

In Our Prayers This Week

We give thanks for our diverse community
and all that brings people together in celebration –
especially for this weekend's Notting Hill Carnival.
May all who attend or participating be safe and secure.
We pray for community leaders and the police.

For all who still bear the scars of the Grenfell Tower fire in mind heart and body.

We pray for the Church in Ireland and for Pope Francis' visit.
That the nation would know peace and all Irish Christians
live out the love and justice of your kingdom.

We pray for those preparing for Baptism:
LACHLAN RONNIE BENEDICT CUMMING

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 : MARY DOWNING
FRANK GAME : TONY GORDON
HILAL KIBBARA : LEO KOYMANS
MARGARET LOMAS : ISABEL MILNER
SYLVIA NAZARETH : JAMES PHILPOT
MARK REDMAN : MARGY WHEELER
BEN : GOHAR : SIMON
OYIN and DAMALOLA

Please pray for all who have died recently

JULIAN CHILDS
GRETA MORRISON
ZIO CARLO

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

ADE ADEFUYE (August 26)
WALTER URICH (August 31)



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Sunday 26th August

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8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Galatians 3. 16-22
Gospel: Luke 10. 23b-37

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with preschool Children's Group
Reading: Joshua 24. 1-2a, 14-18
Gospel: John 6. 56-69
Preacher The Rev'd Preb Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS
Old Testament: Exodus 4. 27 – 5. 1
New Testament: Hebrews 13. 16-21
Preacher The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
readings as at 9.30am

6.30pm SONGS
Old Testament: Jonah 2
New Testament: Luke 13. 10-17
Preacher The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

Monday 27th August **St Monica**

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
nb Bank Holiday provision - no Sunday on Monday Eucharist today
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 28th August **St Augustine**

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

Wednesday 29th August **Beheading of St John the Baptist**

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

Thursday 30th August *Commemoration of John Bunyan*

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST (*nb Summer Schedule time*)
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 31st August **St Aidan**

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

Saturday 1st September *Commemoration of St Giles*

9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
12.00pm Holy Baptism: Lochlan Cumming
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 2nd September **THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Galatians 5. 16-22
Gospel: Luke 17. 11-18

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with preschool Children's Group
Reading: James 1. 17-27
Gospel: Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Preacher The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am CHORAL MATINS
Old Testament: Exodus 12. 21-27
New Testament: Hebrews 13. 16-21
Preacher The Rev'd Preb Gillean Craig

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
readings as at 9.30am

6.30pm **TAIZE PRAYER & HOLY COMMUNION**

Our Home With God

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 to Evening Prayer 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.

COELIACS WELCOME AT ST MARY ABBOTS!

We offer gluten free wafers at Sunday Eucharists (or indeed any others if given prior notice - just tell the priest). If you can inform a warden before the service it will ensure that we consecrate the right number. Gluten-free wafers are easy to identify – they're not round but 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.

George the manager writes: At present we have 50+ recipients attending the Food Bank every Thursday. In addition to our normal selection we are trying to run specials in volume once a month. Last week, and particularly because of the hot weather, we ran a special on laundry pods with half of your donations. We purchased in bulk on offer and repackaged: each recipient could take 5 washes home. I expect we'll repeat this next month. For the last 2 weeks the Food Bank has also been very lucky with milk, as Sainsbury Local at Ladbroke Grove received a Tesco milk order in error. The Food Bank is also benefiting from several of the Grenfell storage sites ending, which has released toiletries and nappies to us in relative bulk.

Our regular top items are:

Baked beans; Tinned meat/ fish; Pasta; Rice; Pasta Sauce; Chopped tomatoes; Coffee; Tea bags

Specials:

Long-life milk; Shower gel; Washing up liquid; Loo roll; Nappies

THEOLOGICAL BOOKS GOING FAST.....

It is a great pleasure to see how people have been availing themselves of the offer of second-hand books under the general heading of religion, left to us for that purpose by the late scholar and musician Robert Anderson, who lived in Holland St. There's still a few left: do take whatever piques your interest. You'll find them sorted by genre at the back of the church on the bench under the library. Donations very welcome: simply use the card machines by the south or west door.

BANK HOLIDAY AND NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL

Tomorrow, 27 August, we offer our usual Bank Holiday provision of **Holy Eucharist at 8.15am** immediately following 8.00am Morning Prayer. There is no 1.15pm 'Sunday on Monday' Eucharist. We very much regret that consistent misbehavior in church on the day of the Carnival makes it necessary to close the church apart from the times of services.

NO NEED TO MISS OUT ON OUR SUNDAY SERMONS!

You Can Revisit Them Again And Again To Savour And Reflect On Their Subtle Theology and Divine Exhortation
SMA sermons can now be accessed online!

Jonathan's sermons are

here: [youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/](https://www.youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/)

All other sermons are available: goo.gl/rMaUYN

Alternatively, check our facebook or twitter feed on Monday to see links to the previous day's sermons.



11.00am NEXT SUNDAY

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDEN

With deepest regret we had to announce last week the resignation of **HANNAH STEWART** from the post of churchwarden. She has filled this role with the greatest enthusiasm, energy and imagination – but long-term and acute family illness has meant that she has had to spend most weekends in Kent to support them, and this difficulty is only likely to increase. While she hopes to continue to work for our church during the week (and few people have any idea of just how much time she spends on this) she has, with characteristic integrity, decided that with a looming Interregnum St Mary Abbots needs wardens who can be active and visible in leadership on Sundays, and has stepped down.

We will of course keep her in our prayers, and look for a proper occasion to thank her. But meanwhile next Sunday we will hold an **Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners** to elect a churchwarden in her place – on **Sunday 2 September at 11.00am**,

between the two main Sunday services.

The official notices and Nomination form have been posted.

Nb: During an interregnum churchwarden's duties are especially onerous and require significant commitment and experience. The wardens must form a close team so it is best for anyone thinking of standing, or proposing someone to stand, to speak in the first instance to the continuing warden, Jamie Dunford-Wood.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

As well as the vital work of letting in light and illuminating us with religious truth, many of the windows at St Mary Abbots also commemorate and celebrate the lives of our ancestors in the faith. Apostles, Martyrs, Teachers and Angels surround us as we worship but how easily we allow our eyes to slip over them. Well no more! Each year, as we celebrate the feastday of each major saint, your eyes will now be drawn



upwards by a cleverly placed candle and book guiding you to pray in the light of that saint's depiction. The upcoming dates over the next two months are: Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist - 21 September; Michael & All Angels - 29 September; Luke the Evangelist - 18 October; Simon & Jude, Apostles - 28 October.

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!



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If you have an Apple or Android smartphone you can donate to St Mary Abbots via this QR code with just three clicks – Try it now!



Or with your CREDIT CARD using the 'Goodbox' readers by the doors



Sunday 30 September at 4.00pm

SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Regular members of our congregation should all by now have received invitations to this very special service which includes the farewell to Fr Gilleen: he retires after 16 years as Vicar and forty-one years' ministry (that's worth a party!), and he & Linda bid adieu to London. If you haven't had an invitation speak to the clergy or contact the Vicar's PA Sophie Gaselee sg@smaw8.org

who will give you one immediately, making sure that we have your name and address so that we can add you to what is proving to be (to no-one's surprise, of course) a somewhat inadequate database....

