

In Our Prayers This Week

We pray for schools at the beginning of a new year
For children, especially those who are anxious
For those starting at new schools and seeking friends
For teachers and staff that they may be refreshed
For carers and parents

Especially we pray for St Mary Abbots School
For Nicola the head teacher

For pray for our Children on Sundays groups as they prepare to return to full operation
We give thanks for Martina and pray for her in her role as Coordinator
We pray for all who minister as leaders and convenors

We pray for all those baptised at this time, including
LACHLAN RONNIE BENEDICT CUMMING
PIA-MARINA PEYTON-JONES

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

TAREK ALWER : SHEILA BRADSHAW
THEO BULKAI : JOHN CANTLIE
DAPHNE CRAIG : PHOEBE COLEMAN
SARAH DEAL : MARY DOWNING
FRANK GAME : TONY GORDON
HILAL KIBBARA : MARGARET LOMAS
SYLVIA NAZARETH : JAMES PHILPOT
MARK REDMAN : SUSAN SPICER
MARGY WHEELER : JAMES WORSLEY
BEN : GOHAR : SIMON

Please pray for all who have died recently

RENATE KUZNIK
SITHEMBISO KANYANGARARA

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

GRAHAM WINSTANLEY-HAMILTON (September 3)
HILDA GREENE (September 3)



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Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

2nd September 2018



Sunday 2nd September THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY CW year B proper 17 AFTER TRINITY

- 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

Monday 3rd September St Gregory the Great

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

Tuesday 4th September Commemoration of Birinus

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST followed by
Interment of Ashes: Barry Luxton RIP
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 5th September

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

Thursday 6th Sept Comm'n of Allen Gardiner

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
First St Mary Abbots School Service of the year – all welcome
2.30pm *Rainbow Poetry Circle – 'China'*
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 7th September

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

Saturday 8th September BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
12.00pm Holy Baptism: Pia-Marina Peyton-Jones
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 9th September PATRONAL FESTIVAL

- 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Galatians 6. 11-end
Gospel: Matthew 6. 24-end
- 9.30am **FESTAL EUCHARIST**
with Joint Voluntary & professional Choir
and Children on Sundays Group
Reading: Galatians 4. 4-7
Gospel: Luke 1. 46-55
Preacher Revd Canon Stephen Fielding
- 11.15am **SOLEMN MATINS**
Old Testament: 1 Kings 8. 22-30
New Testament: 1 Peter 2. 1-10
Preacher The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney
- 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
readings as at 9.30am
- 6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG** followed by HOLY EUCHARIST
Old Testament: Isaiah 35. 4-7a
New Testament: Mark 7. 24-37
Preacher The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.00am TODAY ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDEN

With deepest regret we have had to announce 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 today to elect a churchwarden in her place we hold between the two main Sunday services an

**Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners
Sunday 2 September at 11.00am.**

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.

COELIACS WELCOME AT ST MARY ABBOTS!

We offer gluten-free wafers at our Eucharists. Tell the clergy/virger/warden before the service to 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 support for this vital work – especially valued in the recent holiday season when many children missed the cooked school midday meal.

The most popular regular 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

Taizé 6.30 Tonight Sunday 2nd September Taizé

TAIZÉ PRAYER

'Our Home with God'

We're always delighted to welcome members of other churches who are drawn to our monthly Taize service where the worship is expressed through simple chants, developed in the Ecumenical community based in Burgundy. Why not join them for this peaceful and moving service?

BACK TO (St MARY ABBOTS) SKOOL

Tues 4th September: 9.00-9.45am & 1.15-1.45pm

Wed 5th September: 9.00-9.45am & 1.15-1.45pm

Thur 6th September: 9.00-9.30am as usual before Eucharist

REFRESHMENTS FOR PARENTS. Our school begins its new year on Tuesday, and as always we'll be delighted to offer new and first-time parents, friendship and understanding – not to mention coffee and croissants – as they leave their children at the school gate for the first time (the children themselves are usually perfectly happy). We also look forward to old friends returning after the summer break. **We need volunteers to help with this much-valued provision: please contact clergy or churchwardens.**

THURSDAY 9.30 SCHOOL EUCHARISTS

resume this week. We receive widespread admiration for the children's devotion & commitment to this weekly offering. They sing in the choir, write & lead prayers and serve. But this is not an exclusive school event: everyone, of every age, whether they have children or not, is welcome to attend and participate alongside the proud parents. In fact, some of our oldest congregants never miss this service. Join us and swell the numbers.

RAINBOW POETRY CIRCLE – all welcome

This Thursday 7th Sept at 2.30pm: Poems classic and new on 'China'

NO NEED TO MISS SUNDAY SERMONS!

Revisit Them Again & Again To Savour & Reflect On Their Subtle Theology & Divine Exhortation

SMA sermons can now be accessed online! Find Fr

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

And other preacher's at: goo.gl/rMaUYN

Or check our facebook or twitter feed on Monday for yesterday's sermons



Next Sunday 9th September

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

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 our life here. This year, with an enormous Sunday afternoon service a few weeks later to celebrate something or other to which we've invited all our friends and neighbours, we have decided that, rather than adding an extra service, we will keep our regular services with especial splendour:

9.30 FESTAL EUCHARIST

with special music by our combined Voluntary and Professional Choir – anthems by **VIERNE, DYSON & RACHMANINOV**

If you enjoy singing, this would be an excellent time to explore joining our voluntary choir, which offers a wide range of involvements: For details, contact our Director of Music uglowmark@yahoo.co.uk

11.15 SOLEMN MATINS

Our professional choir offers festal music: Benedictus in C – **STANFORD**
Ave Maria – **PARSONS**



THEOLOGICAL BOOKS ALMOST GONE.....

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, has been really successful. There's still just 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.

Now Booking - Autumn Quiet Day

BEING BORN AGAIN

led by Fr Gillean Craig

Addresses, Silence, Eucharist, Lunch
9.30-3.00 (ie, within school times)

Tuesday 18 September

St Mary's Convent, Burlington Lane,
Chiswick. W4 2QE

Our quarterly Quiet Days have become a greatly-valued experience of calm and

reflection to re-charge our batteries and renew our faith. This will in fact be the final Quiet Day that Fr Gillean conducts here at St Mary Abbots. To book email jm@smaw8.org or sign the sheet on the sidesmen's table

Autumn Study Programme - Reconciliation

We are pleased to announce our evening study session for this autumn will be centred on the theme of reconciliation. They will cover:

Reconciliation of the penitent to God

Reconciliation in healing wounds of mind, body and spirit

Reconciliation within families and organisations

Reconciliation following the first world war

They culminate in this fourth session as we mark this year the centenary of the cessation of fighting at the end of World War I.

All sessions will be held in the Long Room at the **Church Centre**

The evenings to safeguard in your diaries are:

Tuesday 16th October

Thursday 25th October

Tuesday 30th October

Thursday 8th November



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 Gillean: 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

*See 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.... The stated RSVP date is 31st August, but we are extending that for another week – you are still really welcome to come: **BUT DO LET US KNOW!***