

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

We give thanks for the safe delivery of our new neighbour Louis Arthur Charles, Prince Louis of Cambridge. We pray for his growth and flourishing.

We give you thanks Father for steps towards peace taken in Korea. We long for the day when peace reigns in every corner of your creation.

We pray for farmers and agricultural workers that they may receive a just reward for their precious labour.

We pray for all those preparing for marriage and recently married, including
MARK AND FRANCES YOUNG

We pray for those preparing for their confirmation:

JAMES ALEXANDER BIANCA ANTE-FERKO

ALEX BESSADA ELIZABETH COKAJ

KIMBERLEY COLLISON ELI DARKO DANIEL D'SOUZA

AVELINE EICKELBERG JASPER EICKELBERG

JACOB EMMANUEL ROXANA FOLESCU

GUNNAR HANSON VICTORIA HANSON

NOELLE IRVINE MORGAN JONES

GILBERT KANDAMATH KIKI KRISTENSEN SHARP

FLORA LYSTER KAREN MAK JEM MAVROLEON

ELIO MESSIMERIS TASSIA MESSIMERIS YIMA MIRZAI

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 : SHEILA BRADSHAW

THEO BULKAI : JOHN CANTLIE

DAPHNE CRAIG : SARAH DEAL

FRANK GAME : TONY GORDON

BRIAN HARVEY : HILAL KIBBARA

ROGER MORRELL : ANNIE REDMILE

MARK REDMAN : JAMES WORSLEY

CAROLYN : TARA : GOHAR : LARISSA

Please pray for all who have died recently

AUDREY RASKIN

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

JEFF BARDSLEY (3rd May)

BLOSSOM BARROW (3rd May)

Central Kensington Group Ministry

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

29th April – 5th May 2018



Sunday 29th April

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
Epistle: James 1. 17-21
Gospel: John 16. 5-15

9.30am

**FAMILY EUCHARIST
 with Preschool Childrens Groups**

Reading: Acts 8. 26-38

Gospel: John 15. 1-8

All-Age Presentation

11.15am

**Choral Matins leading into
 CHORAL EUCHARIST**

Old Testament: Isaiah 60. 1-14

New Testament: Mark 16. 9-16

Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

NO 12.30 HOLY EUCHARIST TODAY

6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG** followed by **HOLY COMMUNION**

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7. 7-14

New Testament: John 15. 1-8

Preacher: Revd Preb Gillean Craig

Monday 30th April

Commemoration of Mary Ramabai

8.00am Morning Prayer

1.05pm **INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday'**

Introducing the Psalms: Psalms of Thanksgiving

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 1st May

St Philip & St James

8.00am Morning Prayer

11.30am **HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP)**

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 2nd May

St Athanasius

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am **HOLY EUCHARIST**

1.05pm *Meditation Group*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 3rd May

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST: StMA School Service**

All welcome

2.30pm *Rainbow Poetry Circle*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 4th May

English Reformation Saints & Martyrs

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am **HOLY EUCHARIST**

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 5th May

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am **HOLY COMMUNION**

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 6th May

ROGATION SUNDAY

8.00am **HOLY EUCHARIST**

First Lesson: James 1. 22-end

Gospel: John 16. 23b-end

9.30am

SUNG EUCHARIST

With Children on Sundays Groups

First Reading: Acts 10. 44-end

Gospel: John 15. 9-17

Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

11.15am

CHORAL MATINS

Old Testament: Song of Solomon 4. 16 – 5. 2

New Testament: Revelation 3. 14-end

Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

12.30pm **HOLY EUCHARIST readings as at 8.00am**

6.30pm

TAIZE PRAYER

& HOLY EUCHARIST

'The Fruits of Creation'

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Today Sunday 29th April
our special once-a-month Sunday provision:



9.30 FAMILY EUCHARIST

An all-age modern language service so the whole family can worship together. Younger members of our fellowship will take on many roles: sidesmen, taking the collection, acting as servers and readers.

11.15 Choral Matins leading into CHORAL EUCHARIST

our professional choir sings a classic setting of the Eucharist – this month **HAYDN'S Missa Sancti Nicolai** and the motet is **GIBBONS'S If ye be risen again**



Dalgarno Trust Foodbank

Our thanks for your terrific response to our recent Easter appeal for this vital project. Even the *Daily Mail* joined in, donating a large bag of Easter Eggs! It is greatly appreciated - let's keep up the good work!

NEW & SIMPLE WAYS TO DONATE TO THE COLLECTION!

With your Apple or android smartphone you can directly to StMA (and add giftaid) just three clicks. Try it now!



Or pay by creditcard using the 'Goodbox' readers by the doors



St MARY ABBOTS SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

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



OUR SUNDAY ON MONDAY COURSE: 'INTRODUCING THE PSALMS'

Our five week course continues. Within our 1.05 *Sunday on Monday* informal Eucharist, Fr Stephen & Fr Jonathan introduce and illustrate the 5 kinds of psalm. Week 3 considers the **Psalms of Thanksgiving**. Join us to learn more about this wonderful treasury of prayers in which 'the whole of the Bible is found' (Luther). Afterwards there's a light lunch with time for fellowship.

This Thursday 3rd May: RAINBOW POETRY CIRCLE

2.30pm SHAKESPEARE AND CONTEMPORARIES
 The Poetry Circle holds its monthly meeting in the Holland Chapel this week, and, this being the month of Maying, the poems old and new, classic and favourite have this seasonal subject. All welcome – come along your your verses or anthologies. Followed by afternoon tea.

Next Sunday May 6th at 6.30pm

TAIZÉ PRAYER

'The Fruits of Creation'



Our thanks to Peter Roper-Curzon for his splendid Piano Recital last Monday evening
AURORA BOREALIS
 And to all who worked so hard to make it a happy and stimulating evening – the ticket desk, the stewards, the bar staff – and those who cleared up afterwards

2.00pm Saturday 12 May at St Pauls Cathedral
THE INSTALLATION OF THE RT REVD SARAH MULLALLY DBE as the (first woman) Bishop of London
Pray for her as she prepares to take on this taxing and important role – and for her family. We have been told that we can nominate two members of our congregation for tickets for this highly significant event in the 1,400 year old history of our Diocese: if you are interested contact the Vicar ASAP.

ECUMENICAL WORK

This coming Tuesday 1st May Fr Jonathan is travelling to Uganda where he will be working with St Paul's Church of Uganda Kiwuliriza and ministering alongside Rev'd Paulson Tumutegyereize. Like us as St Mary Abbots they have a church school which he will be visiting during his time there. So far his schedule includes preaching at the school service; leading a study day for the teachers on the pedagogical implications and insights of the prophet Nehemiah and preaching at six services on Sunday! Half of which will be in English and the other half aided by a translator. Please pray for him during this time of travel and ministry. He promises a full report on his return.

ELECTION SPECIAL!

RECENTLY ST MARY ABBOTS HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

We received the Annual Report, Accounts, etc and thanked God for all that has taken place at St Mary Abbots throughout 2017. The report is available in church & online if you missed the meeting.

We congratulate all who were elected/re-elected:

Churchwardens:

JAMIE DUNFORD-WOOD & HANNAH STEWART

For a three year term on the Parochial Church Council:

DAVID PEERLESS, LAURA SYLVESTER & ANDREW GIBLIN

Sunday 20th May 11.15am
Choral Matins with Choral Eucharist
CAN YOU BE AN ANGEL?!

On Sunday 20th May St Mary Abbots will for the first time ever take part in the LONDON FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY CHURCH MUSIC – an event growing in prestige from year to year and a remarkable showcase of the talent of composers, singers and organists creating new music, largely for the Church of England.

We have commissioned our Associate Director of Music Nick O'Neill, who of course is an award-winning composer as well as organist and conductor (he runs a rock band also, but we know rather less about that). He is writing a new setting of the Eucharist that will receive its world premiere at the 11.15 Choral Matins and Eucharist that day. Its title **Missa Loquebantur variis linguis** refers to the many tongues spoken by the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost. Alas, the official sponsorship to pay for Nick's new setting has at the last minute evaporated, and we are having to raise the funds ourselves.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THIS UNIQUE ST MARY ABBOT'S WORK?

All sponsors will be acknowledged and invited to a reception following the first performance. Speak in total confidence to the Vicar – vicar@smaw8.org

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-19 May
Building Hope in Haiti



This year Christian aid week is collecting money to safeguard impoverished communities from the effects of hurricanes. They have already built 700 hurricane resistant homes on Haiti and with our help will build many more. Each year we collect money in Kensington Arcade from Monday - Friday during CA Week. Historically, we have taken responsibility for the early morning 7.30am - 9.30am slot. *Please sign the sheet by the south door.*

And who knows? Perhaps your aging and decrepit Vicar will one final time bestir himself to attempt the Christian Aid 'Circle The City' sponsored stagger around the Square Mile – Watch out for his begging letters.....

SUMMER AT St MARY ABBOTS
A Few Key Dates for your diary:

7.00pm Thursday May 24th
ANNUAL CONFIRMATION

We are preparing 30 Junior and Adult candidates (see list overleaf). Book the date, support them on the day, and keep them all in your prayers.

Saturday 23 June
Annual Summer Fete in the Vicarage Garden

Wednesday 27 June 7.30pm
Vocal & Poetry Recital
 Our own *Lola Ganzarolli* presents an evening of the work of Pushkin

Thursday 12 July Opera in the Vicarage Garden
The Marriage of Figaro
 semi-staged gala performance

Monday 13 August Vicarage Garden
Youth Theatre Shakespeare