

In Our Prayers This Week

*We pray for our Prime Minister, Teresa May
And for Her Majesty's Government
For all involved in Brexit negotiations
For the future of Europe*

We pray for a peaceful transition of power in Zimbabwe

*We give thanks for all who provide hospitality and welcome.
In our church we pray for sidespeople, those who provide coffee and
churchwatchers.*

*We pray for those being Baptised this day
Louanne Muriel CHAPUT COSTA
Alexandra DEMETRIAD
Maximilian Valentin DEMETRIAD
Tebillah Fiyinfoluwa MICHAEL*

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

TAREK ALWER : SERGIO AVANZI
FRIEDA BILGER : SHEILA BRADSHAW
THEO BULKAI : PHOEBE COLEMAN
SARAH DEAL : FRANK GAME
TONY GORDON : HILAL KIBBARA
MARGARET LOMAS : LEO KOYMANS
ISABEL MILNER : SYLVIA NAZARETH
JAMES PHILPOT : MARK REDMAN
ANNIE REDMILE : MARGY WHEELER
CAROLYN : GOHAR : LARISSA : BEN
SIMON

*Please pray for all who have died recently
ZARA
ANDRIUS STEPONAVICIUS*

*and for those whom we love but see no longer,
and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

5th-11th August 2018



Sunday 5th August

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8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12. 1-11
Gospel: Luke 19. 41-47

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST WITH HOLY BAPTISM with preschool Childrens Group

Reading: Ephesians 4. 1-6
Gospel: John 6. 24-35
Preacher The Rev'd Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

Old Testament: Ecclesiasticus 42. 15-25
New Testament: Hebrews 11. 17-31
Preacher The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

readings as at 9.30am

6.30pm TAIZE PRAYER with HOLY EUCHARIST
New Testament: Matthew 17. 1-9

Monday 6th August

The Transfiguration

8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm Informal Eucharist 'Sunday on Monday'
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 7th August

Commemoration of John Mason Neale

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

Wednesday 8th August St Dominic

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

Thursday 9th August

Commemoration of Mary Sumner

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST NB Summer Schedule
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 10th August

St Laurence

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 11th August

Commemoration of Clare of Assisi

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

Sunday 12th August

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY

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AFTER TRINITY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Gospel: Luke 18.9-14

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST with preschool Childrens Group

Reading: Ephesians 4. 25 – 5. 2
Gospel: John 6. 35, 41-51
Preacher The Rev'd Preb Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

Old Testament: Ecclesiasticus 43. 13-33
New Testament: Hebrews 12. 1-17
Preacher The Rev'd Preb Gillean Craig

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

readings as at 9.30am

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG
Old Testament: Song of Solomon 8. 5-7
New Testament: Luke 12. 32-40
Preacher The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

WELCOME TO ST MARY ABBOTS!

An especial welcome to visitors and newcomers to our church – and also to old friends returning in this holiday season

SUNDAY 9.30 SUNG EUCHARIST

On holiday Sundays we only have one reading as well as the Gospel, and the Gradual Psalm is replaced by a hymn.

CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS We offer a combined preschool Group throughout the holidays; older children stay in church, so the Sermon has something of the character of an all-age address.

We may now be in our holiday mode – **but take note that in no way do we close for the summer!** Here we continue to offer our daily round of praise and prayer, word and Sacrament, with Morning Prayer, Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer offered every day of the year. Although many of our regular worshippers are away over the next month or so we are delighted to welcome newcomers and visitors to our church, which as always is open from early morning to early evening, offering a haven of peace for prayer. The cycle of services continues, with a few minor modifications. Our weekday services feed into our general life in a special way: people drop in on their way home from work, or simply to mark the turn from afternoon to evening. Some initially drawn by this service have become regular worshippers at our main Sunday services and committed members of our church.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP Now in abeyance over the summer, and not meeting again until the start of the new school term.

COELIACS WELCOME AT ST MARY ABBOTS!

We now offer gluten free wafers at Sunday Eucharists – or indeed any others if we are given prior notice. Just indicate to the priest. If you are able to inform a warden in advance of the service it will help us ensure that we consecrate the proper number. These gluten free wafers are easy to identify – instead of round, they are square.



Dalgarno Trust Foodbank
Thanks for your continued support for this vital work – especially valued in the holiday season when many children miss the cooked school midday meal.

We bring food and materials from the range requested in the posters and information around the church, and place them in the large plastic containers in church every Sunday. Donations can be brought to church on any other day, too. We take them up to the Dalgarno Centre every Thursday morning.

THEOLOGICAL BOOKS

We have been donated several boxes of books under the general heading of religion, part of the library of the late scholar and musician Robert Anderson, who lived close to the church. They books are laid out by genre at the back of the church on the bench under the library. Please take whatever piques your interest and if you would like to offer a donation we are happy to receive it on one of the card machines by the south or west door.

TRANSFIGURATION

We celebrate The Transfiguration at our service of Taize Prayer on the evening of 5th and then all day on the 6th. The Transfiguration is at the heart of our desire to be drawn ever deeper into the mystery of the Godhead through prayer, repentance and the breaking of bread. Within the Early Church the Transfiguration was a significant festival and we would love you to join us for our celebrations. One of the most splendid orations on the transfiguration is offered by St Anastasius Sinaita who wrote in the 7th Century:

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and - I speak boldly - it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us forever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John. Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: "Lord, it is good for us to be here.

It is indeed good to be here, as you have said, Peter. It is good to be with Jesus and to remain here forever. What greater happiness or higher honor could we have than to be with God, to be made like him and to live in his light?

CHRISTINE GABBITASS SPONSORED BIKERIDE

Christine is the faithful server at our Sunday 8.00 Prayer Book Eucharist who last week completed 100 miles on her bike in the blistering time of 6 hours and 39 minutes!

This is your last chance to sponsor this amazing achievement which is raising money for one of two worthy charities, Bloodwise and the Alzheimer's Society:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Christine-Gabbitass>

A Midsummer's Night Dream

Your final chance to enjoy the Vicarage Garden. In the evening of Monday 13 August the Youth Theatre group that meets in the Centre to rehearse every Thursday will present an evening of Shakespeare.

Join us for A Midsummer Night's dream, Shakespeare's most popular comedy, performed in the Vicarage gardens by the Russell Actors, a youth drama group of talented teenagers.

A Midsummer's Night Dream

Monday, August 13, 6.30pm, Vicarage Gardens

Bring a rug or cushion (chairs available for those who need them).

£5 for adults, Children and over 65s free. Refreshments available.

Tickets available from <https://tinyurl.com/MSND2018>

St MARY ABBOTS PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 9 September

We keep the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (actually Sept 8th) as our Patronal Festival, our annual offering of Praise and Thanksgiving for every aspect of our life here. This year, with an enormous

Sunday afternoon service a few weeks later to celebrate something or other to which all our friends and neighbours will be invited, we have decided that, rather than scheduling an extra service, we will keep our **9.30 Sung Eucharist and 11.15 Solemn Matins** with especial splendour. Book the date now!



A NEW ST MARY ABBOTS WOMEN'S GROUP

Angela Fielding writes: After an enthusiastic initial meeting we have fixed our first session for Tuesday 11th September at 9.45. It's particularly intended for would-be or new mums and those with children at nursery or starting school. There will be coffee, cake, companionship and other diversions. Do let me or Noelle know if you would like to come or find out more. We will be meeting in a home close to the church - do put the date in your diary. Contact me on angela_fielding@hotmail.com



Sunday 30 September at 4.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Including farewell to Fr Gillean: he retires after 16 years as Vicar and forty-one years' ministry (that's worth a party!) & he & Linda bid adieu to London. Formal Invitations on their way....

DISCOVERY IN A CONVENT

How to create Family Friendly Faith

St Michael's Convent, Gerrards Cross

14th - 16th September

Discover how to help families explore the Christian faith in five user-friendly steps in their own homes. Rev Andy Roland, author of Bible in Brief (and regular worshipper at St Mary Abbots), will lead five interactive sessions in a relaxed weekend in sunny Bucks.

£120 for the weekend - residential

£30 for the weekend - non-residential

Book at: hospitality@sistersofthechurch.org.uk

If you would like to know more, email Andy at bibleinbrief@gmail.com

ST MARY ABBOTS READING GROUP

Passionate about modern and classic literature? Give your book consumption a new lease of life with St Mary Abbots Reading Group. Launch planned for this autumn with daytime midweek meetings.

If you are interested contact Fr Jonathan: jm@smaw8.org

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