**In Our Prayers This Week**

As we mark a century since the war it was said would end all wars we turn to God for guidance and support. Help us, in our human frailty, to be the people you would have us be. May we respond to human need through loving service, to reach out with unconditional love.

God of all, sharing our hopes for peace and our fears for present and future wars in this one world we share; hear us as we pledge ourselves in prayer and deed to be your peace creating people.

God of justice, hear our petition for our world and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

*Give us your passion to work for a world where all are treated equally and may live in safety.*

*May we respond to human need through loving service.*

*Here all are treated equally and may live in safety.*

We pray for those preparing for Baptism

*Abigail Piat & Barney, Vincenzo & Isabella – The Service Begins at the War Memorial*

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers

**In thanksgiving for those who have died recently**

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

Terry Pritchard 11 November

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**Services for Sunday 11th November**

**Remembrance Sunday**

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Children on Sundays Groups

Preacher Rev’d Jonathan MacNeaney

10.50am Choral Matins – Civic Remembrance

The Service Begins at the War Memorial

*Anthem: So they gave their bodies – Aston
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding*

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Followed by Holy Eucharist

Preacher Rev’d Jonathan MacNeaney

**Monday 12th November**

8.00am Morning Prayer

1.05pm Informal Eucharist ‘Sunday on Monday’

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 13th November**

8.00am Morning Prayer

11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 14th November**

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am Holy Eucharist

1.05pm Meditation Group

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 15th November**

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am St Mary Abbots School Eucharist - All Welcome

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Friday 16th November**

Margaret of Scotland

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am Holy Eucharist

1.05pm Royal College of Music Lunchtime Recital

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Saturday 17th November**

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9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

**Services for Sunday 18th November**

The Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Children on Sundays Groups

11.15am Choral Matins Eucharist

Setting: Missa Congratulamini mihi – Guerrero

Anthem: Cantantibus organis - Philips

Preacher: Rev’d Jonathan MacNeaney

**There will be no** 12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Followed by Holy Eucharist

Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding
Festival of Remembrance
Concluding with the traditional Armistice Day services on Sunday, St Mary Abbots have hosted a series of splendidly supported events and activities to commemorate the conclusion of the First World War.

Appropriately the children of St Mary Abbots School led us in prayer at a splendid Special Eucharist Service on Thursday with the children doing their own musical recital complete with their rendition of “Pack up your troubles in your old kit back and smile, smile, smile...” The results of their War Poetry and War Art Competitions wonderfully adorn the walls of the church.

Friday saw a special Remembrance Recital given by the Royal College of Music.

Saturday was taken over by the lighting of 1,000 Remembrance candles kindly donated by J H Kenyon, Funeral Directors, the first being lit by the Mayor on the war memorial outside church. War Poetry was read throughout the day and an Organ Recital was given at lunchtime by composer Nicholas O’Neill. Cadets of the No 46F (Kensington) Squadron Royal Air Force Cadets were present throughout the Saturday.

A stunning floral memorial has been assembled in the Resurrection Chapel created by Ray and his Kensington Florist Corner team and funded by Edelman UK, the Friends of St Mary Abbots and a number of generous parishioners.

The Festival’s superb publicity materials have all be sponsored by Knight Frank Kensington.

Father Jonathan, Father Stephen, our Virger Simon Fitter and parishioners Dr Russell Lloyd and Juan Carrion (with Juan’s new catering company Papi’s Cucina https://www.papiscucina.co.uk kindly sponsoring a sponsors buffet) have all worked tirelessly in support of Festival Director Steve Atack for which Steve places on record his profound gratitude.

And we want to offer Steve our enormous thanks for having made the last four days so memorable. It has been a laudable and solemn tribute to the sacrifice of those who have gone before us and a reminder to work persistently for peace.

Royal College of Music Student Recitals
Each Friday at 1.05 in church, splendid free concerts. Tea & Coffee served – bring sandwiches if you want!

Handel’s Messiah
On 9th December we offer a unique chance to experience one of the world’s great musical masterpieces as it was originally intended.

This will be a wonderful candlelit Christmas concert played on Baroque instruments recreating the atmosphere of Handel’s original performance – please invite friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues etc. and encourage them to buy tickets.

Every ticket sold contributes towards much needed Church funds. We look forward to seeing you there

Tickets: £20 (£10 under 16) including programme and interval drink. Book online at: http://www.smaw8.org/messiah2018

Advent and Christmas Highlights
(This is not an exhaustive list!)

Saturday 24 November – In the Church
11am-3pm St Mary Abbots Church Christmas Fair
For the adults - Guest Chef, Jewellery, Raffle, Home Produce and Clothing
For the children - Football Coaching, Inflatables, Treasure Hunt and Crafts

Sunday 2 December Advent Sunday
6.30 pm The Advent Procession

Sunday 9 December Advent 2
6.30 pm Handel’s Messiah by Candelight

Sunday 16 December Advent 3
9.30 am Family Eucharist with Nativity Play
11.15 am Choral Matins Leading into Choral Eucharist

Wednesday 19 December
1.05 pm Community Carol Service

Thursday 20 December
7.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Monday 24 December Christmas Eve
4.00 pm Children’s Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day
9.30 am Family Eucharist
11.15 am Choral Matins
4.00 pm Carols, Prayers & Communion by the Crib

Sunday 30 December Christmas 1
9.30 am Sung Eucharist
11.15 am Choral Matins
4.00 pm Sung Evensong

St Mary Abbots Church Christmas Fair
24th November 11am-3pm in the Church and Grounds

We are pleased to announce that by popular demand the annual Christmas Fair has returned to St Mary Abbots Church.

Children’s “all you can play” ticket includes entry, inflatables, games and drinks. Adult ticket includes: entry, hot and soft drinks. Hot food and mulled wine payable with cash and cards. 25% discount for tickets purchased online at www.smaw8.org/christmas2018. Tickets also available at the door: Kids ticket £13: Adults: £7; Seniors: £5.

Interfaith artwork in the Church
Artist and John Moore’s exhibitor, Juliet Goodden will be exhibiting recent work from November 12th-19th. She has focused on the religious landscape of migrant communities in urban Great Britain. By spending time drawing in diverse religious centres she has gained an understanding of the role of religion for communities who, for whatever reason, have moved to countries far from their native homes.

Juliet has been working with religious icons and souvenirs, and using oil paint applied to old patterned saris has created a series of still lives, where objects from different faiths share the same space.

In the spirit of interfaith week, which begins on Remembrance Sunday, these images remind and encourage us to appreciate each other and our different backgrounds.

Juliet will be in the church all day on Thursday Nov 15th and otherwise by appointment.

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Drawing Sacred Space
Juliet is holding a drawing session on Thursday from 11-1 to which all are invited. Materials provided, all levels of experience welcome. £15 each.

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