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| ***IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:****We pray for all victims of terrorism, war and violence, and natural disaster, for all refugees and those driven from home to escape poverty and famine**We pray for all those newly elected* *to local and regional government.**We pray for all those baptised recently*AVA ASHRAF-KASHANI*We pray for all those preparing for Confirmation at this time,* *members of our Junior and our Adult Groups*RACHEL AGBONLE : OTTO BARROWSOPHIE BECKITT : NICHOLAS BOWYERESIN CELEBI : CASSIUS CAMPBELL : RONA DAVIS HARRY DURTNALL : UMA EICKELBERG GWENDOLINE ENGLISH : ADRIANA FAGERHOLM ANDREW GIBLIN : EMMA GIBLIN : WILLIAM GOVE NAZANIN KARVAR : LAN KE : GRACE KERYACOS EVA KNIGHTLEY : OKSANA KNIGHTLEY : ANNA LUND HAL MCILWAIN : MOLLIE NELSON : LUKA PALMER JAEYUN PARK : DAVID PILLINGGRACIE ROBINSON LABIA : FILIPE KE WANGKEWEN WANG : ANGELINE ZHU*Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially*JOHN C : JEANETTE CLOW : DAPHNE CRAIG ADA DA LUCA : OLWEN HASLAM : SICILLE KOTELAWALA : GILL LONGVILLE : ROSE MURPHY CLAIRE O’DONOGHUE : MICHAEL PROBERT AUDREY RASKIN : LARRY ROLLAND : ENID STUBBS ANN THOKOZUNE : JANET TOMES : JAMES WORSLEY : SUSAN YOUNG : ELIZABETH ZODWA*Pray for all who have died recently*CHRISTOPHER THURSBY-PELHAM : BRIAN BURDETT JACK B. : ALFRED REEVE*Pray for the repose of the souls of those whose year’s mind falls at this time.* KATHLEEN TURNER : NOEL COLEMAN RUBY JEFFREY  |

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**ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH**

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|  | **NEWSLETTER****for the week beginning****8th May 2016** |  |

***Sunday 8th May SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION***

 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

 *Epistle:* 1 Peter 4. 7-11 *Gospel:* Jn 15. 26 – 16. 4a

 9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

 *First Reading:* Acts 16. 16-18

 *Second Reading:* Revelation 22. 12-14 16-17, 20-21

  *Gospel:* John 17. 20-26

 *Sermon:* The Revd Philip Welsh

 **11.15am** **CHORAL MATINS**

 *Old Testament:* Isaiah 44. 1-8

 *New Testament:* Ephesians 4. 7-16

 *Preacher:* The Rev’d Gillean Craig

 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

 6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG *followed by* HOLY COMMUNION

 *Old Testament:* Deuteronomy 34

 *New Testament:* Luke 24. 44-53

 *Preacher:* The Rev’d Jenny Welsh

***Monday 9th May***

 8.30am Morning Prayer

 1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST *Sunday on Monday*

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Tuesday 10th May***

 8.30am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST – *Book of Common Prayer*

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Wednesday 11th May***

 7.10am Morning Prayer

 7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

 *1.05pm Meditation Group*

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Thursday 12th May***

 7.10am Morning Prayer

 9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

 *led by St Mary Abbots School – all welcome*

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Friday 13th May***

 7.10am Morning Prayer

 7.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

 *1.05pm RCM Students’ Recital*

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Saturday 14th May St Matthias***

 9.40am Morning Prayer

 10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

 5.30pm Evening Prayer

***Sunday 15th May PENTECOST***

 8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

 *First Lesson:* 1 Peter 2. 19-end

 *Gospel:* John 10. 11-16

9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST with Preschool Group

 *Reading:* Acts 2. 1-13

 *Gospel:* John 14. 8-17

 *All-Age Presentation*

 **11.15am** **CHORAL MATINS *leading into***

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

 *Old Testament:* Exodus 33. 7-20

 *New Testament:* John 16. 4b-15

 *Preacher:* The Vicar, The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

 ***NB no 12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST today***

6.30pm **SOLEMN EVENSONG AND**

 **LICENSING AS OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST OF**

 **THE REVD STEPEHEN FIELDING**

 *Old Testament:* Isaiah 40. 12-23

 *New Testament:* John 14. 8-17

 *Preacher:* The Ven Stephan Welsh,

 Archdeacon of Middlesex

Your Kingdom Come

The Archbishops of Canterbury have challenged the Church of England to create a great **‘WAVE OF PRAYER’** for the Evangelisation of our nation,

in this week that leads up to Pentecost, May 8th-15th. All the tickets for the London Diocese’s great service at St Paul’s to support this initiative have been booked! That is, perhaps, quite remarkable news in itself. For details of this national movement see <http://thykingdom.co.uk/about>

Their Graces tell us:

*At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us –*

*‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’ It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.*

Here at St Mary Abbots, we have drawn from the material on offer **PRAYER CARDS** that we are handing out to all. We encourage all members of our fellowship to use them, day by day, in the coming week, as a model for your own prayers. Based on the Lord’s Prayer you can use it wherever you are: at home around the kitchen table, on the bus, at the office. Pray it slowly, pausing between each phrase, and offering your own intercessions for the world, and for the revealing of God’s Kingdom. We will be sharing in a great Wave of Prayer, not just from St Mary Abbots, but from the whole Church of England throughout our land.

**CALLING ALL [WOULD-BE] SIDESMAN**

Our Sidesmen (of both sexes) carry out an ancient office that is essential

to the proper running of our public worship: we are very grateful to you all. Existing Sidesmen should already have been invited to a **TRAINING EVENING** on **Wednesday 18th May**. But in addition to those already on

he list, this would be an ideal time for new people to join. We need more volunteers: with more people the duties could be quite infrequent.

*See the wardens Jamie and Hannah, or Nigel Grieve, for more information.*

**Fr DAVID WALSH**

All at church last Sunday were saddened to hear that Fr David, the Priest with Special Responsibility for St Philips Earls Court Road, is to leave Kensington to take up the post of Rector of Kettering in Northamptonsire. Newer members of our fellowship might be unaware of how much he played a part in the life and worship of St Mary Abbots when he first joined us: over the last ten years he has quite remarkably built up St Philip’s to its current situation, where we are planning for its separate from St Mary Abbots as its own, independent, parish once more. He has also of course been our Area Dean in recent years, making a vital contribution to the life of our Area and Diocese far beyond the parish. I will miss him particularly, as a loyal and invigorating colleague. We will in July have a chance to say Thankyou and Godspeed to him and his wife Carys: *we pray for them and St Philips.*

**1.05pm Friday 13th May RSM STUDENTS’ RECITAL**

Music for piano solo by CHOPIN; for Cello and Piano by PADEREWSKI. Admission free – all welcome, light refreshments available.

**NEXT SUNDAY 15th May is the great Feast of PENTECOST**

**and we offer our special once-a-month provision:**

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|  | **9.30** **Family Eucharist** An All-age modern language service designed so that the whole family can worship together. Younger members of our fellowship will play many roles: sidesmen, taking the collection, acting as servers and readers. Next Sunday’s theme: **‘The Gifts of the Spirit’**  |

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| **11.15 Choral Matins** & **Choral Eucharist** Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist –this month especially splendid music: Victoria’s ***Missa Laetatus Sum*** *for THREE Choirs!****Loquebantur Variis*** by PhilipsAnd ***Dum Complerentur*** *by Hassler* | Giotto-Scrovegni-%5B39%5D-Pentecost |

**Friday 1.05pm Royal College of Music STUDENT RECITAL**

These performances by greatly talented young musicians cannot be praised too highly. Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

**GEORGE AND JANE MACALLAN**

We are very sorry that George has decided to take early retirement from his post as our Head Virger. We will of course set an occasion at which we can properly express to them both our deep appreciation for all that they have brought to the life of St Mary Abbots. Jane has been the most wonderful Hon Archivist; George is the public face of the church six days out of seven, and brought great dignity to our worship. The **Churchwardens** are accepting donations towards a presentation (cheques made out to St Mary Abbots, envelopes clearly marked ‘MacAllan Presentation’, please).

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING: MAY 15th at 6.30pm**

**The Archdeacon of Middlesex joins us for the WELCOME AND LICENSING**

**of The Revd STEPHEN FIELDING**

**SOLEMN EVENSONG OF PENTECOST**

**Our Professional and Voluntary Choirs accompanied by**

**the PURCELL PLAYERS Baroque Ensemble**

*HANDEL: Organ Concerto in A*

*PERTI: Magnificat in D*

*MONTEVERDI: Beatus Vir*

We’re delighted that Stephen will be joining our Clergy Team.

He will have a .75 post with us, working on Sundays and 3.5 weekdays, and will be responsible for setting up a vital and innovative

HIGH STREET MINISTRY (watch out for further details).

We look forward to welcoming him and his wife Angela,

and wish them great happiness here with us.

*In Time-Honoured fashion, we invite members of our congregation to provide a platter or two of canapés/finger food for the reception afterwards, when we will offer hospitality to our many and distinguished guests.*

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| Description: caidlogo | **Christian Aid Week** **15-21 May**  |

It’s only one week away now!    We’re delighted that this year we have once more permission to collect in the Kensington High Street Tube on the weekdays, and welcome offers of help particularly between 7.30 and 9.30 am;  but also throughout the day, when we will share the duties with members of Kensington UR Church.  *We need YOUR help - Please ad your name to the sign-up sheet by the sidesmen’s table, or speak to Jenny*

**Christian Aid Sponsored Walk - Sunday 22 May**

Despite the foot operation whose effect he milked as much as possible throughout the autumn and winter, the Vicar is bestirring himself to undertake the Christian Aid ‘Circle the City’ Sponsored Walk once more. Can he for yet another year raise more sponsorship money than any other walker? That’s entirely up to you! Much the simplest way to give is via my justgiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/GilleanCraig2016>. But you can also follow the various methods outlined in the leaflet available in church.

*Some Key Dates for your Diaries:*

**MULTI-FAITH PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE**

On Saturday 21st May 31st RBKC’s Faith Link invites us to join with people of many faiths to visit places/communities of worship in the London Boroughs of Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster.   This pilgrimage will visit mosques; temples, churches in and around our own area, and will be a chance to get to know our neighbours, by sharing food, fellowship and conversation.   For more information about times and schedule,  email  jondaldin@rcdow.org.uk

**Wednesday 25th May 7.00pm ANNUAL CONFIRMATION**

Just a couple of weeks away now. One of the most important events in St Mary Abbots year, one that most parishes would long for, as we present some twenty-eight adult and junior candidates to be Confirmed by the Bishop of Kensington. It is a celebration for the whole congregation – not just the families and friends of the candidates.

*Do book the date & pray for them on their journey of preparation.*

**Saturday 18th June ROYAL GARDEN FETE**

Our annual Summer Fete will have a very special theme this year, as we join in the nation’s celebration of The Queen’s 90th Birthday. Expect a new Look!

As we turn our thoughts to the summer fair ...our "Royal Garden Fete " this year in aid of The Appeal Anna McNally would gratefully receive any item of good quality children's clothing that you no longer need.  We would also love to receive your unwanted children's books and toys which remain in good condition. These can be left at The St Mary Abbots Centre marked clearly for Anna's attention. Alternatively please contact Anna directly on 07899 790534 to arrange delivery/collection.

**Thursday 23rd June CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS PARENTS**

Drinks and more in the Vicarage Garden on a Summer’s evening.

TRANSFORMING ST MARY ABBOTS

RESTORING  RENEWING  REORDERING  ENHANCING  EXTENDING

Have you intended to make a contribution to the vital Phase Two of our Grand Project: creating a flexible multi-purpose space at the back of the church for a far wider range for activities and events than is currently possible, served with a discreet new extension containing kitchen & WCs. This new financial year, with your bonus safely in, is the best time to make YOUR contribution – single donation, signing a regular covenant, or both! You’ll find all the details in church – be sure to pick up your copies today.

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|  | All responses to Head of Fundraising Karen Bryant: appeal@stmaryabbotschurch.org |