

In Our Prayers This Week

Creator God, Thank you for the opportunity of being together in prayer. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do. We are sorry that we only seem to turn to you in the down times of our lives, and forget to thank you for the good times. There is so much in your world for which we should be grateful and we offer our thanks now. Be with us, and all who need your loving touch at this time.

Compassionate God, Be with those who need you. The unloved, the friendless, the oppressed, the sick, the dying, the bereaved. Take your love where we can't, or won't, reach. Make your Spirit known in the worst places and times, so that all may benefit from your presence

Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of Your Spirit. May they never lead this nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals, but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may Your kingdom come and Your name be hallowed. Amen.

Prayer used in the House of Commons before every session

Thanksgiving for those whose manual skill installed our new sink



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

| <i>Those in acute need</i> | | <i>Those in long-term need</i> |
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| Katie Aston | Maria Reis | Sergio Avanzi |
| Theo Bulkai | June Scully Sue | Vincenzo Blandini |
| Sarah Deal | Spicer | John Cantlie |
| Angela Fielding | Ben | Joan Davies |
| Tony Gordon | Gohar | Leo Koymans |
| Joan Jackson | Roger | Simon Portal |
| Peta Jenson | Rosie | Annie Redmile |
| Barbara Longford | Joseph | James Worsley |
| Michael North | Roxana | Carl-Fredrik |

Please pray for all who have died recently

and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Robin Greenhill 17th July Stella Egert 18th July

David Griffiths 20th July

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

14th July 2019



Services for Sunday 14th July Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Eucharist with Holy Baptism and Children's Groups
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am Choral Matins
Benedictus: Morning Service in A flat - HARWOOD
Anthem: Geistliches Lied - BRAHMS
Preacher: Rev'd Jonathan MacNeaney

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

5.00pm Choral Evensong Thanksgiving for Fr Stephen

Monday 15th July Swithun

8.00am Morning Prayer

1.05pm Informal Eucharist – Sunday on Monday

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 16th July Osmund

8.00am Morning Prayer

11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 17th July

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am Holy Eucharist

1.05pm Meditation Group

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 18th July Elizabeth Ferard

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.30am St Mary Abbots School Eucharist & Leavers

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 19th July Gregory and Macrina

8.00am Morning Prayer

8.15am Holy Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 20th July Margaret of Antioch

9.40am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Services for Sunday 21st July Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Preschool Children's Groups
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

11.15am Choral Matins
Benedictus: Morning Service in C flat - STANFORD
Anthem: O thou the central orb - WOOD
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Organ Prelude
Folk Song Preludes - WARLOCK
Le banquet celeste – MESSIAEN

6.30pm Sung Evensong on the Eve of the commemoration of St Mary Magdalene Followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Canon Stephen Fielding

Canon Stephen's Departure

Fr Stephen writes:

We have been overwhelmed by all your kind messages over the last few weeks, as we prepare to move back into Hertfordshire and to the parish of St Paul's Walden with Preston, where I am to be team vicar, and also for all your good wishes to Angela who had major hip surgery on Monday of last week. Thank you all so much for your kind thoughts - they are much appreciated.

Sadly, Angela will not be able to come to this evening's special evensong. This is at 5pm (so you can hopefully just manage to watch the men's Wimbledon finals and come along afterwards). You are warmly invited to this.

My licensing at All Saints St Paul's Walden will be on Monday 28th October in the evening, and I do hope some of you will be able to come out and join us.

Mrs Doyle's Retirement

Mrs Doyle, the Head Teacher of St Mary Abbots will be retiring at the end of this week, at the conclusion of the school term. Mrs Doyle has benefitted a generation of children over her 20 year tenure. Not to mention the effect she has had on parents, staff and priests. Her commitment to the worshipping life of church and school has fostered the environment in which children can grow in body, mind and spirit.

Please keep her and our year 6 leavers in your prayers this week and do come along to our school Eucharist this Thursday at 9.30am to say goodbye.

onHand

onHand provide simple services to older adults using local volunteers. We cover basic needs like shopping, gardening, cooking, popping to the chemist and other errands or just sharing a tea and a chat. All our volunteers are DBS checked and interviewed. beonhand.co.uk

onHand would love to hear from you if you would like to be a volunteer or if you know someone who would benefit from their support.

Alzheimer's Society - the Prudential 100

Christine Gabbitass writes: Since I am unemployed at the moment, I have decided to raise some money for the Alzheimer's Society by signing up to ride the Prudential 100 mile cycle event on Sunday August 4th. Those of you who see me and my mother in the Matins congregation will know why this is a cause dear to my heart.

When I rode last year, I learned the extraordinary power of small acts of encouragement. Knowing that friends at St Mary Abbots were thinking of me, and hearing cheering from people who turned out along the route was like rocket fuel! Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare for the big day. If you can spare a small contribution to my fundraising target, I have a site at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christinegabbitass>

Every little helps!

Healing Eucharist

Our next Healing Eucharist with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil will take place at 2pm on 17th July. Please do invite friends who may benefit both from this ministry and from a cup of tea afterwards.

Summer Garden Picnic

What better way to return to the Kensington grind after your summer holidays than by picnic in the (new) vicar's garden. 15th September from 12.30pm come along with your hamper or Tesco's bags and enjoy the Autumn sunshine with friends. Plenty of space for children to run around. Picnic blankets provided for those who like the ground and chairs for those who like to remain elevated above the dirt.

Save the date

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council invite you to the Collation and Induction of

The Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith

as Vicar of the Parish of St Mary Abbots by The Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington and The Ven Stephan Welch, Archdeacon of Middlesex at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington High Street, London W8 4LA on our Patronal Festival, Sunday 8 September 2019, at 3.00 pm and afterwards for tea in the Vicarage Garden

RSVP to rsvp@smaw8.org

St Mary Abbots Pilgrimage

A date for our annual Autumn Pilgrimage has been set. **Sunday 22nd September at 10.45am.** We will be leaving after the 9.30am service and walking to St Paul's Cathedral. After lunch in the cafeteria we will be being shown around the cathedral by one of the canons. Everyone is welcome. The journey is about 5 miles and can be covered on foot, scooter, wheelchair or horseback. If you want to take public transport and meet us there then aim to arrive for 1pm.

A Virger's Wedding

Our Head Virger, Simon Fitter, is marrying Margy Wheeler on 31st August at 3.00pm. For those who don't know Margy, she does a huge amount of work behind the scenes, helping the Vestry team. She can also sometimes be seen in the Voluntary Choir, arranging the flowers, serving refreshments - and even in the congregation!

You are all warmly invited to the service, followed by bubbly, cake and scones afterwards. It would be helpful for catering numbers, but not essential, if you could let Simon know if you are intending to come.

St. Cuthbert's Talks

Making sense of the Bible - Exploring the Psalms
Talk and discussion with Rev Andy Roland
B.A. History & Theology, Oxford and Durham
Followed by wine & cheese.

St Cuthbert's Church, 50 Philbeach Gardens,
Earls Court, SW5 9EB

7.00 pm Monday 12th August

Admission free!

Tickets from eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/yxj2ylex>

Sign up for newsletter & blog on: www.bibleinbrief.org

Regular Stewardship

The ministry of St Mary Abbots Church is supported and enabled by the generosity of our congregation. Our Sunday worship; daily prayer; visiting of the sick and housebound; care for the homeless; work with the school; healing services; outreach to the High Street and much more can only happen because of your generosity.

Regular Stewardship through monthly direct debit is the best way for committed members of the church to make their offering. Emma Porteous our Stewardship Officer will be available after the 9.30am service this Sunday morning to answer any of your questions or help you sign up.

Kensington View

Our very own Annie Redmile's new website is now live. It follows the news, highlights the views and features the people and places of Kensington. <https://kensingtonview.com/>

A Shiny New Sink

How long has St Mary Abbots suffered with facilities unworthy of its majesty? Well improvements have been made and continue to be planned. Not least a sink of commendable craftsmanship and elegance. Our enormous thanks to Pier Casorerio who carried out the work. See back page!