

## In Our Prayers This Week

At this St Mattheuside we pray for those who work in financial services, especially for those within our congregation.

May they might foster a just and equitable system.

Father, we pray for the many who are trapped by growing burdens of debt, who see no way out, and who despair for their future

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of our land as your love would make it:

A land where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor.

A land where the benefits of life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them.

A land where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

We pray for all those recently married, including

WILLIAM WALDON & CAMILLA GROOM

Remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

TAREK ALWER : SHEILA BRADSHAW

THEO BULKAI : JOHN CANTLIE

PHOEBE COLEMAN : DAPHNE CRAIG

SARAH DEAL : MARY DOWNING

FRANK GAME : TONY GORDON

HILAL KIBBARA : MARGARET LOMAS

SYLVIA NAZARETH : JAMES PHILPOT

MARK REDMAN : SUE SPICER

NANCY TODD : MARGY WHEELER

JAMES WORSLEY

BEN : GOHAR : SIMON

Please pray for all who have died recently

SARAH MARSHALL

and for those whom we love but see no longer,

and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

PAUL SALE (24 September)



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## Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018



### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY CW Proper B20

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
First Lesson: Ephesians 4. 1-6  
Gospel: Luke 14. 1-11

9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST  
with preschool children's groups

11.15am CHORAL MATINS leading into  
CHORAL EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Isaiah 45. 9-22  
New Testament: Matthew 8. 23-34  
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

### NB NO 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG  
Old Testament: Exodus 19. 10-25  
New Testament: Mark 9. 30-37  
Preacher: Revd Preb Gillean Craig

followed by HOLY EUCHARIST

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September

8.00am Morning Prayer  
1.05pm Informal Eucharist: Jesus and the Kingdom of God  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September Commem'n of Launcelot Andrewes

8.00am Morning Prayer  
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST (Book of Common Prayer)  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September Ember Day

Commem'n of Wilson Carlisle

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

### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September Vincent de Paul

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST St Mary Abbots Whole School Service – all welcome  
12.00pm Burial of Ashes  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
6.00pm Burial of Ashes

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September Ember Day

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

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September St Michael & All Angels

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

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY CW Proper B21

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST  
First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1. 4-8  
Gospel: Matthew 22. 34-end

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST  
with Professional and Voluntary Choir  
nb no children's groups this morning

Reading: James 5. 13-20  
Gospel: Mark 9. 38-50  
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

### NB NO 11.15am OR 12.30pm SERVICES TODAY

4.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF  
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
AND FAREWELL TO THE VICAR  
THE REVEREND PREBENDARY  
GILLEAN CRAIG  
ON HIS RETIREMENT

TODAY SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPT: our once-a-month special:



### 9.30 Family Eucharist

All-age modern language service so the whole family can worship together. Our younger congregants play many roles: sidesmen, taking the collection, acting as servers and readers, leading Intercessions  
Our theme: 'True Greatness'

### 11.15 Choral Matins & Eucharist

Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist – this month the mass is *Missa Super Mon Coeur* by Eccard, and the Anthem is *Was Betrübst Du Dich Meine Seele?* By Schutz's



All who bring children to any St Mary Abbots service are warmly invited to **Social Evening this Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at St Mary Abbots Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN**

- To tell you about our ministry to children and families
  - To get to know each other - hardly possible in the rush of Sunday mornings
  - To enjoy social time together (with supper, wine etc) without the children.
- We'll have our usual bring-and-share supper (*buffet/finger food*). We need to know numbers: **please reply** to [sg@smaw8.org](mailto:sg@smaw8.org) by Monday 24 Sept.

### COELIACS WELCOME AT ST MARY ABBOTS!

We now offer gluten-free wafers at our Eucharists. Tell 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 generous support for this vital work. The most popular regular items are: Baked beans; Tinned meat/ fish; Pasta; Rice; Pasta Sauce; Chopped tomatoes; Coffee; Tea bags; Washing up liquid; **Specials:** Long-life milk; Shower gel; Loo roll; Nappies

### 'SUNDAY ON MONDAY'

Our current theme to 15th October is **JESUS AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

Each Monday at 1.05pm

the service is short enough to fit in your lunch break. What's more Lunch is provided after the service to sustain you for the afternoon.



### YOUNG ACTORS CHURCH CENTRE EVERY THURSDAY

Were you lucky enough to enjoy the marvellous production of 'Midsummer Night's Dream' in the Vicarage Garden in August? We were all bowled over by their ability and talent. **Russell Actors** is a theatre company for 10-25 year olds. It is a welcoming and fun environment teaching lots of theatre skills from improvisation to stage combat and creating your own shows to be performed in a professional theatre. We meet on Thursday evenings at The St Mary Abbots Centre in Vicarage Gate. Juniors (10-14 year olds) meet 5.00pm-6.30pm and Seniors from 6.30pm-8.30pm. To find out more contact Sherina Russell, on 07966 617192. For further information and pictures of previous productions and festivals visit [www.russellactors.com](http://www.russellactors.com)

### FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP MEETING AGAIN

Martina Sadovska is for the time being running this much-loved provision from pre-school children (newborns very welcome!). It meets at St Mary Abbots Centre from 9.45 to 11.15. Parents & carers do bring along your child(ren) – all most welcome. Queries: [m.sadovska@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:m.sadovska@yahoo.co.uk).

### Next Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1.05 in church

### We look forward to the first concert in the 2018/19 season of ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITALS

We are indeed fortunate to be the venue for these splendid free concerts. The standard of these students is always amazing and moving. Next week we'll have music for piano solo, viola and cello HINDEMITH & SCHUMANN  
Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

### St Mary Abbots WOMEN'S GROUP

Next get together is this Tuesday 25th September at 9.45 at Noelle's home: all mothers are welcome. Please let me know if you are coming at [angela\\_fielding@hotmail.com](mailto:angela_fielding@hotmail.com). On October 9th we'll be having a walk in Kensington Gardens - details to follow.

### RECONCILIATION – Our Autumn Study Programme

We are pleased to announce that our evening study sessions 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

## NEXT SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

at 9.30am

the Professional Quartet will help lead the music with anthems/motets by TALLIS, STANFORD & MARENZIO

There will be **NO CHILDREN'S PROVISION** at this service

There will be **NO 11.15am OR 12.30pm SERVICE**

Then all are welcome at

**4.00pm**

**SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS and Farewell to Fr Gillean as he retires after 16 Years as Vicar of St Mary Abbots and 41 years Ordained Ministry**



and he & Linda bid adieu to London.

We welcome to the service our Bishop of Kensington, and many clergy and friends who have worked with Gillean and Linda over four decades. It will have all the splendour we can offer to the glory of God – with magnificent music and ceremony.

*Children are welcome at this service*

*(nb it will be very long and formal!) - we offer them a professionally-run group in the school.*

**If you haven't yet told us that you will be present contact [sg@smaw8.org](mailto:sg@smaw8.org) immediately – WE MUST KNOW FINAL NUMBERS TO BE ABLE TO PLAN PROPERLY**

### PLANNING APPLICATION

The revised Planning Application for the new building to provide essential facilities for the church – lavatories, disabled lavatory, small kitchen etc – that we have been planning for so long has finally been lodged with RBKC.

**You may remember that the previous application was dismissed by planning officers and was never considered by the Planning Committee. We are very keen that this does not happen again. So can you please lodge your support for the project via their website as soon as possible. Planning portal link: <http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/PP/18/05588> And the case ref is: **PP/18/05588**** An email or letter to your Ward

Councillor would also help. See the drawings in church. The key points are:  
\* The new structure will be very discrete, hardly impinging on the views of the church from outside, tucked beneath the windows of the north aisle. Its footprint will cover part of the wide paved area that has no function except to become lethally slippery in wet weather – still leaving a broad footway alongside the 'long playground', of course.  
\* It will be built of Kent ragstone, the same materials as the church.

### THE CRUCIAL PUBLIC BENEFITS THAT WILL BE GAINED:

1. WC facilities for all users including those with disabilities: no more unsightly temporary toilets currently brought onto the site for larger events.
2. The provision of refreshments at public events.
3. The magnificent historic church building, surrounded by its churchyard offering a remarkable oasis of peace just off the High Street at the very heart of Kensington, open every day of the year, will be able properly to welcome a far wider range of events, performances, exhibitions, meetings – and provide proper hospitality for the great events using the whole church building.
4. St Mary Abbots is central to the heritage, story and identity of Kensington. We wish to make it a place where all our neighbours, regardless of creed or culture, can gather together to celebrate, learn, enjoy and build community. The facilities that we seek to build are central to realising this vision, and to fulfilling our basic legal duty to provide equal and dignified facilities for disabled people.

### St MARY ABBOTS PARISH SURVEY

**Jamie Dunford-Wood writes:** A big thank you to everyone who filled out the parish survey in July. We have now finished analysing the responses. These have provided some very interesting insights, that will be invaluable in helping guide how we develop as a church, as we enter a new, exciting period in the life of SMA. 195 people completed the survey. This probably represents the views of around 300 of us, if you take families into account. 65% say they come most weeks, or at least once a fortnight etc etc etc – it's fascinating reading! You can find a summary of results posted on the website here <http://www.smaw8.org/survey-results.html>