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| ***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:***  *We pray for all victims of terrorism, war and violence, and natural disaster,*  *including refugees and those driven from home to escape poverty and famine.*  *Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially*  FREDDY BIRCHER  JEANCARR-GOMM  BETTY DOWDELL  WENDELL CADAGAN  BILL KIRKPATRICK  JAMIE MARSDEN  DIANA NICOL  MARK REDMAN  CHARLOTTE REEVE  PATRICK SHINE  MARGARETA SJOQVIST  ULRIKE SONDHI  JANET TOMES  SUSAN YOUNG  ROXANNA ZADVORNY  *Pray for all who have died recently*  CHARLES SMYTHE  GEORGINA BRADY  YVONNE ENROEDI  OTTO FISHER  *Pray for the repose of the souls of those whose year’s mind falls at this time.*  ELYSSA LOCKHART (15 Feb)  RICHARD GATEHOUSE (15 Feb)  WILLIAM WILSON (18 Feb) |

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**ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH**

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|  | **NEWSLETTER**  **for the week beginning**  **14th February 2016** |  |

***Sunday 14th FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT***

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

*Epistle:* 2 Corinthians 6. 1-10

*Gospel:* Matthew 4. 1-11

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

**with preshool *Children on Sunday* Groups**

*Reading:* Romans 10. 8b-13

*Gospel:* Luke 4. 1-13

*Preacher:* The Revd Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS LEADING INTO CHORAL EUCHARIST

*Old Testament:* Jonah 3

*New Testament:* Luke 18. 9-14

*Preacher:* The Rev’d Philip Welsh

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

*same lections as 8.00*

6.30pm PLAINCHANT EVENSONG & HOLY COMMUNION

*Old Testament:* Micah 6. 1-8

*New Testament:* Luke 5. 27-39

*Preacher:* The Rev’d Jenny Welsh

***Monday 15th February*** *Commemoration of St Sigfrid*

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral of Yvonne Enroedi

1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST ‘Sunday on Monday’

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Tuesday 16th February***

8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST – *Book of Common Prayer*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Wednesday 17th February Janani Luwum***

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

12.00pm Funeral of Georgina Brady

2.00pm HEALING EUCHARIST with Laying-on-of-Hands and Anointing

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Thursday 18th February***

7.10am Morning Prayer

9.30am HOLY EUCHARIST - *said*

2.30pm Funeral of Charles Smyth

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Friday 19th February Ember Day***

7.10am Morning Prayer

7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

*1.05pm RCM Students Recital*

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Saturday 20th February Ember Day***

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Sunday 21st February 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT***

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

*Epistle:* 1 Thessalonians 4. 1-8

*Gospel:* Matthew 15. 21-28

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

**with *Children on Sunday* Groups**

*Old Testament:* Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18

*New Testament:* Philippians 3. 17 – 4. 1

*Gospel:* Luke 13. 31-35

*Preacher:* The Rev’d Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

*Old Testament:* Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16

*New Testament:* Romans 11. 13-24

*Preacher:*

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

*Epistle:* 1 Thessalonians 4. 1-8

*Gospel:* Matthew 15. 21-28

6.30pm PLAINCHANT EVENSONG & HOLY EUCHARIST

*Old Testament:* Jeremiah 22. 1-9, 13-17

*New Testament:* Luke 14. 27-33

*Preacher:* The Rev’d Gillean Craig

***THE SOLEMN SEASON OF LENT***

*began last Wednesday, as our church and services bear witness.*

*The liturgical colour is penitential purple;*

*no flowers decorate the church;*

Gloria *is replaced by* Kyrie eleison;

*the A-Word is completely banned in liturgy and hymn;*

*we exchange our customary Anglican Chant for the ancient and austere Plainchant.*

**Today Sunday 14th February:**

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| AA_3884_009A | **11.15**  **Choral Matins** & **Eucharist**  Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist – today, penitential music suitable for Lent: Lotti’s *Missa Brevis;* and Locke’s *Lord, Let Me Know My End* |

***SUPPORT RWANDAN REFUGEES***

*Marie-Christine Nibagwire works with a Rwandan Women refugees’ sewing project in Kenya. She has for sale a selection of their vibrant, colourful & practical bags & aprons. Her thanks to all those who have already purchased one – she still has more! Marie-Christine 07904 211 018, or* [*saferefuge@hotmail.co.uk*](mailto:saferefuge@hotmail.co.uk)*. (More details - [www.saferefugerwanda.org](http://www.saferefugerwanda.org/))*

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|  | **‘I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU FED ME’**  ***Our thanks to everyone who gives so generously to the*** |

***DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK***

We collect on Sundays and at the Thursday school Eucharist to support our **LOCAL FOODBANK, in the Dalgarno Community Centre in North Kensington**.  Handbills in church provide the shopping lists. We deliver the gifts each Thursday morning. *Further details from Jenny Welsh*

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|  | **2.00pm this Wednesday – 17 February**  **EUCHARIST OF HEALING**  **with Laying-on of hands and Anointing**  If you have a friend or neighbour who might value this ministry why not bring them; or if not, still come along to support the sick with your prayers and/or provide sandwiches, scones or cake for the tea that follows the service. Our thanks to all who help in this way |

1.05pm Friday Lunchtime

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL**

This week: music for viola, Piano trio and violin & piano by BACH, BEETHOVEN, PROKOFIEV string Quartet. The flier has details of all the Recitals up to Easter – take one for you and lots for your musical friends.

**DRIVERS NEEDED**

A few committed members of St Mary Abbots can no longer make their way to the Sunday service that they have loved for many years – if YOU drive to church, might you be able to offer a lift? Speak to the clergy.

**ST. MARY ABBOTS'  BOOK CLUB**

will next meet at 2.30pm on **Thursday 25th February** to discuss **Margaret Atwood’s *Moral Disorder*.** After the discussion we will enjoy a friendly and delicious tea.  New members are welcome, please contact Anita Quinn for details: [Ann\_Q@Hotmail.co.uk](https://btmail.bt.com/invalidurl.gif)

**VICAR’S INSTALLATION AS PREBENDARY OF ST PAUL’S**

Fr Gillean will be Installed as the Prebend of Caddington Minor in St Paul’s Cathedral on Sunday March 6th (Mothering Sunday, unfortunately) at 3.15pm Evensong. All of course are warmly welcome at that service. We expect to have some tickets available that are supposed to give a slightly better view than the pot-luck places – we’ll be advertising how you might apply for one.

***PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION***

***Meetings now underway***

**We’re gathering our annual preparation Confirmation courses:**

Graham, our Bishop of Kensington, is booked to administer this sacrament here on Wednesday 25th May. We take the process

of preparation very seriously, and offer a four-month course of weekly sessions exploring Christian faith and practice, starting in a couple

of weeks and extending through the crucial church seasons of

Lent, Eastertide, Ascension and Pentecost.

We prepare children from school year 5, about the age of 9+,

and we’ll have groups of children, teenagers and adults. Remember,

no-one’s too old: we’re aware of many adults who have not been confirmed or who, even if they receive the Sacrament, have not gone through

this vital process. The weekly study and discussion groups explore the major themes of Christian belief and practice, so we may play our full part in the church’s life. Last week we held the first meeting – but its not too late to join in. For more details email [*gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org*](mailto:gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch.org)

***THE SOLEMN SEASON OF LENT***

*is not a time of* ***negatives*** *– rather of* ***simplification****, of cutting-back, of pruning to encourage stronger and healthier growth, so that we may the better concentrate on what really matters. Although we focus particularly on our failure to use aright the talents, skills and time that God gives us, and assist this focus by fasting, here at St Mary Abbots we offer a rich diet of ways in which we can deepen our relationship with God.*

*The special* **LENT LEAFLET** *contains full details, but here’s some highlights:*

**Tuesday 12noon Lent Group**

Starting this week, each Tuesday, after the 11.30 Eucharist, we’ll share a simple lunch then look at the week’s Book of Common Prayer Epistle.

**Thursday 7.30pm Lent Study Course**

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|  | **OUR WORK**  **AND**  **OUR FAITH**  ***What do we actually do?***  ***What is our day-to-day work?***  **How do its responsibilities**  **and opportunities relate to our**  **Christian faith and discipleship?**  *Our Congregation is made up of people with the most remarkable work and professions – it is fascinating to discover what your neighbour in the pew actually does!* |

*Each week we’ll serve a light supper. If you plan to come, please let us know – email jenny.welsh*[*@stmaryabbotschurch,org*](mailto:Gillean.craig@stmaryabbotschurch,org)

*or by signing the list in church*.

**This week February 18: Sir PETER MARSHALL** KCMG CVO

Sir Peter has had the most distinguished career - Diplomat, UN Representative, Commonwealth Deputy Secretary General. He speaks to us from a lifetime’s commitment to working for justice and peace.

For our ***charitable giving*** - the **DIOCESAN LENT APPEAL**

in aid of persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria

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|  | and a **LENT QUIET DAY:**  **HOME OR AWAY?**  Led by the Vicar at St Mary’s Convent, Chiswick on **Wednesday 24 February from 9.30-3.00**. Details on posters & fliers. To book your place email or sign the list in church. It comprises Addresses, silence, lunch, refreshments. To help cover costs, we invite a **voluntary** donation of £10ish. |

**Last week we repeated last year’s innovation of a new**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MINISTRY:**

at three key periods throughout the day small teams of us went **outside the church**, by the War Memorial, offering a prayer card and to sign the foreheads of all who wanted with the sign of the cross in holy ash. The response was really moving – a good proportion of the passers-by, both young and old, locals and visitors (even a few cyclists waiting at the traffic light and a couple of Council gardeners) were pleased to be ashed.

*Our thanks to those of you who shared this ministry with us.*

**REFUGEES AND THE CHURCH**

The recent open Deanery Synod Meeting was moving, informative and compelling. We are putting together proposals as to how St Mary Abbots can help in response to the Syrian refugee crisis. We heard about:

*† The borough Welcome Committee set up to co-ordinate responses*

*† How our churches can help make this new policy work*

**If you want to know more, speak to the clergy in the first place.**

**SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday 2 March**

If you’re on our database you should receive by post in the next couple of days a personal invitation to the launch event – if you don’t get one by midweek email [appeal@stmaryabbotschurch.org](mailto:appeal@stmaryabbotschurch.org)

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| ***On the evening of Wednesday 2 March we will be inviting all adult members of our congregations to the LAUNCH OF THE APPEAL***  ***TO FUND PHASE 2 OF OUR WHOLESALE RENOVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF***  ***St MARY ABBOTS*** | cid:B15BD42F-E53F-4A8B-80B2-78333937F8FB |