

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

*We worship the God who said:  
As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you. Isaiah 66:13a*

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

*We pray for all those preparing at St Mary Abbots for confirmation:*

JAMES ALEXANDER    BIANCA ANTE-FERKO  
ALEX BESSADA    ELIZABETH COKAJ  
KIMBERLEY COLLISON    DANIEL D'SOUZA  
AVELNE EICKELBERG    JASPER EICKELBERG  
JACOB EMMANUEL    ROXANA FOLESCU  
GUNNAR HANSON    VICTORIA HANSON  
NOELLE IRVINE    MORGAN JONES  
GILBERT KANDAMATH    KIKI KRISTENSEN  
ELI KWAKYE    FLORA LYSTER    KAREN MAK  
ELIO MESSIMERIS    TASSIA MESSIMERIS  
HONOR PURVIS    JAMES REDMOND  
STANLEY REYNOLDS    ANTONIS VAKIS  
WILLOW WHITFIELD    CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS    RAN XU

*Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers*

TAREK ALWER : SERGIO AVANZI  
JOHN BIGNALL : FRIEDA BILGER  
THEO BULKAI : SARAH DEAL  
FRANK GAME : TONY GORDON  
BRIAN HARVEY : HILAL KIBBARA  
LEO KOYMANS : ISABEL MILNER  
GEORGE RANCHEV : AUDREY RASKIN  
MARK REDMAN : ALEXANDRA WATT  
CAROLYN : TARA : GOHAR

*Please pray for all who have died recently*

LAURENCE CURTIS : DERRICK HOLDEN-BROWN  
BARBNARA DE ZALDUONDO : JOSEPHINE PURVIS

*And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*

OWEN LLOYD (12 March)  
ALICK MACVIE (13 March) : EILEEN HADDAD (13 March)  
HELENE WIGLEY (15 March) : IVO MORSHEAD (15 March)  
BILLY GREEN (17 March) : ALFRED PLUMRIDGE (17 March)

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**ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH**



**NEWSLETTER**  
for the week beginning  
**11<sup>th</sup> March 2018**



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March    MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
*First Lesson:* Galatians 4. 21-end  
*Gospel:* John 6. 1-14

**9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST**

**Children on Sundays Groups**  
*Old Testament:* Exodus 20. 1-17  
*Gospel:* John 2. 13-22  
*Address:* Revd Jonathan Fielding

**11.15am CHORAL MATINS AND EUCHARIST**

*Old Testament:* Numbers 21 4-9  
*New Testament:* John 3.14-21  
*Preacher:* The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

No 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST today

**6.30pm PLAINCHANT EVENSONG**

*Old Testament:* Exodus 6. 2-13  
*New Testament:* John 12. 1-8  
*Preacher:* The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

followed by HOLY EUCHARIST

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm Students' Service: *Educating Beyond Borders*

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March    Commemoration of Edward King**

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST:  
St Mary Abbots School Service- *All welcome*  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm 'Conversation in Lent': Gavin Henderson CBE

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March    St Patrick**

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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March    PASSION SUNDAY**

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
*Epistle:* Hebrews 9. 11-15  
*Gospel:* John 8. 46-59a

**9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST**

**Children on Sundays Groups**  
*Old Testament:* Jeremiah 31. 31-34  
*Gospel:* John 12. 20-33  
*Address:* The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

**11.15am CHORAL MATINS AND EUCHARIST**

*Old Testament:* Exodus 7.8-18-9  
*New Testament:* Luke 22. 1-13  
*Preacher:* The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
*Readings as at 9.30*

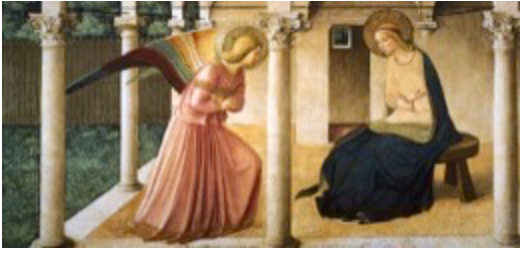
**6.30pm PLAINCHANT EVENSONG**

*Old Testament:* Hosea 11. 1-9  
*New Testament:* Luke 2. 41-end  
*Preacher:* The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

followed by HOLY EUCHARIST

# Today is MOTHERING SUNDAY

NOT 'Mother's Day', please- that's a US solecism on quite a different date!



At 9.30 we offer a **FAMILY EUCHARIST** with Blessing and Distribution of Flowers

Children will play many parts in the liturgy so the older **Children on Sunday Groups** don't meet: we hope that most families will wish to stay in church and worship together. For the youngest children - and a parent each - Caterpillars and Chrysalis meet as usual.

**All Our Mothering Sunday Collections are in aid of St ANDREW'S CLINICS FOR CHILDREN (STACC)**

St Andrew's Clinics for Children (STACC) has delivered over one and a half million treatments to poor African children. Each treatment has a unit cost of about £1.00. Equipment purchased includes antenatal ultrasound scanners, phototherapy equipment for newborns and an anaesthesia unit. This is all thanks entirely through donations from the generous public. STACC supports

- (1) an infant feeding programme in Sierra Leone,
- (2) 20 mobile clinics each month in Nigeria,
- (3) the cost of the children's wards at St Kizito Hospital [7,000 admitted annually] and Pope John's Hospital [4,500 admitted annually] in Uganda,
- (4) a children's clinic on Pemba Island, Zanzibar,
- (5) a feeding and antimalaria programme for Maasai children in Kenya,
- (6) a health education initiative for children in a remote part of Ghana.

**Please give generously, using their giftaid envelopes.**

**Our record is £775: can we beat that?**

## St MARY ABBOTS SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Didn't quite get your fill on Sunday morning? Jonathan's sermons are accessible here: [youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/](https://www.youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/) All other sermons are available: [goo.gl/rMaUYN](https://goo.gl/rMaUYN) Alternatively check our facebook or twitter feed on Monday to see links to the previous days sermons.

## DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK

Thank you for the fantastically generous response to our urgent appeal last week on account of the extremely bitter weather. Keep up the good work!



## The St Mary Abbots 2018 HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CARDS

Are now available in church - do take several and give to your friends and neighbours. We hope that you find it an attractive and effective advertisement of what our church offers at this, the very heart of the church's year. In recent years we found it harder and harder to find volunteers to deliver them to every address in the parish, so once again year we have paid a distribution company to do the work for us.

## SPECIAL LENTEN SUNDAY ON MONDAY - 1.05-1.40pm

Our weekly of Sunday on Monday services are focussed on the Lord's Prayer. Within the short service of holy communion, Fr Stephen and Fr Jonathan will be looking at each of the petitions of the prayer that Christians have used since the time of Jesus, showing how the prayer is a gateway to the Christian Gospel as a whole and a guide to a better understanding of our faith. *All welcome* Followed by sandwiches, tea and coffee. *For further details please speak to Fr Stephen on (020) 7937 4106.*

## EDUCATING BEYOND BORDERS

A special Students' Service this Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 for 7.30pm This ginger group seeking to right an egregious wrong is led by a new and faithful member of our weekday congregation. Focussing on international students, all are welcome. In her words: *"At Educating Beyond Borders we're passionate about international study. We believe all students have the right to get the best education in the world; wherever that may be. We are hard at work wherever barriers to education stop students from having fulfilling education experiences. Currently our campaign focuses on all the rich benefits that investors (international students) in British Further and Higher Education bring to the UK. We're also hard at work helping students get the best possible education, by making sure the UK vocational education reforms undo the decades of damage of diluted further and higher education."*

## REVISING THE ELECTORAL ROLL

In preparation for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April, we need to ensure that all committed adult members are on, or have applied to join, the Electoral Roll. The statutory Revision is from Monday 19 March to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April - but don't wait: fill in a form now [er@smaw8.org](mailto:er@smaw8.org)

Continues this Thursday - St Mary Abbots' unique Lent Course:

## CONVERSATIONS IN LENT

As he approaches the end of his full-time parochial ministry your Vicar has, with customary self-indulgence, organised a series of conversations in church with a few of the marvellous 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.

**Each session is held in church and starts with a light supper at 7.30**



## Don't miss this Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March GAVIN HENDERSON CBE

Gavin has had an extraordinary life in the Arts generally; a sculptor, trumpeter, director of Arts Festivals too numerous to mention - especially York and Brighton and Dartington Summer School. He ran the Philharmonia Orchestra, Trinity Conservatoire of Music), then jumped to Drama and is now Principal of the Royal Central School of Speech & Drama. A marvelously engaging speaker, he is responsible for every major change in the Vicar's life! *Find out how.*

## March 22 - REAR ADMIRAL NICK WILKINSON

*Formerly DA-Notice Secretary, Author of 'Secrecy and the Media'*

Do join us. Book via [jm@smaw8.org](mailto:jm@smaw8.org) or fill in the form on the flier. Suggested donation (if you can afford it) £25 for the course; £5 session.

## DIOCESE OF LONDON HOMELESSNESS APPEAL

### St Mary Abbots Responds:

Last Sunday our *Children on Sunday* learned about **homelessness** and our local support organisations. Each child received and decorated an empty (it is Lent after all) smarties tube. Throughout Lent they will be collecting money in these tubes for the diocesan homelessness appeal. We will return them on Easter Sunday when the previously evacuated smarties will also make an appearance. Our local organisation is **GLASS DOOR** which offers shelter, food and advice for homeless people in Kensington. In addition to collecting money please pray for them and their work this Lent.

### Adult members of the congregation:

*If you feel that you're missing out, why not seek out one or more of the children over coffee and give them a few coins for their tube?*

## PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation Groups are now meeting week by week: 17 in the Junior Group and 12 adults (including 3 teenagers) - do hold them in your prayers.

Juniors meets on Wednesday afternoons; Adults on Tuesday evenings. nb We've some candidates unable to come at these times and have special arrangements to prepare them - so unavailability is no excuse not to join in!

**It would still be possible to join in!**

**email [jm@smaw8.org](mailto:jm@smaw8.org) or see clergy for details.**

## STAY IN TOWN FOR EASTER! GO AWAY AFTER!!

This year the Festival is early, with the school holidays falling afterwards. So this is YOUR chance to stay in Kensington and share in the finest and most moving of all our annual services:

March 25 PALM SUNDAY

**9.00am PROCESSION OF PALMS** gather in StMA Centre



**BACH: ST JOHN PASSION**

**PALM SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 6.30**

**St Mary Abbots Choir & Chorus & Baroque orchestra**

This glorious work, one of the great peaks of Christian art, is for many of us central to our keeping of Holy Week.

**TICKETS £20 ON SALE NOW**

[www.smaw8.org](http://www.smaw8.org) or at services or vestry.

Please take posters and handbills to distribute to friends and place in local windows etc.

**6.30pm Bach's ST JOHN PASSION** see handbills tickets £20 now on sale [www.smaw8.org](http://www.smaw8.org) or from vestry

March 29 MAUNDY THURSDAY

**7.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST with Footwashing etc**

**8.30-midnight THE VIGIL OF GETHSEMANE**

March 30 GOOD FRIDAY

**10.00am Children's Passion Play**

**12noon Preaching the Passion (The Vicar)**

**2.00pm Solemn Liturgy and Communion**

March 31 HOLY SATURDAY

**10.00am Easter Preparation** we clean & polish the church

April 1 EASTER DAY

**5.00am Vigil, Easter Ceremonies, First Eucharist then services at**

**8.00am, 9.30am, 11.15am, 12.30pm & 5.00pm**

**Actors, Staff & Crew needed for Good Friday Childrens Play: see clergy**