

In Our Prayers This Week

*As we celebrate our plenty and give thanks for our food,
Father we praise you for all you have done and for all you have given.*

*May our expressions of gratitude never deafen us to the cries of those in need.
And in celebrating your love may we never forget that your love reaches others through us.*

We pray for the struggling and the oppressed. For those without power to negotiate or bargain; for all whose work goes unrewarded, whose produce is undervalued.

*We pray for the hungry and the homeless, the broken and bereaved.
For all for whom this day brings sadness and little joy.*

*We pray for those who seek to offer support.
Especially for Upper Room and The Busoga Trust.*

We pray for those preparing for Baptism
Gawain Sydney Edward Smart
Julian Forbes Edward Smart
Felicity Iris Lola Thornton

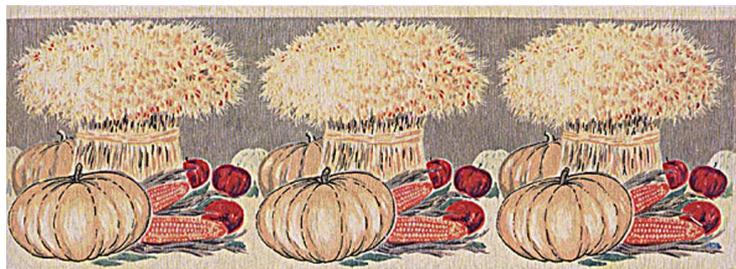
Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Nancy Todd	Daphne Craig
Tarek Alwer	Margy Wheeler	Joan Davies
Sheila Bradshaw	Ali	Leo Koymans
Theo Bulkai	Ben	Isabel Milner
Phoebe Coleman	Gohar	Sylvia Nazareth
Sarah Deal	Helen	Joyce Osho-Williams
Frank Game	Simon	Annie Redmile
Tony Gordon		Sonia Samuels
Hilal Kibbara		James Worsley
Margaret Lomas	<i>And those in long-term need</i>	Carl-Fredrik
James Philpot	Sergio Avanzi	Larissa
Mark Redman	Frieda Bilger	Oyin and Damalola
June Scully	Vincenzo Blandini	
Sue Spicer	John Cantlie	

Please pray for all who have died recently

Eve Ward-Thomas

*and for those whom we love but see no longer,
and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*



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NEWSLETTER

7th October 2018



Sun 7th October	HARVEST FESTIVAL
8.00am	HOLY EUCHARIST <i>First Lesson:</i> Ephesians 4.17-end <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 9.1-8
9.30am	FAMILY EUCHARIST OF HARVEST FESTIVAL with PreSchool Childrens Groups with special All-Age Harvest Presentation and Offertory Procession of Harvest Gifts.
11.15am	CHORAL MATINS <i>Old Testament:</i> Joshua 3. 7-end <i>New Testament:</i> Matthew 10. 1-22 <i>Preacher:</i> The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
12.30pm	HOLY EUCHARIST <i>readings as at 9.30am</i>
6.30pm	TAIZE PRAYER & COMMUNION <i>'The Harvest of God's Gifts'</i>
Monday 8th October	
8.00am	Morning Prayer
1.05pm	INFORMAL EUCHARIST 'Sunday on Monday' Jesus and the Kingdom of God
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 9th October	
	Denys and Companions
8.00am	Morning Prayer
11.30am	HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP)
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 10th October	
	Paulinus
8.00am	Morning Prayer
8.15am	HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm	Meditation Group.
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 11th October	
	Ethelburga
8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	St MARY ABBOTS SCHOOL EUCHARIST All Welcome
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Friday 12th October	
	Commemoration of Wilfrid of Ripon
8.00am	Morning Prayer
8.15am	HOLY EUCHARIST
1.05pm	Royal College of Music Lunchtime Recital
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 13th October	
	Commem Edward the Confessor
9.40am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	HOLY EUCHARIST
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Services for Sunday 14th October	
20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
8.00am	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer) Ephesians 5. 15-21 & Matthew 22. 1-14
9.30am	Family Eucharist with Holy Baptism and Children on Sundays Groups Hebrews 4. 12-16 & Mark 10. 17-31
11.15am	Choral Matins Eucharist Anthem: Missa Portae honoris - WOOD Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Stephen Fielding Joshua 5.13 - 6.20 & Matthew 11.20-end
No 12.30pm	Holy Eucharist
6.30pm	Sung Evensong Preacher: The Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney followed by Holy Eucharist Isaiah 50. 4-10 & Luke 13. 22-30

Thank You

A message from Fr Gillean and Linda Craig.

We want to thank the people of St Mary Abbots and all our many friends for the extraordinary kindness and generosity you have shown us over the period of Fr Gillean's retirement – and especially at our farewell service last Sunday. We were more deeply moved than we can express, and want to thank you not just for the last few weeks but for your support and fellowship throughout the sixteen years that we have had the privilege of being at St Mary Abbots. Last weekend brought back into focus so many people, so many crucial events in people's lives (both joyful and tragic), so many parish services and occasions and events; so many new developments in every aspect of our ministry here. For them all we feel truly grateful – perhaps above all for the way in which you have invited us to share your lives. People haven't stopped thanking us: we feel it should be the other way round. We want to thank all of you for everything you have given us – and not just the spectacular gifts, which we will always treasure – but the continuous shared ministry, support and love. May God bless you all, and the future of St Mary Abbots.

Harvest Festival

At 9.30 younger members of our church help lead the service. We all participate in the Harvest Offertory Procession in which children offer food to provide nourishing meals served by the Upper Room to vulnerable adults. Collections at this Sunday's services (other than pledged Stewardship) will be in aid of the Busoga Trust to dig more St Mary Abbots wells in Uganda (see display on notice board).

Walk and chat in Kensington Gardens

The women's group meet at the Flower Stall in front of the church on Tuesday 9th at 9.45, all welcome, including dogs. Please let Angela Fielding know if you plan to join us on 020 7937 4106.

Reconciliation – Our Autumn Study Programme

We are pleased to announce that our evening study sessions for this autumn will be centred on the theme of reconciliation. They will cover:

Tuesday 16th October **Reconciliation** of the penitent to God
Thursday 25th October **Reconciliation** healing wounds in Uganda
Tuesday 30th October **Reconciliation** within families and organisations
Thursday 8th November **Reconciliation** following the First World War
They culminate in this fourth session as we mark this year the centenary of the cessation of fighting at the end of World War I.
All sessions will be held at 7pm in the Long Room at the **Church Centre, W84HN**

Fireworks Bonfire Party - Friday 2 November

It's the return of the annual St Mary Abbots Bonfire Party!
After the removal of the unsafe tree we are back this year with a twist. The fireworks are out to be replaced by brightly lit bands, flying spinning lighty up things and a bunch of altogether less incendiary apparatus
Tickets are £5 and entitle you to - hot dog or soup and soft drinks and glow sticks. Under 6's are free.
Book online at parishbonfireparty.eventbrite.co.uk Password Vicarage18

Coeliacs Welcome at St Mary Abbots

We now offer gluten-free wafers at our Eucharists. Tell clergy/virger/warden before the service. They are easy to identify – they're not round but square

Dalgarno Trust Foodbank

Thanks for your generous support for this vital work.
The most popular items are: Baked beans; Tinned meat/ fish; Pasta; Rice; Pasta Sauce; Chopped tomatoes; Coffee; Tea bags; Washing up liquid; Long-life milk; Shower gel; Loo roll; Nappies.

Vicarage Garage Sale

Saturday 13th October from 1.30pm-3.30pm at St Mary Abbots Centre. Come and reminisce over tea, coffee – perhaps even a glass of wine. Your chance to snap up an unrecognised Old Master or disregarded antique? Not in the slightest. Instead come along and marvel at sorry fragments of the junk Fr Gillean has amassed over the years and buy your souvenirs of happy times with him and Linda. Dusty unread books, surprisingly odd china and glass, pictures and prints. Refreshments will be served.
All proceeds 50% St Mary Abbots Ministry & 50% Vicar's moving expenses.

Sunday On Monday

Our current theme is Jesus and the Kingdom of God. We meet each Monday at 1.05pm, the service is short enough to fit in your lunch break. What's more Lunch is provided after the service to sustain you.

Friday Morning Playgroup

Martina Sadvoska is, for the time-being, running this much-loved provision for pre-school children (newborns very welcome!). It meets at St Mary Abbots Centre from 9.45 to 11.15 each Friday morning. We are in need of additional support and leadership Queries: m.sadvoska@yahoo.co.uk.

PROPER LOOS AT LAST?

The revised **Planning Application** for the new building to provide essential facilities for the church – lavatories, disabled lavatory, small kitchen etc – that we have been planning for so long has finally been lodged with RBKC.

You may remember that the previous application was dismissed by officers and wasn't considered by the Planning Committee. We are very keen that this does not happen again. So can you please lodge your support for the project via their website as soon as possible. Planning portal link: <http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/PP/18/05588>

(Case ref: PP/18/055880) An email or letter to your Ward Councillor would also help. See the drawings in church. NB the new structure will be very discrete, hardly impinging on the views of the church from outside, tucked beneath the windows of the north aisle. It will cover part of that wide paved area with no function except being lethally slippery in wet weather –still leaving a broad footway alongside the 'long playground', of course.

THE CRUCIAL PUBLIC BENEFITS THAT WILL BE GAINED:

1. WC facilities for all users including those with disabilities: no more temporary toilets currently brought onto the site for larger events.
2. The provision of refreshments at public events.
3. The magnificent historic church building, surrounded by its churchyard offering a remarkable oasis of peace just off the High Street at the very heart of Kensington, open every day of the year, will be able properly to welcome a far wider range of events, performances, exhibitions, meetings – and provide proper hospitality for the great events using the whole church building.
4. St Mary Abbots is central to the heritage, story and identity of Kensington. We wish to make it a place where all our neighbours, regardless of creed or culture, can gather together to celebrate, learn, enjoy and build community. The facilities that we seek to build are central to realising this vision, and to fulfilling our basic legal duty to provide equal and dignified facilities for disabled people.

Royal College of Music Student Recitals

Each Friday at 1.05 in church splendid free concerts.
Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

St Mary Abbots Parish Survey

Jamie Dunford-Wood writes: *A big thank you to everyone who filled out the parish survey in July. We have now finished analysing the responses. These have provided some very interesting insights, that will be invaluable in helping guide how we develop as a church, as we enter a new, exciting period in the life of SMA. 195 people completed the survey, giving the views of around 300 of us, with families into account*

See the summary of results: <http://www.smaw8.org/survey-results.html>

Festival Of Remembrance

St Mary Abbots remembers the centenary of the end of the Great War. November 8th to 11th 2018 marks one hundred years since the end of the First World War and it is right and fitting that St Mary Abbots should commemorate and reflect on this historical moment. A series of events will be taking place, many sponsored by Knight Frank Kensington, to remember
"When The Guns Fell Silent".

- Thursday November 8th
0930 A special school Eucharist open to all in church.
14.30 Poetry circle meets with the theme Remembrance and Reconciliation
- Friday November 9th
1305 A concert of remembrance in church by the Royal College of Music.
- Saturday November 10th
1030 onwards war poetry to be read throughout the day in church led by the mayor of the royal borough. The mayor will then adjourn to the war memorial to light the first of 1,000 candles to be lit by the public sponsored by J H Kenyon.
1200 An organ recital will take place
1500 A full peal of bells will be rung
- Sunday November 11th.
1050 Short service at the war memorial including the two minutes silence at 1100 followed by full remembrance service in church from 1115 led by Civic Leaders.
A significant floral tribute will be built in the Resurrection Chapel. Several parishioners have made generous donations towards this. You may have someone in your family who fought in the Great War who you wish to have remembered and donate towards the floral spectacular or possibly you would like to be a part of it. Further information on all of the above from Steve Atack, the Festival Director at steveattack@aol.com or on 020 7402 1531.

Lord Thomas of Swynnerton

A memorial service for Hugh Thomas, will be held at St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square in London at 10.30am on the 17th October