

## In Our Prayers This Week

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

*Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give us an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.*

*We pray for those being baptized  
Freya Amarteiffo*

*Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers*

<i>Those in acute need</i>		<i>And those in long-term need</i>
Sheila Bradshaw	Simon Portal	Sergio Avanzi
Theo Bulkai	June Scully	Vincenzo Blandini
Phoebe Coleman	Sue Spicer	John Cantlie
Sarah Deal	Margy Wheeler	Joan Davies
Dianne Gabbitass	Shirley Wilshire	Leo Koymans
Frank Game	Ben	Sylvia Nazareth
Tony Gordon	Gohar	Annie Redmile
Joan Jackson	Carolyn	Sonia Samuels
Michael North	Roger	James Worsley
James Philpot	Julia	Carl-Fredrik
	Joseph	Larissa

*Please pray for all who have died recently*

Margot Green Sheila Uglov George Law

*and for those whom we love but see no longer,*

*and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*

Frederick Lloyd (14 January) Joan Martin (15 January)  
David Wilson (17 January) Dennis Corble (19 January)



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## Central Kensington Group Ministry ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### Services for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism and Children on Sunday's Groups

Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am Choral Matins  
Benedictus: Morning Service in G - ROPER  
Anthem: Tribus miraculis - MARENZIO  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Organ Prelude  
Les Mages - MESSIAEN

6.30pm Sung Evensong  
Followed by Holy Eucharist  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January

8.00am Morning Prayer

1.05pm Sunday on Monday – Informal Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

8.00am Morning Prayer

11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am Holy Eucharist

2.00pm Healing Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January Antony of Egypt

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am St Mary Abbots School Eucharist

All Welcome

5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January Amy Carmichael

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am Holy Eucharist

1.05pm Royal College of Music Recital

5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January Wulfstan

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

### Services for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January

#### Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist  
With Children on Sunday's Groups  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

11.15am Choral Matins  
Benedictus: Morning Service in D flat - NICHOLSON  
Anthem: O Almighty and everlasting God - BARCROFTE  
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Organ Prelude  
Desseins eternels MESSIAEN

6.30pm Sung Evensong  
Followed by Holy Eucharist  
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

## **J S Bach - St John Passion**

You can now **buy** tickets for  
Sunday, 14 April 2019 from 18:30 to 21:00  
An Easter performance by candlelight.  
St Mary Abbots Choir  
The Purcell Orchestra (on period instruments)  
Tickets here: <https://stjohnpassion19.eventbrite.co.uk/>

## **Dalgarno Trust Foodbank**

Was in significant use over Christmas and expects to continue seeing inflated numbers over the next months.  
Thank you for your generous support for this vital work. The most popular regular items remain: Baked beans; Tinned meat/ fish; Pasta; Rice; Pasta Sauce; Chopped tomatoes; Coffee; Tea bags; Washing up liquid; Long-life milk, Shower gel; Loo roll and Nappies

## **St Mary Abbots Reading Group**

Launched last week under the capable leadership of David Strong. We are currently reading Kazuo Ishiguro's - Never Let Me Go.

The next meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> February 3pm at Kensington Central Library. You would be most welcome even if you haven't read the book and you will be able to pick up the next title whilst there.

## **Royal College of Music Student Recitals**

Concerts continue this Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## **Service Pattern 2019**

At the beginning of the interregnum Father Stephen and I committed to maintain the service pattern until Christmas whilst discerning its sustainability, short a full time priest. With the agreement of the PCC we propose to make one amendment to our service pattern during the interregnum. From January the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated twice a month after our Sunday 6.30pm service rather than every week. This will enable us to invite local licensed lay ministers to lead the service of Evensong. The dates when the Eucharist will not be celebrated are Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Mar 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April 28<sup>th</sup> May 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.

We are sorry about this disruption to our worshipping pattern and we thank you for your understanding.

## **Confirmation 2019**

Bishop Graham will be present at St Mary Abbots on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 for a service of confirmation.

We run two groups, one for teenagers and adults, and one for children in school years 5-6

The adult's group will be meeting on Tuesday evenings at the St Mary Abbots Centre starting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

The children's group will be meeting on Wednesday afternoons in the church following school, starting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 3.40pm

If you or your child are interested please let Sophie know:  
[sg@smaw8.org](mailto:sg@smaw8.org)

## **The Rainbow Poetry Circle**

The next Meeting of the Rainbow Poetry Circle will be on Thursday 7th February in the Holland Chapel as usual at 2.30pm and the topic will be "Explorations" Visitors welcome as ever.

## **Quiz Supper**

As a member of the team who won last year let me begin by saying that entry to the quiz is a worthless and futile pursuit. Masochists only need apply. All ye who enter be warned that the Associate Vicar takes it all rather too seriously.

Thursday 13 February, 7.30 pm. Teams of 8 per table, £10 per person payable on the night. Bring your own supper. Wine will be available for a donation. To book a table, email Sophie at [sg@smaw8.org](mailto:sg@smaw8.org)

## **Advent Windows Party**

A party and prize giving for those involved in the Advent Window initiative will take place in St Mary Abbots Church on the evening of Thursday 24 January, 6.30pm-8.00pm.  
If you would like to show your appreciation for those who worked hard on the windows and supported the initiative then please come along.

## **St Mary Abbots Lent Courses**

The Clergy will be leading a series of Lenten presentations on Tuesday mornings in the church at 10.30am leading into the 11.30am Eucharist.

There will be a single evening Lenten event taking place on the evening of Wednesday 13 March. Theme to be confirmed. Please put this date in your diaries and invite your friends and neighbours.

## **Unity Service**

We are honoured that His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos of London, the first Coptic Archbishop of London, Orthodox President of Churches Together in England (CTE), and Moderator of Churches Together in Britain & Ireland (CTBI) has kindly accepted an invitation to join our local churches, and to give the address.

More about Archbishop Angaelos here:

<http://www.bishopangaelos.org/about-Bishop-Angaelos>

Date: Tuesday, 22nd January, 2019

Time: 7.15pm - Ecumenical Worship Service followed by Refreshments

Place: St Philip's Church, Earls Court Road, W8 6QH. The church with the clock - Junct. of Stratford Rd/Earls Court

## **Ecumenical Lent Course**

The Revd Canon Dr William Taylor, Ecumenical Adviser, for the C. of E. Kensington Episcopal Area, writes that the Ecumenical Lent Course 2019 will take place on five Thursdays, at 7.30pm, commencing 14th March - again using CTBI materials, The Mystery of God - <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent/>

- Thursday March 14th: St James Norlands (C. of E.), St James's Gardens, W11 4RB
- Thursday March 21st: St Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, Iverna Gardens, W8 6TP
- Thursday March 28th: St Marks, Coptic Orthodox Church, Allen St, Kensington, London W8 6UX
- Thursday April 4th: Carmelite Priory (RC), Kensington Church St, W8 4BB
- Thursday April 11th: St John's Notting Hill (C. of E.), Lansdowne Crescent, W11 2NN

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 - Only Justice 18-25 January**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 material has been prepared by Christians from Indonesia. Our prayers for Christian unity are offered within a context of a world where corruption, greed and injustice bring about inequality and division. We ourselves are often complicit in injustice, and yet called together to form a united witness for justice and to be a means of Christ's healing grace for a fractured world.

A prayer is offered for each day

18<sup>th</sup> God of all, you have shown us the path of justice.

You are the father of the orphan.

You are the constant companion of the widow.

You are the friend of the stranger.

In each of these, may we meet you and recognize the wind of your Spirit, moving us toward the need for justice.

In all that we do, may we know your grace and mercy and offer healing and justice in your name.

19<sup>th</sup> God of justice, grant me the wisdom to see right from wrong.

Let my heart be guided by honesty and my lips speak truth.

In times of doubt, cloak me in courage the colour of trust.

Birth in me the passion for unity and peace

so that I may be a good news bearer for all. Amen.

20<sup>th</sup> God of all humanity your Son was born into a line of men and women, ordinary and extraordinary.

Some of them were remembered for their great deeds, others more for their sins. Give us an open heart to share your unbounded love, and to embrace all who experience discrimination.

Help us to grow in love beyond prejudice and injustice.

Grant us the grace to respect the uniqueness of each person, so that in our diversity we may experience unity. Amen