

### In Our Prayers This Week

*Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom. Amen*

*We pray for our neighbours without homes. All those who are living on the street and suffering in cold and wet weather. Grant us the courage to serve our brothers and sisters in need and bless the work of Glass Door.*

*Lord guide the future of our nation and its relationship with the European Union.*

*We pray for those preparing for Baptism*  
Isla Niamh Marie Ashraf

*Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers*

<i>Those in acute need</i>	June Scully	<i>And those in long-term need</i>
Sheila Bradshaw	Sue Spicer	Sergio Avanzi
Theo Bulkai	Sheila Uglow	Vincenzo Blandini
Phoebe Coleman	Margy Wheeler	John Cantlie
Sarah Deal	Ben	Daphne Craig
Dianne Gabitass	Gohar	Joan Davies
Frank Game	Simon	Leo Koymans
Tony Gordon	Carolyn	Sylvia Nazareth
Joan Jackson	Roger	Annie Redmile
Denise North		Sonia Samuels
Michael North		James Worsley
James Philpot		Carl-Fredrik
Mark Redman		Larissa

*Please pray for all who have died recently*  
Tony Meyer

*and for those whom we love but see no longer,  
and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*  
Suzanne Green 28 November



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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

25<sup>th</sup> November 2018



### Services for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November Christ the King

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Choral Eucharist  
with voluntary and professional choir  
and Children on Sundays Groups

Motet: O salutaris hostia - Elgar  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am Choral Matins – Solo Cantor  
Canticle: Jubilate in e - Blow  
Anthem: Ich bin des Herrn - Rheinberger  
Preacher: Reverend Dr Brian Curnew

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Sung Evensong  
Followed by Holy Eucharist  
Preacher Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

8.00am Morning Prayer  
11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am Holy Eucharist  
9.30am-3pm Quiet Day "Reflecting Richly" at Chiswick Convent  
1.05pm Meditation Group  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November Intercession and Thanksgiving for Missionary Work

8.00am Morning Prayer  
9.30am St Mary Abbots School Eucharist - All Welcome  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November St Andrew

8.00am Morning Prayer  
8.15am Holy Eucharist  
1.05pm Royal College of Music Lunchtime Recital  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December Charles de Foucauld

9.40am Morning Prayer  
10.00am Holy Eucharist  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Services for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist  
with Children on Sundays Groups  
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am Choral Matins  
Canticle: Benedicite in B flat - Sumsion  
Anthem: Ne timeas Maria - Victoria  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Advent Procession  
Choral settings of the Advent Antiphons  
Followed by Holy Eucharist

## St Mary Abbots Church Christmas Fair

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Yesterday we had a splendid foretaste of Christmas (remember it doesn't start until 24<sup>th</sup> December) as our church came together to put on its annual Christmas Fair. More than fifty volunteers made the event possible, planning, setting up, staffing, administrating and clearing up. You are all stars.

Our especial thanks to:

Dania and Zalfa who co-ordinated the project

Simon whose tireless work in the vestry made everything come together down at the church.

Pier and his men who laboured relentlessly.

The London Nordic Choir [www.londonnordicchoir.com](http://www.londonnordicchoir.com)

And all the volunteers who helped out on the day.

## Silent Auction

Our Silent Auction is now Live!

Place your bid for wonderful prizes ranging from a bespoke children's story by Father Jonathan, to spa and high tea treats, books, jewellery, professional photo shoots and many many more.

Please bid at

<https://auctionofpromises.com/SMACChristmasBazaar2018>

Auction ends on Tuesday, there is still time to bid!



## Handel's Messiah

On 9th December we offer a unique chance to experience one of the world's great musical masterpieces as it was originally intended.

This will be a wonderful candlelit Christmas concert played on Baroque instruments recreating the atmosphere of Handel's original performance – please invite friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues etc. and encourage them to buy tickets. Every ticket sold contributes towards much needed Church funds. We look forward to seeing you there

Tickets: £20 (£10 under 16) including programme and interval drink.

Book online at: <http://www.smaw8.org/messiah2018>

## Happy 100th Birthday to a former Parishioner

Catherine Lambert who was for many years our star reader and regular Matins attendee celebrates her 100th birthday today. Catherine retired from reading on achieving 90 years old when she read her last lesson from Revelation.

Nigel has sent her a 100th Birthday Card with news from SMA and we hope HM the Queen has remembered to send one too!

## Papi's Cucina

Donate to the friends of St Mary Abbots and enjoy home cooked Puerto Rican cuisine at the same time!

New Kensington local business, Papi's Cucina, set up by St Mary Abbots parishioner Juan Carrion, has opened its doors in time for the festive season serving freshly home-made Puerto Rican cuisine to order and delivered to your door. Save the cooking and just heat for a short while and serve. The extensive menu can be found on [www.papiscucina.co.uk](http://www.papiscucina.co.uk). Papi is now taking orders for freshly cooked Puerto-Rican style Turkeys for Christmas. **A 10% donation** will be made to the friends of St Mary Abbots with every order. You can also bid for the Papi's Cucina £75 Voucher donated for the Silent Auction. Discuss your order with Juan phone 07971 532200.

## Quiet day "Reflecting Richly"

An autumn quiet day led by Fr Jonathan MacNeaney including addresses, silence, Eucharist and simple lunch Wednesday 28 November, 9.30am-3.00pm at St Mary's Convent, Burlington Lane, Chiswick. W4 2QE

We face moments in our lives that hold significance beyond the time and space they occupy. It is important for us to have both the skills and the space to explore deeply the underlying issues that provoked strong feelings about a particular situation. We'll be engaging in this kind of rich reflection, do join us.

To book: email [jm@smaw8.org](mailto:jm@smaw8.org) or sign the list in church

## St Mary Abbots School Success

St Mary Abbots school was ranked in the top 250 schools nationally by *The Sunday Times* in their primary school league table. This makes our school in the top 1% of schools in the country. Congratulations to Mrs Doyle, her staff, students, and families for this great achievement.

## Royal College of Music Student Recitals

Each Friday at 1.05 in church, splendid free concerts.

Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

## Hospitality or Administration

Do you have a heart for hospitality or administration? Could you serve the church by preparing, serving and clearing up coffee after the 9.30am service?

Fear of caffeine? Instead you could serve as administrator of the coffee rota! Offers of help to Fr Jonathan [jm@smaw8.org](mailto:jm@smaw8.org)

## Refugees Welcome

Fri 30 November 2018 18:30 – 21:00

Come make Kensington and Chelsea a more welcoming place for refugees! The RBKC Refugees Welcome Committee, in partnership with local charity Migrants Organise, invites you for an evening of powerful testimony, encouraging everyone to take action in our communities.

- Inspiring speeches from local residents, refugees, and volunteers
- Iranian music performed by celebrated musicians Saeid Kordmafi and Fariborz Kiannejad
- Delicious Syrian mezze catered by the Damascus Chef
- Learn about ways to get involved

Join us to make a difference and shape our community. The Committee hopes to see you there! Tickets are just £10 and can be purchased on Eventbrite: <https://goo.gl/tbRPfA>

## Dalgarno Trust Foodbank

Thank you for your generous support for this vital work. At this time of year they are in special need of festive donations to complement the most popular regular items: Baked beans; Tinned meat/ fish; Pasta; Rice; Pasta Sauce; Chopped tomatoes; Coffee; Tea bags; Washing up liquid; Long-life milk, Shower gel; Loo roll and Nappies

## Advent and Christmas Highlights

(This is not an exhaustive list!)

### Sunday 2 December Advent Sunday

6.30 pm The Advent Procession

### Monday 3 December Advent Windows Start

3.45pm Pickwicks, Holland Street

### Sunday 9 December Advent 2

6.30 pm Handel's Messiah by Candlelight

### Sunday 16 December Advent 3

9.30 am Family Eucharist with Nativity Play

11.15 am Choral Matins Leading into Choral Eucharist

### Wednesday 19 December

1.05 pm Community Carol Service

### Thursday 20 December

7.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

### Monday 24 December Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Children's Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Mass

### Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day

9.30 am Family Eucharist

11.15 am Choral Matins

4.00 pm Carols, Prayers & Communion by the Crib

### Sunday 30 December Christmas 1

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

11.15 am Choral Matins

4.00 pm Sung Evensong

## Advent Windows – 'Light in our Darkness'

This is the third year in succession that we have launched a Living Advent Calendar across central Kensington.

The programme runs each weekday from Monday 3 December to Friday 21 December.

The theme is Light in our Darkness, and it will be very interesting to see what participants make of the theme.

As usual, we value your support, especially in joining us any (or every) weekday at 3.45. Bring your mobiles or cameras to take pictures of us and everyone having a good time.

MONDAY 3	TUESDAY 4	WEDNESDAY 5	THURSDAY 6	FRIDAY 7
Pickwicks	Ole and Steen	La Fortuna	Beauty by Nicole	Gail's
10 Ottoemzzo	11 SMA Centre	12 Skillmans	13 Bickersteth House	14 SMA School
17 Burlingtons	18 Marcela's	19 Gallery 19	20 Barclays	21 Beatrice Place