

In Our Prayers This Week

Father, I abandon myself in hands. Do with me whatever you will. Whatever you may do I thank you. I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me and all your creatures. I wish no more than this. Into your hands I commend my soul. I offer it to you with all the love of my heart. For I love you Lord and so need to give myself, surrender myself into your hands without reserve and with boundless confidence for you are my Father. Amen.

Charles de Foucauld (1858 - 1916)

Almighty God You have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of the General Synod; keep them steadfast in faith and united in love, that they may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom. Amen

As the 50 years of PRIDE celebrations come to a close, God we praise your name! It is in your name that we can be bold in our faith, and true to ourselves. Help us celebrate the beauty of our diversity, treating all your creation with respect and love.



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Sue Spicer	John Cantlie
Katie Aston	Ben	Joan Davies
Theo Bulkai	Gohar	Leo Koymans
Sarah Deal	Roger	Simon Portal
Tony Gordon	Rosie	Annie Redmile
Joan Jackson	Joseph	Sonia Samuels
Peta Jenson	Roxana	James Worsley
Michael North	<i>Those in long-term need</i>	Carl-Fredrik
Maria Reis	Sergio Avanzi	
June Scully	Vincenzo Blandini	

*Please pray for all who have died recently Charles Quinn
and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

7th July 2019



Services for Sunday 7th July Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Family Eucharist with
preschool Children on Sundays Groups
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am Choral Eucharist
Setting: Missa Brevis in B flat (K275) - MOZART
Gradual: Tibi laus, tibi gloria - PHILIPS
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

There is no 12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Taize Worship and Holy Eucharist

Monday 8th July

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

Tuesday 9th July

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

Wednesday 10th July

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

Thursday 11th July Benedict

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

Friday 12th July

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 13th July

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

Services for Sunday 14th July Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

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

11.15am Choral Matins
Benedictus: Morning Service in A flat - HARWOOD
Anthem: Geistliches Lied - BRAHMS
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Choral Evensong
Thanksgiving and celebration for Fr Stephen's ministry at St Mary Abbots

Canon Stephen's Departure

Fr Stephen writes:

We have been overwhelmed by all your kind messages over the last few weeks, as we prepare to move back into Hertfordshire and to the parish of St Paul's Walden with Preston, where I am to be team vicar, and also for all your good wishes to Angela who is having major hip surgery on Monday of this week. Thank you all so much for your kind thoughts - they are much appreciated.

Sadly, Angela will miss next Sunday's special evensong. This is at 5pm (so you can hopefully just manage to watch the men's Wimbledon finals and come along afterwards). You are warmly invited to this. Sunday 14 July at 5pm with drinks afterwards.

My last Sunday will in fact be Sunday 28th July.

My licensing at All Saints St Paul's Walden will be on Monday 28 October in the evening, and I do hope some of you will be able to come out and join us.

onHand

onHand provide simple services to older adults using local volunteers. We cover basic needs like shopping, gardening, cooking, popping to the chemist and other errands or just sharing a tea and a chat. All our volunteers are DBS checked and interviewed. beonhand.co.uk

onHand would love to hear from you if you would like to be a volunteer or if you know someone who would benefit from their support.

Prayer for the Cricket and Football World Cup

Alas you were either not praying sufficiently hard for our nation's women or it was God's will to see the United States and the Netherlands battling it out for the trophy. You may consider which of these two scenarios you believe to be the more likely.

All of our hope is now founded on the cricket team who despite their best efforts have made it into the final four at the world cup. Please do a better job of praying them through to the final.

Bible Study

Our series on the Book of Acts has come to a conclusion and we will be returning in September with our next offering.

Alzheimer's Society - the Prudential 100

Christine Gabbitass writes: Since I am unemployed at the moment, I have decided to raise some money for the Alzheimer's Society by signing up to ride the Prudential 100 mile cycle event on Sunday August 4th. Those of you who see me and my mother in the Matins congregation will know why this is a cause dear to my heart. When I rode last year, I learned the extraordinary power of small acts of encouragement. Knowing that friends at St Mary Abbots were thinking of me, and hearing cheering from people who turned out along the route was like rocket fuel! Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare for the big day. If you can spare a small contribution to my fundraising target, I have a site at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christinegabbitass> Every little helps!

Healing Eucharist

Our next Healing Eucharist with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil will take place at 2pm on 17th July. Please do invite friends who may benefit both from this ministry and from a cup of tea afterwards.

A Week of Accompanied Prayer

Do you work in the City of London? Do you long to take a little time out to reflect on your life but for one reason or another are unable to get away? The London Centre for Spiritual Direction in Lombard Street is offering an opportunity to step back and take a look at your life in a "A Week of Accompanied Prayer."

Weeks of Accompanied Prayer work around your routine and responsibilities - a bit like taking a retreat within your daily life. During the week, you will be given the opportunity to try different ways of praying with material suited to your personal needs, and you will be guided as to how to go about it. Over five days, you will be invited to try to pray with the material on your own for half an hour a day, and you will meet with a trained spiritual director for up to half an hour a day who will support you.

Date: 14 - 20 July 2019

Times: Sunday 14 July 2.30pm-4pm

Monday 15 - Friday 19: half-hour daily meeting to suit you
Saturday 20 July 11am - 12.30pm

Venue: London Centre for Spiritual Direction The Church of St Edmund the King Lombard Street London EC3V 9EA

Cost: £35, but you may like to give more

Book online: www.lcsd.org.uk/events/wap

For further information, email: Alison.Christian@lcsd.org.uk

Save the date

8th September. Our Patronal Festival and the Collation & Induction of the Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith, 3pm.

Safeguarding

In the light of recent reports and the multitude of brave survivors sharing their stories, bishop Sarah wrote to the clergy of London Diocese last week saying:

"The Church is called to reflect the nature of Jesus Christ, the nature of God, and I believe that our churches should be places of safety - places in which people can seek and find refuge. Yet, I have heard such deeply saddening stories from survivors of abuse, including where we have got it wrong in the past. While as a Church and a Diocese we continue to make progress in our safeguarding practices, those harrowing stories must drive our commitment to a safe Church."

May I take this opportunity to reassert our commitment as a church to safeguarding vulnerable children and adults. At any time you can approach the clergy or our Safeguarding Officer: Andrew Freestone safeguardingofficer@smaw8.org to speak in confidence. May I also remind you that all Christians have a responsibility to speak out in any situation in which they believe there may be a safeguarding concern.

St Mary Abbots Pilgrimage

A date for our annual Autumn Pilgrimage has been set. **Sunday 22nd September at 10.45am.** We will be leaving after the 9.30am service and walking to St Paul's Cathedral. After lunch in the cafeteria we will be being shown around the cathedral by one of the canons. Everyone is welcome. The journey is about 5 miles and can be covered on foot, scooter, wheelchair or horseback. If you want to take public transport and meet us there then aim to arrive for 1pm.

General Synod

If you are reading this on Sunday morning you will be doing so as the legislative body of the church, The General Synod, meets in York. Amongst other things discussion this week will include responding to youth violence; safeguarding; clergy wellbeing; covenant with the Methodist Church; refugees and the mission of the church. Please keep all delegates in your prayers this week.