all Christians will want to reflect on their relationship with God and turn again to experience his mercy and forgiveness.

In addition to Morning and Evening Prayer we offer three Eucharist in the course of the day, so one of these times must suit you!

At each of these services we offer the **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**, the marking of our foreheads with ash as a sign that we acknowledge our own mortality and wish to turn away from our sins and follow Christ

7.00am Early Morning EUCHARIST

then later in the day our main services are:

1.05pm SUNG EUCHARIST

deliberately kept within an hour so that people can come in their lunchbreak

7.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST

Our main service of the day, with a Homily by Fr Jonathan
The music at both of these services will be led by our professional choir, and will include the famous **ALLEGRI Miserere**

BUT THERE'S MORE!

A VITAL MINISTRY TO KENSINGTON HIGH STREET

But in addition to these familiar liturgical observances in church, we will once again be **taking to the streets**.

7.30 - 9.00am; 12.30 - 1.30pm; 5.00 - 6.00pm

At these three key periods throughout the day we will be outside the church, by the War Memorial, offering a prayer card and to sign the foreheads of all who want with the sign of the cross in holy ash.

YOU can share in this ministry: all members of the congregation who would like to join in, please speak to the clergy.

To make the Ashes we burn last year's Palm Crosses - so please bring yours from home and bring in or outside the Vestry asap.

So from Wednesday we enter

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

We will once again offer a full provision of worship, study and events to encourage us all keep this holy season as a time of renewing and deepening our knowledge of God, our Discipleship of Jesus, and our membership of his servant church.

It's not just about giving up chocolate, crisps and alcohol, a kind of spiritual slimming diet. The Lenten fast is an act of discipline to be embraced with joy, a time of simplification of our lives so that we can focus on what really matters, our relationship with God and our service of others. We keep this holy season as a time of renewing and deepening our knowledge of God, our Discipleship of Jesus, and our membership of his servant church.

This year our Lent Course will be rather unusual:

CONVERSATIONS IN LENT

As he approaches the end of his full-time parochial ministry your Vicar is, with customary self-indulgence, organising a series of conversations in church with some of the marvelous people he has come to know over the last 40 years, people prominent in public life. They will talk about their work, their values and convictions. It's deliberately not ostensibly a religious exercise - many of our guests would hesitate to wear that label - but I am convinced that their stories and work will intersect with our faith and give us much to think about in our own story, and how we live out our lives. Unfortunately there is still a slight overlapping of dates so I can't publish the full list of speakers this Sunday, but the sessions will be held in church, starting with a light supper at 7.30, and on the five middle Thursdays in Lent:

February 22; March 1, 8, 15 & 22.

As a hint of the kind of speakers we will welcome, we're delighted that one of them will be the Executive Chairman of ITV and former Chair of the Arts Council **Sir PETER BAZALGETTE**. Book the dates now!

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

We take the process of preparation very seriously, and offer a four-month course of weekly sessions exploring Christian faith and practice, extending through the crucial church seasons of Lent, Eastertide, Ascension and Pentecost, with the Confirmation itself on May 24th. We prepare children from school Year 5, about 9+ in age, and we'll have groups of children, teenagers and adults. Remember, no-one's too old: there are many adults who haven't been confirmed or who, even if they receive the Sacrament, have not shared in this vital process. The weekly study and discussion groups explore the major themes of Christian belief and practice, so we may play our full part in the church's life. See the clergy for more details.

It's not too late to join in:

the splendid **CHILDREN'S GROUP** only started last week and the **Initial meeting for Adults (say over 16s) is this Tuesday 13th February at 7.00pm in the Centre**
email jm@smaw8.org or see clergy for details