

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We continue to pray for all the victims of the
GRENFELL TOWER DISASTER
and for those seeking to support survivors and rebuild lives

We pray for St Mary Abbots School
and for all schools and places of education
at the start of a new academic year;
for children, especially those who are anxious;
for those starting at new schools and seeking friends;
for teachers and staff that they may be refreshed;
for all carers and parents

We pray for those preparing for Holy Baptism, especially
ZECHARIAH HONG GUAN POH

We pray for those recently married, especially
MAX & ANA QUIN

We pray for new Clergy in our Deanery:
Fr PHILIP BARNES (St Stephen, Gloucester Road)
The Revd PIPPA TURNER (St Philip, Earls Court Road)
The Revd PAT ALLERTON (St Peter's, Notting Hill)

Please pray for the sick and those in distress, especially
SAMIR ABOURAHME : VINCENZO ACCURSO
SERGIO AVANZI : FRIEDA BILGER : VINCENZO BLANDINI
SHEILA BRADSHAW : TOVAH CAMERON : JOAN DAVIES
JOHN DIXON-SIMPSON : NICK ERIKSEN : TONY GORDON
MICHELLE HARDMAN : JEREMIAH JUNG : HILAL KIBBARA
LEO KOYMANS : JOAN MARTIN : EDWARD McNALLY
ISABEL MILNER : ROSE MURPHY : AUDREY RASKIN
PETER ROBERTS : CECILY SCOTT : JUNE SCULLY
GODERT VON CAMPE : IRIS WOON : CARL-FREDRIK
CAROLYN : GOHAR : MICHAEL

Please pray for all who have died recently
ELIZABETH DAWNAY : GAY RABER : BERNARD CLOW

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
HILDA GREENE (3 September)
ELLA DUFFY (9 September)

Central Kensington Group Ministry

ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
3rd September 2017



Sun 3rd September 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3. 4-9
Gospel: Mark 7. 31-37

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST with preschool Children on Sunday Group

Reading: Romans 12. 9-21
Gospel: Matthew 16. 21-28
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

Old Testament: Jonah 3. 1-9
New Testament: Revelation 3. 14-end
Preacher: The Revd Preb Gillean Craig

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
same readings as at 8.00am

6.30pm TAIZE PRAYER & HOLY EUCHARIST
'Our home with God'

Monday 4th September Commemoration of Birinus

8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday'
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 5th September

7.00am Morning Prayer
7.30am WELL-BEING BREAKFAST
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP)
1.30pm Funeral – Gay Raber RIP
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 6th Sept Comm'n of Allen Gardiner

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST & HOLY BAPTISM
1.05pm Meditation Group.
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 7th September

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST
St Mary Abbots School Service – all welcome
2.30pm Rainbow Poetry Circle – 'The Return'
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 8th September BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 9th September Commem'n Charles Fuge Lowder

9.40am Morning Prayer
10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sun 10th September 13th SUN AFTER TRINITY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
First Lesson: Galatians 3. 16-22
Gospel: Luke 10. 23b-37

9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST with preschool Children on Sunday Groups

Reading: Romans 13. 8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18. 15-20

11.15am CHORAL MATINS & EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Ezekiel 12. 21 – 13. 16
New Testament: Mark 7. 24-end
Preacher: The Revd Stephen Fielding

No 12.30pm Service Today

4.00pm SOLEMN EUCHARIST OF THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

No 6.30pm Service Today

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NEWCOMERS TO OUR CHURCH AND SERVICES

As we return to some semblance of normality after the summer break let's remember that this is the time of the year when the greatest number of people wonder whether, after all, there may be something in all this God stuff and come to church either for the first time or after a long break. For those who aren't hardened worshippers services can seem a strange and daunting experience. Of course, it's precisely at this time that we old hands look forward to meeting all our dear friends again and swapping holiday snaps etc (the clergy are always moved by how many people make their closest friends in church). But please look out for new faces, young and old. We don't need to be excessively, gushingly, overwhelming. For many people nothing could be more off-putting, and we must respect those who come to church precisely to be alone with God. But a welcoming smile, help with finding their place in the service booklet and hymn book (I'm talking to that minority of our regular congregation who have worked out how to do this), and at the 9.30 explaining to those who bring children just where they will find the children's groups, etc, can make all the difference to people, helping them to realise that the love of God, rather than his stern distant frown of disapproval, is really present and active with us. And this ministry, which we all share, continues after the service, especially over the refreshments. *Please do seek out our visitors and newcomers and make them welcome*

6.30 Tonight Sunday 3rd September

TAIZÉ PRAYER

'Our Home with God'

We're always delighted to welcome members of other churches who are drawn to our monthly Taizé service where the worship is expressed through simple chants, developed in the Ecumenical community based in Burgundy. Why not join them for this peaceful and moving service?

BACK TO (St MARY ABBOTS) SKOOL

Tues 5th & Wed 6th September 9.00-9.30am & Wed 1.15pm
REFRESHMENTS FOR PARENTS. Our school begins its new year on Tuesday, and as always we'll be delighted to offer new and first-time parents, friendship and understanding – not to mention coffee and croissants – as they leave their children at the school gate for the first time (the children themselves are usually perfectly happy). We also look forward to old friends returning after the summer break. ***We need volunteers to help with this much-valued provision: please contact clergy or churchwardens.***

CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

As the new school year begins we will be welcoming new families into our community and, we hope, will have an increased demand on our Sunday provision for children. As the budding economists amongst you know an increased demand must be met by an increased supply.

The Lord in his generosity has provided us with all we need and even now he is calling people from this congregation into ministry with our young people and children. If you have discerned the whisper of the calling of the Holy Spirit on your life to support, care and teach our children on Sundays then please speak to Martina Sadvoska our Children on Sundays Coordinator & Children's Champion or a member of the clergy. Contact details can be found on the back cover.

TRANSFER DEADLINE

September opens with a remarkable influx of clergy in the Deanery of Kensington – the process kickstarted, of course, by our own Fr Jonathan On Tuesday 5th September at 7.00pm **Fr PHILIP BARNES** will be welcomed as Priest-in-Charge of **St Stephen Gloucester Road** Closer to home for us, we will share in the rejoicing of our dear friends and neighbours at St Philip, Earls Court Road as they welcome as their Vicar on Wednesday 6th September **The Revd PIPPA TURNER**. And on Tuesday 12th at 7.00pm **St Peter's Notting Hill** finally welcomes its new Vicar: **The Revd PAT ALLERTON**

All are welcome to these services: please remember them in your prayers

NEXT SUNDAY 10th September our special once-a-month provision:

9.30 Family Eucharist

An all-age service for the whole family to worship together. Younger members of our fellowship will play many roles: sidesmen, servers, readers, etc. Why don't your children volunteer in advance?



11.15 Choral Matins & Eucharist

Our augmented professional choir sings a full setting of the Eucharist: **SCHUBERT'S Mass in G** and **SCHUTZ's** anthem ***Was betrubst du dich?***

RAINBOW POETRY CIRCLE – all welcome

This Thursday 7th Sept at 2.30pm: Poems classic and new on 'The Return'

FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

Children from birth to 4yrs (with a parent or two) warmly welcomed at our playgroup, which meets for its first session after the holidays on Friday 8th September. Detail from laurasylvester@mac.com

Next Sunday 10 September 4.00pm

Our first treat of the Autumn:

ST MARY ABBOTS'

PATRONAL FESTIVAL



We are delighted to have secured as our Guest Preacher
LORD HENNESSY OF NYMPFIELD

Peter Hennessy is one of our most distinguished, informed and engaging Constitutional Historians, constantly invited onto our TVs and Radios to analyse and comment on current political issues and events. Now in the Upper House, he plays his part in shaping our national life, relishing what it is to be a gamekeeper after a lifetime of academic poaching! He is also a committed Christian, on the Board of the excellent RC weekly *The Tablet*. His subject will be

POLITICS AND FAITH

We can promise an address to be remembered and reflected on.

The music of the service from our combined professional and voluntary choir will enhance our worship with glorious music from an unusually wide range: Tudor (Parsons), Classical (Haydn), Romantic (Baird), and, in further marking of his 450th Anniversary, the great MONTEVERDI's *Sancta Maria*.

Your friends and neighbours will greatly appreciate these delights: be sure to invite them.

This is our annual offering of Praise and Thanksgiving for every aspect of our life here, the ministry and witness that in the power of the Holy Spirit we are enabled to make. It's also 'At Home' to all our neighbours in Christ of every denomination.

There will be a group for preschool children – they're welcome too!

EXCITING NEW MUSICAL PROVISION!

By far the largest of our Sunday congregations is the one that never hears our professional choir – so experimentally on one Sunday a month the professional quartet, at least, will join forces with the voluntary choir and offer two or three anthems/motets in the course of the 9.30 Sung Eucharist. As well as greatly enhancing our liturgy, we hope that this will encourage new singers to join the volunteers. On these Sundays 11.15 Matins will have a single professional cantor to lead the music and explore the under-valued repertoire of solo religious music.

REMEMBERING SEYMOUR DALLAS

The Revd Captain William Loraine Seymour Dallas (1884 – 20th September 1917) was curate of St Mary Abbots from 1908. He volunteered for missionary service in the Alberta Prairies ministering there from 1911-15. During that time he built several churches, including the only other St Mary Abbots in the world, in Barrhead, Alberta. Returning to Great Britain in 1915 he became an Army Chaplain with the rank of Captain and was killed in action on 20th September 1917, two days after his 33rd birthday. A **Service of Remembrance** will be held here at 11.00 on Wednesday 20th September - 100 years to the day of his death. All are welcome to remember the Revd Captain Dallas and all who perished in the Great War. A Monograph about his life is being prepared written by Steve Atack, Founding Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots.

7.30am this Tuesday 5th September - our next 'WELL-BEING BREAKFAST'

Our innovative new series of monthly breakfast meetings continues with **'MEDICINE AND WELL-BEING'**

Fr Stephen writes:

I'm delighted to say that our breakfast 'well-being' series for the Autumn gets under way with a really topical theme, namely, WELL-BEING AT WORK. Our speaker is Harley Street consultant psychiatrist, **GARY BELL**, who specialises in work-place stress and transforming performance through mental well-being. He works with a team of psychiatrists and psychologists under the name Cognacity which focuses on:

- Developing resilience in organisations, teams and individuals
- Helping people manage stress
- Optimising well-being
- Enabling leaders to build engagement and resilience
- Building sustainable high-performance teams.

All of it, I should say, highly relevant to our fast paced society. Gary works with a wide range of clients, including leading sports men and women and business leaders. He will talk about early interventions in the work place to help reduce stress and also about helping us develop good habits.

Gary, like me, is a trustee of St Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy and is an honorary consultant to St Luke's. I think you will find him extremely interesting, and I would encourage you to come and listen to him.

Tea and coffee and croissants will be served from 7.30; the celebrity speaker introduces the topic at 8.00, followed by general discussion. The session will finish by 9 o'clock to enable you to get to work on time.

If you'd like to take part contact Fr. Stephen on (020) 7937 4106; or Sophie Gaselee, on (020) 3479 4731, or email her on sg@smaw8.org.