

**In Our Prayers This Week**

Heavenly Father, we remember in our hearts and prayers this week those in the depths of bereavement. Let us celebrate the lives of your servants who now reside alongside you in the Kingdom of Heaven. As we remember all those in our hearts who have departed this life. Allow us to be encouraged by the example of all the Saints.

We pray father for the safe enjoyment of all those celebrating over this coming week. We pray for those who find this time of year difficult. Remembering especially all those who have lived through warfare for whom fireworks are a violent reminder of evil times.

We pray for our political leaders and nation as we prepare for the general election.



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

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Doina Oana	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Katie Aston	Maria Reis	Sergio Avanzi
Sarah Deal	June Scully	Frieda Bilger
Andrew Fernandes	Sue Spicer	Vincenzo Blandini
Tony Gordon	Becky Tinsley	Theo Bulkai
Joan Jackson	Pat Wilson	John Cantlie
Barbara Longford	Roger	Joan Davies
Soheli Madadi	Rosie	Leo Koymans
Mary McKenna	Amir	Simon Portal
Diana Nicol	Roxana	Annie Redmile
Michael North	Alma	James Worsley

*Please pray for those being baptised*  
Hope Augusta HOCKFELT

*and for all who have died recently*  
Olivia Rose Band Gohar Peter

*and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*

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**NEWSLETTER**

3 November 2019



**Services for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November All Saints**

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism  
Children on Sundays Groups  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney
- 11.15am Choral Matins  
Benedictus: ROTHAM in e minor  
Anthem: O quam gloriosum VICTORIA  
Preacher: Rev'd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
- 12.30pm Holy Eucharist
- 6.30pm Solemn Requiem of All Souls  
with Commemoration of the Departed  
The Requiem in d minor (K. 626) - Mozart

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

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

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)**
- 1.30pm Memorial Service – Olivia Rose Band
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November Leonard**

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 8.15am Holy Eucharist**
- 1.05pm Meditation Group
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November Willibrord of York**

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- NB 9.20am School Eucharist – All Welcome**
- 2.30pm Rainbow Poetry Group – Theme: Expectations
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November Saints and Martyrs of England**

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

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November Margery Kempe**

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

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday**

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist with  
Children on Sundays Groups  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney
- 10.50am Solemn Act of Remembrance at War Memorial
- 11.15am **Civic Remembrance Service**  
Preacher: Rev'd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
- 12.30pm Holy Eucharist
- 6.30pm Sung Evensong followed by Holy Eucharist  
Preacher: Rev'd Emma Dinwiddy Smith

## TODAY

Today is All Saints' Day, a major celebration of the Church year on which we honour all of the saints, known and unknown, who worshiped the Lord Jesus Christ throughout the two thousand years of history of the Church.

Tonight we celebrate All Souls or the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed when we remember those who died over the last year and all whom we love but see no longer.

## THIS WEEK

### Parish Bonfire Party

**Friday 8 November**, in the Vicarage Garden. Gates open at 6.00pm. £5 entry, under 6s free, to include hot dog, soft drink and glow sticks as well as fire-breathing and fire-juggling for everyone to enjoy. **Advance purchase only using password Bonfire2019** from <https://parishbonfireparty2019.eventbrite.co.uk>

### Church at Night Sleepover

An all-night event for young people (School Years 7-11), **8 November (8 pm) - 9 November (7 am)**!

Experience the atmospheric surroundings of St John the Baptist Church, Holland Road, participate in exciting activities, make your own pizza and waffle, get creative in the art and craft zone, let off steam with inflatable sumo wrestling and join in with hauntingly beautiful choir led worship at midnight. Join the fun! For more information: [Office@hollandparkbenefice.org](mailto:Office@hollandparkbenefice.org)

## RECENT EVENTS

### Fr Stephen's Induction

Thanks to the people from St Mary Abbots who came by coach or made their own way to support Fr. Stephen. He said that you made quite an entrance and set him off well in his new ministry.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Archdeacon's Farewell

Farewell Service for Archdeacon Stephan, **Friday, 22 November 2019 at 7pm** at St Paul's Hammersmith. You are warmly invited to attend a service of thanksgiving and farewell to mark the retirement of Archdeacon Stephan. If you would like to attend, please speak to one of the clergy know **as soon as possible** so they can let the service organisers know.

### Bishop Graham Teaching Evening Beyond the Brexit Debate Bringing the Nation Back Together

Bishop Graham has already spoken on the theme of the Incarnation at two Bishop's Teaching Evening and had planned to do so in our other four deaneries. But, in view of the urgency of the situation in the nation at the moment, has decided to speak instead on a Christian approach to Brexit. SPCK are publishing a short book he has written on the topic later in November.

Bishop Graham thinks that we as the church may have a crucial role to play in reconciliation after Brexit and these evenings will aim to help us see how we might do that as well as to help people think in Christian way about the Brexit debate.

#### Dates and Venues:

- 31 October/Holy Trinity Sloane Square/7.30pm
- 5 November/St Paul's Hammersmith/7.30pm
- 3 December/St Mary's Sunbury/7.30pm

## St Mary Abbots Christmas Fair

**Saturday 23 November**, 12pm to 4pm in the church. Lunch play and shop at our Christmas Fair. £10 kids' ticket includes unlimited access to indoor and outdoor activities:

- Bouncy Castle
- Bungee Run
- Football Shootout
- Lego Table
- Crafts
- Treasure Trail Around The Church.

Adults come in free and have lots to do and buy: Mulled wine, hot dogs, chocolate tombola, chocolate fountain and stalls to get you started on your gift shopping. Meet Santa in our special grotto (charged separately). Tickets on sale now.

<https://smachristmasfair.eventbrite.co.uk>.

If you are able to volunteer or to donate books, cakes, raffle prizes, face painting, please contact Zalfa at [zalfahanna@hotmail.com](mailto:zalfahanna@hotmail.com).

### Quiet Day – The Dream of the Rood

Our next Quiet Day will take place on **Wednesday 27 November** at Bickersteth House on Sheffield Terrace W8 7NQ, from 9.30am to 2.30pm. It will be led by Rev'd Canon Geoffrey Connor on the theme of The Dream of the Rood. *The Dream of the Rood* has been heralded by scholars as the finest expression of the Crucifixion theme in Old English poetry. Though it focuses on a motif common in Old English poetry, *The Dream of the Rood* is unique in describing it from the viewpoint of the Cross and within the context of a dream vision.

Please contact Fr Jonathan if you would like to go or sign up in church.

### Friends of St Mary Abbots Event

**5 December.** "An Evening Round the Mayor's Christmas Tree" in the Mayor's Parlour, Kensington Town Hall with Christmas Music from Opera Star Lola G, Christmas Poetry and an International Christmas Buffet with treats from around the world. Sponsored by Knight Frank Kensington. Tickets are now available either from the Vestry or via [sma-mayorsevening.eventbrite.co.uk](http://sma-mayorsevening.eventbrite.co.uk). Further details from Steven Atack, Founding Patron at [steveatack@aol.com](mailto:steveatack@aol.com). Renewal of memberships are now due. Single Members £15, Couples £25 and Ten Year £100.

### Handel's Messiah

This year's performance of Handel's Messiah will take place on **Sunday 8 December at 6.30 pm**. Tickets are £20 and are available online from <https://smamessiah2019.eventbrite.co.uk>.

## CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PRACTICE

### Food Bank

Please continue to support the foodbank

A typical food donation includes:

Food Items: Cereal; Soup; Pasta; Rice; Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce; Lentils, beans and pulses; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tea/coffee; Tinned fruit; Biscuits; UHT milk; juice;  
Non-food items:

- Toiletries: deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes
- Household: detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid
- Feminine products: sanitary towels and tampons
- Baby supplies: nappies, baby wipes and baby food.