

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

*With Joy and Thanksgiving we celebrate the announcement of
The 133rd Bishop of London - the Rt Revd SARAH MULLALLY
We pray for those to whom she currently ministers and for her safe move.*

We pray for those preparing for baptism at this time, especially
BETTY EMMA BOWNES
ALARA SOPHIA FUCHS
TALLULA LEANDRA FUCHS
SIENNA IMAN FUCHS
SOPHIA ROSE MILLIGAN

*We pray for the National Health Service.
We thank you for all those who have committed their lives to caring for others.
We pray for departments under heavy strain.*

*We pray for all students returning to studies.
We pray for our school of St Mary Abbots and give thanks for our strong link.
We pray for students facing injustice and hardship.*

Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers
JOHN BIGNALL : FRIEDA BILGER
SARAH DEAL : TONY GORDON
BRIAN HARVEY : HILAL KIBBARA
LEO KOYMANS : NIGEL LEYLAND
JOAN MARTIN : ISABEL MILNER
AUDREY RASKIN : JUNE SCULLY
ALEXANDRA WATT : CAROLYN
GOHAR : OLGA
JOANNA AND FAMILY : SAMIR

Please pray for all who have died recently
BILL KIRKPATRICK : TOVAH CAMERON
SIMON EGERT

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

for the week beginning
7th January 2018



Sunday 7th January EPIPHANY SUNDAY

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson: Isaiah 60. 1-9

Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12

9.30am PROCESSION OF THE MAGI AND FAMILY EUCHARIST

with Children on Sundays Groups

Old Testament: Isaiah 60. 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 2. 1-12

Address: The Rev'd Prebendary Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS AND EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Isaih 60. 1-9

New Testament: John 2. 1-11

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Stephen Fielding

No 12.30 Holy Eucharist today

6.30pm TAIZE PRAYER & HOLY EUCHARIST

'Our Gifts for the Infant King'

Monday 8th January

8.00am Morning Prayer

1.05pm INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday'

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 9th January

8.00am Morning Prayer

11.30am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10th January Commemoration of William Laud

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm Meditation Group

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 11th January Commemoration of Mary Slessor

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST St Mary Abbots School - All welcome

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 12th January St Aelred

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am HOLY EUCHARIST

1.05pm Royal College of Music students' recital

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 13th January St Hilary

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th January SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson: Romans 12. 6-16a

Gospel: Luke 2. 1-11

9.30am RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS, HOLY BAPTISM AND SUNG EUCHARIST, with Children on Sundays Groups

Reading: Acts 19. 1-7

Gospel: Mark 1. 4-11

Preacher: The Vicar, The Rev'd Gillean Craig

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3. 1-20

New Testament: John 1. 43-end

Preacher: The Revd Stephen Fielding

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST readings as at 8.00am

6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Old Testament: Isaiah 60. 9-end

New Testament: Matthew 8. 5-13

followed by HOLY COMMUNION

**A HOLY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR:
JUSTICE AND PEACE TO OUR WORLD AND HEALING
FOR THE SICK IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2018
TODAY SUNDAY 7th JAN IS EPIPHANY SUNDAY**



Have you been following the Wise Men on their journey around the church, starting on Advent Sunday? Their great **Feast of the Epiphany** was yesterday, January 6th. But nowadays we're encouraged to keep it on the nearest Sunday, so at all our services today we're celebrating the visit to the Christ Child of the Magi and their offerings of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. The season from Christmas through to Epiphany is best understood as a single, great, feast – we keep our beautiful Christmas decorations in place, so that all may admire and enjoy them.

We keep the feast with three special services:

**9.30 FAMILY EUCHARIST
WITH PROCESSION OF THE MAGI**

With many roles in the service taken by the younger members of our fellowship, and only the preschool Children on Sundays Groups meeting

**11.15 CHORAL MATINS LEADING INTO
CHORAL EUCHARIST**

Our extended professional choir leads our worship with magnificent music: MOZART'S Missa Brevis & motets by HANDL & PHILIPS



DALGARNO TRUST FOODBANK.

Thanks to all who support this vital service, seeing increased use every week with a quarter more families being supported this Christmas. George, foodbank supremo, was delighted to be able to provide Christmas hampers: *"These hampers were targeted at individuals /families below the poverty-line, that without intervention would not be able to support their basic food requirements, let alone celebrate Christmas."*

Please continue to support this generously by dropping off food at the vestry. Pick-ups every Thursday. We especially thank our co-ordinator **Alice Bulkai**

STANDARD WEEKDAY SERVICE TIMES RESUME!

Many other parishes and clergy are amazed to learn that we offer every day of the year Morning Prayer, Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer. We know, on the contrary, that it is one of the most important things that we do, each day welcoming a wide range of people seeking God's presence and grace. The numbers at the services may be small – but they are faithful and steady, and those who come speak movingly about how central it is to their lives. Perhaps the start of a New Year would be an excellent time for YOU to start / resume a commitment to sharing in one or more of our weekday services?

Morning Prayer	8.00am	EVERY DAY (Saturday 9.40)
Monday:	1.05pm	'Sunday on Monday' Informal Eucharist
Tuesday:	11.30am	Book of Common Prayer Eucharist
Wednesday:	8.15am	Holy Eucharist
Thursday:	9.30am	St Mary Abbots School SUNG EUCHARIST
Friday:	8.15am	Holy Eucharist
Saturday:	10.00am	Holy Eucharist
Evening Prayer	5.30am	EVERY DAY

FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

Children from birth to 4yrs (with a parent or two) warmly welcomed at our playgroup, now meeting again after the Christmas break, in StMA Centre, Vicarage Gate W8 4HN. Details from laurasylvester@mac.com

**The new season of 1.05pm Friday Lunchtime starts this week
ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC STUDENT RECITAL**

This week: Debussy *Première rhapsodie* for clarinet & Rachmaninov's 1st Piano Sonata. There's a flier with details of all the Recitals between now and Easter – take one for you and lots for your musical friends. You can eat your lunchtime sandwich, & there's tea & coffee

COLLECTIONS AT CHRISTMAS

were dedicated equally to **SAVE THE CHILDREN** and **THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY**, charities working with children in great need both at home and throughout the world. The Nine Lessons & Carols, Christmas Eve Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Services totaled **£2,210**

**Next Sunday 14th January we celebrate
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

The 9.30am Sung Eucharist includes the **Sacrament of Baptism with Renewal of Baptismal Vows** for all. We've invited everyone recently baptised at St Mary Abbots to share in this service – let us know if you haven't received yours.



6.30pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Our Professional and Voluntary choirs combine to offer this particular glory of the Church of England. Next Sunday's music is by PHILIPS, WOOD & BARCROFTE

2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



KENSINGTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

**7.00pm Thursday 18 January
VESPERS**

We join our neighbours in Christ from every denomination for our local observance at Our Lady of Victories RC, Kensington High St.

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

We're planning our Confirmation preparation courses – the Sacrament will be administered here in May. We offer a four-month course exploring Christian faith and practice, for children (school year 5+) and adults. Full details and application forms coming shortly – watch out!

Just before Christmas we were delighted to hear that

The Rt Revd SARAH MULLALLY DBE,

Bishop of Crediton in Exeter Diocese, is to be the 133rd Bishop of London.



Knowing how precisely correct the people of St Mary Abbots like to be, it's worth pointing out that technically she is at the moment our Bishop *designate*. There is a series of ancient and arcane processes to be completed before she is actually able to proceed to her Installation. As one of them involves your Vicar – it's about the only remaining power wielded by the Prebendaries of St

Paul's Cathedral – he is keen to encourage everyone to get this right.

In fact the Prebendal confirmation of the appointment is a fictional sham, a ceremony with predetermined and immutable outcome – but that's the CofE!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS/HOSPITALITY/ETC ETC

Our thanks to all who worked so hard in the weeks and days up to Christmas to ensure that we kept the feast with appropriate joy, delight and beauty: flower arrangements, candle decorations, tree, pillars, good things to eat and drink. Especial thanks to Simon Fitter Head Virger and his team!

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY AND ALONE

Thank you all for your hard work and commitment that culminated in a wonderful Christmas lunch for some of our local older people. For drivers and singers, present givers and administrators, waiters and mulled wine mixers; we give thanks. Everybody had a top lunch and a cheerful Christmas. Caring for our community is



at the heart of our Christian calling, as indeed is feeding the hungry.

It is a privilege to be able to celebrate Jesus' birth amongst such good company: see you again next year! *Lucille Briance & Fr Jonathan*

¶ stop press! LUCILLE BRIANCE has been awarded the MBE in the New Year Honours List for her services to Dance – that should include her services to the elderly of Kensington as well! Our warmest congratulations to her & her family.



**The full Kensington
LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR**

Is now available for all to see online. Our thank to all the shops & organizations who presented window displays on the theme

MAKING SPACE FOR HOPE

<http://www.smaw8.org/living-advent-calendar.html>

**FRIENDS OF ST MARY ABBOTS
FUNDRAISING EVENT WITH LORD ALTON**

One hundred people heard Professor Lord Alton of Liverpool's, a Patron of the Friends, recent talk on "How do you solve a Problem like Korea". We greatly valued his authoritative views on North Korea and partook of Alison Steel's sensational Korean Buffet. Wine was kindly sponsored by Patron Guy Heald and Richard Heald. The raffle was organised with a beautiful Hamper created by Mrs Joanna Bardsley. Founding Patron Steven Atack sponsoring the buffet. Close to £2,100 was raised for the Friends towards its Appeal for the creation of disabled toilets in the church. If you couldn't attend & wish to donate contact Steve Atack steveatack@aol.com or send cheque ("Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington") to Vestry or Parish Office. 2018 Membership now open - details from Nigel Grieve or Steve Atack.