

In Our Prayers This Week

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Pray that God will fill sad hearts with songs of joy. Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation. You are the King who dwells in the midst of the people as one who brings victory from the jaws of defeat. Heal the sick and gather the outcast and turn our shame into praise, that we may sing aloud and exalt your name, O Lord, our maker and redeemer.



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	James Philpot	<i>And those in long-term need</i>
Katie Aston	Patsy Ramsay	Sergio Avanzi
Mal Bains	June Scully	Vincenzo Blandini
Rodney Bennett	Sue Spicer	John Cantlie
Theo Bulkai	Margy Wheeler	Joan Davies
Phoebe Coleman	Ben	Leo Koymans
Sarah Deal	Gohar	Simon Portal
Tony Gordon	Roger	Annie Redmile
Catherine Green	Rosie	Sonia Samuels
Joan Jackson	Joseph	James Worsley
Richie Marienthal	Roxana	Carl-Fredrik
Michael North	Margaret	

Please pray for all who have died recently

Donovan Pendegast Helene Robby
Colin Binnie Caitlin Livingstone

and for those whom we love but see no longer,

and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Winifred Howe (24 April) Richard Horsley (27 April)

Oliver Philpott (28 April) Jeff Bardsley (3 May) Blossom Barrow (3 May)

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

21st April 2019



Services for Sunday 21st April Easter Sunday

- 5.00am The Easter Vigil, Ceremonies & Eucharist
- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30am Family Eucharist and Easter Procession
Anthem: If ye be risen again with Christ GIBBONS
The strife is o'er VULPIUS arr. LEY

- 11.15am Festal Choral Matins
Introit: Surrexit Christus hodie SCHEIDT
Canticle: Te Deum in G VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
Anthem: If ye be risen again with Christ GIBBONS

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

- 5.00pm Festal Choral Evensong & Holy Eucharist
Canticles: Evening Service in b - TERTIUS NOBLE
Anthem: Vincula dum Christus territ HASSLER

Monday 22nd April Monday of Easter Week

- 9.40am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am **Holy Eucharist**
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 23rd April Tuesday of Easter Week

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 11.30am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 24th April Wednesday of Easter Week

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
- 1.05pm Meditation Group
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 25th April Thursday of Easter Week

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am **St Mary Abbots School Eucharist** All Welcome
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 26th April Friday of Easter Week

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
- 8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 27th April Saturday of Easter Week

- 9.40am Morning Prayer
- 10.00am **Holy Eucharist**
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Services for Sunday 28th April Second Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Children on Sundays Groups
Preacher: Rev'd Daphne Green
- 11.15am Choral Matins Eucharist
Setting: Missa brevis in C K220 - MOZART
Introit: Resurrexi BYRD Anthem: Christus resurgens PHILIPS
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney
- There is no 12.30pm Holy Eucharist
- 6.15pm Organ Prelude
- 6.30pm Evensong of St George
Followed by The Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

Monday 29th April George

8.00am Morning Prayer
 1.05pm **Informal Eucharist – Sunday on Monday**
 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 30th April Mark the Evangelist

8.00am Morning Prayer
 11.30am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 1st May Philip and James

8.00am Morning Prayer
 8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
 1.05pm Meditation Group
 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 2nd May Athanasius

8.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am **St Mary Abbots School Eucharist** All Welcome
 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 3rd May

8.00am Morning Prayer
 8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 4th May**English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era**

9.40am Morning Prayer
 10.00am **Holy Eucharist**
 4.00pm Marriage of Lemma Shehadi and Christian Klotz
 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Services for Sunday 5th May

Third Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Children on Sundays Groups
 Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney
 11.15am Choral Matins
 Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding
 12.30pm Holy Eucharist
 6.30pm Taizé Prayer 'He is Risen'
 Followed by Holy Eucharist

Thank You

That's a big thank you to all who have laboured over the last week to enable our worship through Passiontide and Easter. Of special note:

- Those who have turned up – you are the body of Christ
- Those who have served – you are Christ's hands and feet
- Those who cleaned and decorated the church – you have prepared a home for God
- Those who have read – you have proclaimed the hope of the gospel to the world
- Those who have sung – your laments and praises give voice to our emotions
- Those who kept watch – you have remained faithful
- Those who have offered hospitality – you have warmed the Lord's heart

And by Name:

- Mark Uglow who directed the most successful St John's passion for 10 years
- Simon Fitter, William Arthurs and the vestry team who have worked all the hours and guided puzzled clergy
- The Royal Garden Hotel who provided us with breakfast

Christian Aid Week

Dear friends, we hope you will join us in taking part in the UK's longest-running fundraising week- Christian Aid Week, 12th-18th May 2019. The church founded Christian Aid Week to fight for equality, dignity and freedom for all. By raising money outside the tube station, you can support some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers – like the communities in Sierra Leone that we're focussing on this Christian Aid Week. Sign up sheet is by the south door.

Confirmation Candidates

Please pray for those preparing for confirmation:
 Adults: Mary Alexander, Harriet Greenwood, Arabella Greenwood, Renyi Ng, Jamie Mangan, Helen MacNeaney, Annabel Donley; Kimberly Hale; Shabnam Zargani; Yukie Kawamura
 Children: Daria Abdian, Cecily Braddock, Maya Cunningham, Sam Egert Iris Hamilton, Alba Kahm, Nora Lemborg-Walsh, Fleur Mattsson, Astrid Stadler, Lee-Kate Vichera

Archbishop Justin Welby's Easter letter

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice Rejoice, again, I say, Rejoice!

These words, the refrain of Hymn VIII of Charles Wesley's "Hymns for our Lord's Resurrection", express the joyful cry of the human soul at the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is a cause of joy. It is the source of ultimate joy, for in the resurrection Jesus won victory over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15. 57). The resurrection happened at a particular time and in a particular place but its significance is eternal and universal. God purposed the salvation of this fallen world and creation looked towards the day that darkness would be put to flight. God willed the salvation of this fallen world and from that day the Church has lived in the radiant brightness of our triumphant King. In the sixth century the priest and poet Venantius wrote:

"The light, the heaven, the fields and the sea duly praise the God ascending above the stars, having crushed the laws of hell. Behold, He who was crucified reigns as God over all things, and all created objects offer prayer to their Creator."

From the first Easter Day Jesus' disciples have made known the Good News of the Resurrection. The risen Lord told Mary Magdalene not to hold on to him, but to go to tell the disciples. She did so, proclaiming, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20. 17-18). On the mount of the Ascension Jesus addressed his friends, saying, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you".

The disciples (followers) thus became apostles (those who are sent). The Church has stood in that apostolic tradition ever since: both as those who profess the faith of the Apostles and as those who share in their task of evangelism.

I send this letter at a difficult time in the lives of many peoples and nations. Creation suffers from the effects of human neglect and selfishness; people continue to suffer as a result of war and terror; political and economic systems creak under the threats of extremism and apathy. Our world is in desperate need of hope. As Christians we have a message of sure and certain hope to proclaim. On Easter Day in Churches throughout the world Christians will sing, "Christ is Risen! Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!"

Our proclamation of the hope which is ours in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ must be both confident and humble. In our complex and plural world our evangelism must not be forced on others, but as followers of Christ we have a duty to bear witness to our faith: to speak of hope for the world in the Resurrection of Christ, a message seasoned with gentleness and respect. Our actions of love, compassion, respect and gentleness confirm that the message we share is indeed good news.

I started this letter with a quotation from Charles Wesley. Along with his older brother John, Wesley devoted his life to the service of the gospel – preaching the good news in season and out of season and transforming both the church and the lives of those who heard the message. In another hymn he echoed the call of Christ to Mary Magdalene which is, in turn, the call of Christ to each of us:

"Go tell the Followers of your Lord, Their Jesus is to life restored."
 May God bless you this Eastertide and may the resurrection joy that we share spread throughout the world.

*The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby
 Archbishop of Canterbury*