

In Our Prayers

We pray for those who died and were injured in the terrorist attack in Mogadishu.

We give you thanks for your blessings poured out upon us.

We pray for the discernment of your Holy Spirit to guide us in the right use of our resources.

We pray for those we forget too quickly.

For those people and places that fall from our headlines and our prayers.

We give thanks for our media and those who seek to share the truth.

May the power which is theirs always be used with honesty and integrity,

Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers

TERESA BIRCHER : SHEILA BRADSHAW

SOPHIE BOYD : TIM BOYD

TOVAH CAMERON : JOHN CANTLIE

DAPHNE CRAIG : NICK ERIKSEN

TONY GORDON : BRIAN HARVEY

HASSAN HASSAN : JEREMIAH JUNG

HILAL KIBBARA : LEO KOYMANS

PETER ROBERTS : JUNE SCULLY

JAMES WORSLEY : GODERT VON CAMPE

CAROLYN : GOHAR : OYIN & DAMALOLA

Please pray for all who have died recently

DAISY BOYD : FREDDIE BIRCHER : ANNE PEASE

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

JOHN DARRELL (22 October)

ALBERT ATTACK (23 October)

GEORGE BESSADA (26 October)

LENIE DIJKHUIS (28 October)

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Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
22nd October 2017



Sunday 22nd October NINETEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER TRINITY

CW Proper A24

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle Ephesians 4. 17-32
Gospel: Matthew 9. 1-18

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with preschool Childrens Groups
The Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10
Gospel: Matthew 22. 15-22
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
Old Testament: Proverbs 4. 1-9
New Testament: 1 John 3. 16 – 4. 6
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST
6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG** then HOLY COMMUNION
Old Testament: Isaiah 54. 1-14
New Testament: Luke 13. 31-end
Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

Monday 23rd October

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

Tuesday 24th October

8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP)
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 25th October Commem'n Crispin & Crispinian

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

Thursday 26th October Alfred the Great

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am HOLY EUCHARIST (said)
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 27th October

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm Royal College of Music Students' Recital
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 28th October St Simon & St Jude

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

Sunday 29th October LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – CW Proper A25

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST
Epistle Ephesians 5. 15-21
Gospel: Matthew 22. 1-14

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**
with Extended Voluntary & Profession Choir
and Children on Sundays Groups
The Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22. 34-end
Preacher: The Revd Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am **CHORAL MATINS**
with Solo Cantor
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 11 & 12
New Testament: 2 Timothy 2. 1-7
Preacher: The Revd Gillean Craig

12.30 HOLY EUCHARIST
6.30pm **SUNG EVENSONG** then HOLY COMMUNION
Old Testament: Isaiah 54. 1-14
New Testament: Luke 13. 31-end
Preacher: The Revd Gillean Craig



Our thanks to everyone who gives so generously to the DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK

We collect on Sundays & Thursdays 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 Alice Bulkai (07973 156 599)

SEASON OF MISTS AND MELLOW FRUITFULNESS - AND STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

WHY STEWARDSHIP? *It's a vital theological truth: all things belong to God – what we have is by his grace, his free gift to us. Rather than own them, it's our task to care for, nurture them – acting as good stewards.*

If you come to St Mary Abbots at all regularly, you should have received a letter encouraging you to think hard about regular giving to support the basic week by week ministry of our church. We apologise to those of you who not only picked one up last Sunday but also received one in the post – pass the spare on to someone else!

OUR THANKS TO THOSE who have already responded either by raising their giving, or by joining the campaign for the first time. Already more than £5,000 on new money has either been given or pledged – Bravo!

From time to time we should think about our financial support for the ministry and witness of our church, ie, YOUR church. We get NO MONEY from the Government; rumours that we've vast historic reserves stashed away are, alas, entirely untrue. Yes, we make money from letting out our Church Centre and its carpark – but they don't even cover the money we have to give to the Diocese – well north of £170,000 this year. In return the Diocese pays the stipends, NI, Pensions etc etc of the Vicar, Jonathan and Stephen & maintains the Vicarage - *but we have to find every other cost ourselves to run the church and its ministry, week by week.* Last year's short campaign produced really encouraging results, and we're in a far better position than we were then. But our expectations of outside financial support for Fr Stephen's High Street Ministry have failed to materialize – so we're anticipating an income/expenditure deficit of £34,000.

In the next few weeks, by public appeal and direct personal letters, we'll be challenging YOU – do you give regularly to support the church: if not, will you in response to all the gifts of God that you receive, join our scheme to do so? And if you're already in the scheme, will you consider your level of giving? Should you increase it [or indeed, decrease it – people's circumstances go down as well as up]? The letters and leaflet give, we hope, a clear and transparent message (remember that our accounts are open for anyone to inspect).

Autumn is an ideal time to give thanks to God by supporting his church. As we give thanks for all the glorious autumn benison of God's limitless giving to us let us all respond by sharing in this support, or considering our level of giving.

We have copies of the letter in church to hand out – it may be that we have your details incorrectly in the database – or have even missed you off altogether. If you haven't got a leaflet already, then take one today: **AND KINDLY FILL IT IN!**

Our thanks to all who played their part in last Thursday's

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP QUIZ SUPPER

It was the usual glorious mixture of erudition, ignorance, food, wine and fellowship. Congratulations to the winning table – and thanks above all to VALENTINE LOW, taking on for the first time the demanding role of Quizmaster, and doing so magnificently. And amid all the new friendships made, the old friendships irreparably broken over this or that wrong answer, we hope that many new Stewardship Pledged were made.

This Friday Lunchtime at 1.05 in church

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL

We are indeed fortunate to be the venue for these splendid free concerts: we're now a few weeks into the new season. The standard of these students' performance is always amazing and moving. This week: YSAYE, POULENC, PAGANINI, BACH
Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

NEXT SUNDAY NEW MUSICAL PROVISION!

Next Sunday we hold the second of our experimental once-a-month provision: the professional quartet, whose splendid singing graces weddings and funerals and 11.15 matins here, but never our main Sunday service, will join forces with the voluntary choir and offer two or three anthems/motets in the course of the **9.30 SUNG EUCHARIST**. Our worship will be enriched by anthems/motets by Farrant, Tomkins and Harris. We are inviting the occasional volunteer singers – those who sing at Choral Evensong, Messiah etc – to join for these Sundays. As well as greatly enhancing our liturgy, we hope that this will encourage new singers to join the volunteers. We are aware that our congregation includes many excellent singers: this might just be the occasion for you to join in. Contact uglowmark@yahoo.co.uk

At **11.15 MATINS** will have instead of the usual 4-part choir a **single professional cantor** to lead the music and explore the under-valued repertoire of solo religious music – don't miss next week's BERLIOZ!

OUR AUTUMN PROGRAMME:

Some Dates to Book

PARISH BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS PARTY

Cancelled!

Due to a dangerously rotten tree with a propensity for dropping heavy boughs we regrettably announce the cancellation of the bonfire and fireworks party.

We will be contacting all those who have already purchased tickets to arrange refunds.

Sunday 5th November at 6.30pm



ALL SOULS SOLEMN REQUIEM FOR THE DEPARTED

One of our most powerful and moving services, as we pray for all those we love but see no longer. This year our extended Professional and Voluntary Choirs sing liturgically the complete

MOZART'S REQUIEM

At the heart of the service we commemorate by name those whom we wish to remember – please add the names of those you want us to pray for in this way to the lists on the sidesman's/churchwatchers' desk.

Thursday 9, Tuesday 14 & Thursday 23 November

'THE DRAMA OF MARK'

Starting on Advent Sunday, next year is the Year Of Mark – that is, the main Sunday service Gospel Readings are taken from his, the earliest of the Gospels to be written. It's also the shortest, and we're planning a radical exploration which will be based on dramatic readings of the complete text, followed by comment and discussion, all held in **church**. This will be something special – Pick up a handbill and book the dates now!



The Revd SEYMOUR DALLAS

Our Commemoration, on the centenary of the death in action of this former Curate gathers wider interest! An intrepid missionary in the wilds of Alberta, founding schools & Churches, incl the world's only other St Mary Abbots. Have you read the copies of the **Church Times** Article on the church noticeboards? And have you picked up your copy of Steve Atack's new monograph, published at his

expense to mark the centenary of Dallas's death? It's FREE (thank you for this Steve) and available from the church.

Saturday 25 November

ST MARY ABBOTS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We're putting together a team to plan and prepare for our major fundraising event of the year. To join the committee; if you've ideas, skills, sponsorship leads please contact sg@smaw8.org

Sts Crispin and Crispinian

"Thy threats do not terrify us, for Christ is our life, and death is our gain. Thy rank and possessions are nought to us, for we have long before this sacrificed the like for the sake of Christ and rejoice in what we have done. If thou shouldst acknowledge and love Christ thou wouldst give not only all the treasures of this life, but even the glory of thy crown itself in order through the exercise of compassion to win eternal life."

These words supposedly spoken by the two saints as they faced Maximianus whom Dioceltian (of persecutions fame) had appointed co-emperor. You may wonder how we have recorded so accurately this declaration of faith from their third century trial and your suspicions would not be misplaced.

The Catholic Encyclopedia states "the legend [surrounding Crispin and Crispinian] could not have arisen until a later age; it contains, moreover, many details that have little probability or historical worth and seems to have been compiled from various fabulous sources."

Nevertheless what is certain is that they faced persecution for their faith and being boldly unwilling to recant it they were martyred. Even if the words we have recorded are fictitious, they capture a Christian truth that St Paul articulates in the letter to the Philippians- "I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."