

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*Christ once raised from the dead dies no more :
death has no more dominion over him.*

*Bless all your people celebrating your son's glorious resurrection.
Speed the day when every knee will bow and every tongue confess
Christ as Lord.*

*Father in Jesus' death and resurrection all sins are forgiven
and we are washed clean. Help us to live as Easter people
in the power of your spirit.*

*We pray for the Holy Land and City of Jerusalem,
first witness your Son's resurrection.*

Send your Spirit of peace to end all conflict.

*We give thanks for the ROYAL AIR FORCE,
founded one hundred years ago – for all who have served, for all
who made the ultimate sacrifice, for all that it achieved to bring
security, peace and freedom to our nation and to the world.*

We pray for those being baptized today
STANLEY REYNOLDS : PENELOPE FAIRHOLME

We pray for preparing for their confirmation.

JAMES ALEXANDER BIANCA ANTE-FERKO
ALEX BESSADA ELIZABETH COKAJ
KIMBERLEY COLLISON DANIEL D'SOUZA
AVELINE EICKELBERG JASPER EICKELBERG
JACOB EMMANUEL ROXANA FOLESCU
GUNNAR HANSON VICTORIA HANSON
NOELLE IRVINE MORGAN JONES
GILBERT KANDAMATH KIKI KRISTENSEN SHARP
ELI KWAKYE FLORA LYSTER KAREN MAK
ELIO MESSIMERIS TASSIA MESSIMERIS
HONOR PURVIS JAMES REDMOND
STANLEY REYNOLDS ANTONIS VAKIS
WILLOW WHITFIELD CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS RAN XU

Please intercede for those who have asked for our prayers

ADESOLA ADEFUYE : TAREK ALWER : SERGIO AVANZI
FRIEDA BILGER : SHEILA BRADSHAW : THEO BULKAI
SARAH DEAL : FRANK GAME : TONY GORDON
BRIAN HARVEY : HILAL KIBBARA : LEO KOYMANS
ISABEL MILNER : GEORGE RANCHEV : AUDREY RASKIN
MARK REDMAN : ALEXANDRA WATT : CAROLYN
TARA : GOHAR : LARISSA

Please pray for all who have died recently

BARBRO HANSEN : DERRICK HOLDEN-BROWN
SAM BEVAN : HILDA BENNIE

And for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

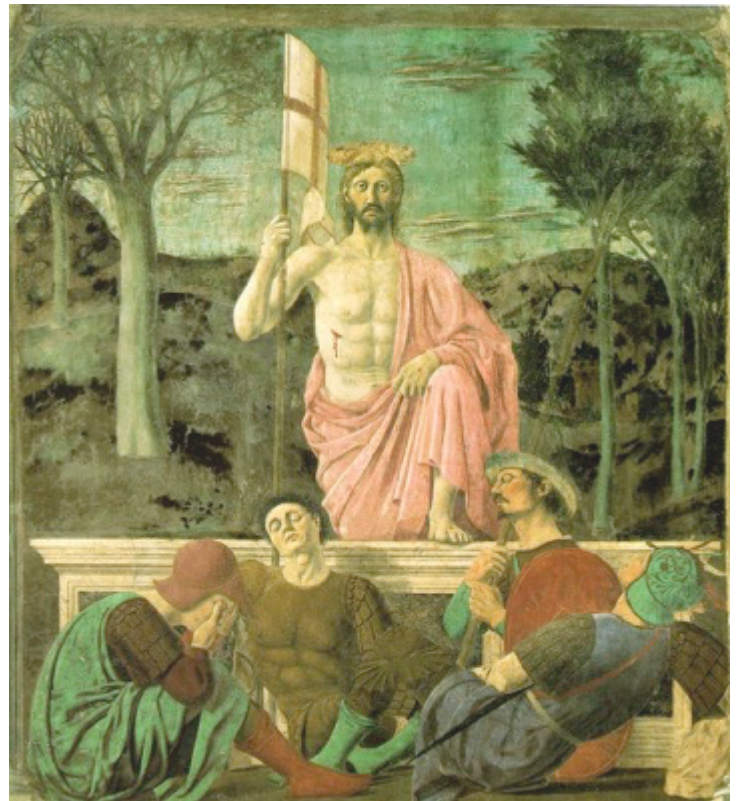
JOHN ATACK (3 April)



NEWSLETTER

EASTER WEEK

1st – 7th April 2018



**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

**On Easter day all our collections (other than pledged
stewardship) are devoted to THE DIOCESE
OF LONDON HOMELESSNESS APPEAL**

Our Bishops are leading a campaign supporting projects and initiatives seeking to ameliorate the scourge, and tackle the roots, of homelessness on our streets. The appeal is mainly channelled through local organisations – ours is **GLASS DOOR** which offers shelter, food and advice for homeless people in Kensington (see their website). If you haven't got much cash with you (many people don't have these days) you can give simply and quickly via your smartphone, using this dedicated QR code.



LENT '18

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St MARY ABBOTS SAYS THANKYOU:

*TO ALL WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD
TO HELP US KEEP THE SOLEMN SEASON OF LENT –
THE SERVICES, THE COURSES, THE ACTIVITIES
WHICH WE HAVE SHARED. AND ALSO TO THE
INDEFATIGABLE BAND – YOUNG AND NOT-SO-YOUNG –
WHO LABOURED SO MIGHTILY AND WITH NO THOUGHT
OF EARTHLY REWARD TO SCRUB, DUST, POLISH,
BEAUTIFY AND DECORATE WITH FLOWERS OUR
CHURCH THROUGHOUT HOLY SATURDAY MORNING
YESTERDAY. THE CHURCH HAS BEEN SPLENDIDLY
CLEANSED, POLISHED, AND BEAUTIFULLY ARRAYED
TO HAIL OUR RISEN LORD JESUS CHRIST*

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU ALL

Sunday 1st April EASTER DAY

5.00am THE EASTER VIGIL, BAPTISM,
EASTER CEREMONIES AND
FIRST EUCHARIST OF EASTER

The year's most complex, most wonderful – and longest – service. Originally a night long Vigil ending at dawn with the first Eucharist of Easter, we keep it once again at 5.00am. It begins with readings from the Old Testament, retelling our salvation history. Then we move outside and light the New Fire, symbolising the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. The new Paschal or Easter Candle is lit from it and carried into the dark church. From it all the candles are lit and The Exultet, the Easter hymn of praise, is sung. We bless the baptismal waters, baptise one of our Confirmation candidates, and all renew our baptismal vows. Finally, the First Eucharist of Easter is celebrated, for Christ has risen from the dead and our Communion with him will never be broken. Bring bells, rattles & whistles to celebrate Christ rising from the Dead! All who attend this service are invited to join us afterwards for a SPLENDID BREAKFAST.

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

9.30am FAMILY EUCHARIST,
BAPTISM & PROCESSION

The music at Easter Family Eucharist is led by our professional & voluntary choirs, includes a joyful procession to the font, baptisms and an all-age address (there's a Group for the youngest children). It is the year's most joyful service, and afterwards we continue the celebrations with drinks for the grown-ups and Easter Smarties for the children.

11.15am SOLEMN MATINS

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

5.00pm FESTAL EVENSONG OF EASTER
AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Nb:

Throughout Easter Week special holiday service times:

Monday 2nd April EASTER MONDAY

8.45am Morning Prayer

9.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

no Sunday on Monday today

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 3rd April EASTER TUESDAY

8.45am Morning Prayer

9.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 4th April EASTER WEDNESDAY

8.45am Morning Prayer

9.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 5th April EASTER THURSDAY

8.45am Morning Prayer

9.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 6th April EASTER FRIDAY

8.45am Morning Prayer

9.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 7th April EASTER SATURDAY

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 8th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am HOLY EUCHARIST

9.30am **SUNG EUCHARIST**

with Preschool Childrens Groups

Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am CHORAL MATINS

Preacher: The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm HOLY EUCHARIST

6.30pm SUNG EVENSONG

Preacher: Martin Carr

followed by Holy Communion

One of the many Easter treats to which we look forward (alongside chocolate, crisps and *l*c*h*) - is the

ST MARY ABBOTS ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING 6.00pm for 6.30 on Wednesday 18th April

This is the most important Church Meeting of the Year – the ANNUAL MEETING at which you, the whole congregation, receive your Church Council's Report & Accounts (copies are posted by the South Door). This is YOUR opportunity to: **scrutinize** them & **comment** upon the life & work of our church, & **vote** for representatives for the next year.

By the South Door you'll find the Nomination Notices for: **CHURCHWARDENS, and Lay (that is, YOUR) Representatives on the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

This is our opportunity to thank the huge number of people who contribute to our life here, and to celebrate the ministry and witness of St Mary Abbots. Be sure to be there to play YOUR part in our church's continuing life.

The hall is open from 6.00pm

so that you can come early to read the ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

before the Meeting starts promptly at 6.30 and enjoy – rumour has it – an Eastertide glass of wine

IS ST MARY ABBOTS YOUR CHURCH?

Everyone over 16 who worships with us regularly should be entered on the **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL** so that you can play your full part in the life of our church. The current Roll is posted in church. Check whether you are on it and if not – if you fulfill these criteria - fill in a form! You must be:

* baptised & either:

* live in the parish; or, if living outside the parish,

* to have worshipped regularly here for last 6 months+.

Electoral Roll Officer: Sally Bessada er@smaw8.org

St MARY ABBOTS SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Didn't quite get your fill on Sunday morning? Jonathan's sermons are accessible here: [youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/](https://www.youtube.com/user/jmacneaney/) Many other sermons are available: goo.gl/rMaUYN Alternatively check our facebook or twitter feed on Monday to see links to the previous days sermons.



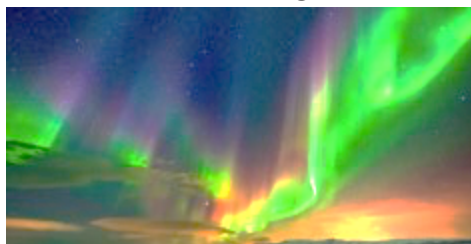
Dalgarno Trust Foodbank

Our thanks for your terrific response to our recent appeal for this vital project.

Even the *Daily Mail* joined in, donating a large bag of Easter Eggs! It is greatly appreciated appreciate – especially during holiday times, when many children miss the cooked school lunch they get in term time.

Keep up the good work!

Monday 23 April at 7.30pm CELEBRITY PIANO RECITAL



AURORA BOREALIS

Our own PETER ROPER-CURZON

will play a marvelous range of great piano music, with works by BACH : MOZART : BEETHOVEN : SCHUMANN RACHMANINOV : CHOPIN

Culminating in the world premiere of his own new Prelude 'AURORA BOREALIS'

Tickets: £20 from tinyurl.com/Peter2018

2.00pm Saturday 12 May at St Pauls Cathedral THE INSTALLATION OF THE RT REVD SARAH MULLALLY DBE as the (first woman) Bishop of London

Pray for her as she prepares to take on this taxing and important role – and for her family. We hope shortly to have information about how you may apply for tickets for this highly significant event in the 1,400 year old history of our Diocese