

In Our Prayers This Week

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you. Amen.



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

Katie Aston
Evangelia Brown
Sarah Deal
Andrew Fernandes
Tony Gordon
Joan Jackson
Barbara Longford
Soheli Madadi
Mary McKenna
Diana Nicol

Michael North

Doina Oana
Maria Reis
June Scully
Sue Spicer
Becky Tinsley
Roger
Rosie
Amir
Roxana
Alma

Those in long-term need

Sergio Avanzi
Frieda Bilger
Vincenzo Blandini
Theo Bulkai
John Cantlie
Joan Davies
Leo Koymans
Simon Portal
Annie Redmile
James Worsley

Please pray for those preparing for baptism

India Warrick John Bulatovic Caspar MacNeaney

In thanksgiving for those who have recovered
Pat Wilson

and for all who have died recently

Peter Ian Napier John Vincia

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

1st December 2019

Sunday 1st December - The First Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Children on Sundays Groups
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
11.15am Choral Matins
Benedicite in B flat - SUMSION
Anthem: Ne timeas, Maria - LUIS de VICTORIA
Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
12.30pm Holy Eucharist
6.30pm Advent Carol Service
Followed by Holy Eucharist

Monday 2nd December

8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm Informal Eucharist – Sunday on Monday
5.30pm Evening Prayer
6.00pm Tommy's Carol Concert

Tuesday 3rd December – Francis Xavier

8.00am Morning Prayer
11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30pm Evening Prayer
7.00pm RADA Carol Concert

Wednesday 4th December – John of Damascus

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Holy Eucharist
1.05pm Meditation Group
5.30pm Evening Prayer
6.30pm Hope and Homes for Children's Carol Concert

Thursday 5th December

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.20am School Eucharist – All Welcome
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 6th December – Bishop Nicolas

8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am Holy Eucharist
1.05pm Royal College of Music Recital – Final Performance
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 7th December – Bishop Ambrose

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

Sunday 8th December - The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism & Children on Sundays Groups
Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
11.15am Choral Matins
Benedictus - Tonus Peregrinus with Fauxbourduns - MOORE
Anthem: Canite Tuba in Sion – FRANCISCO GUERRERO
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
12.30pm Holy Eucharist
6.30pm The Messiah

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Church Dates:

1st December: The Advent Procession
3rd December: Bishop Grahams Teaching evening: Beyond
The Brexit Debate
8th December: Handel's Messiah,
11th December: Community Carol Service
15th December: Family Eucharist with Children's Nativity Play
19th December: Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
24th December: **Christmas Eve**
Children's Crib Service, 4pm
25th December: **Christmas Day**
Holy Eucharist, 8am
Family Eucharist, 9.30am
Solemn Matins, 11.15
Holy Eucharist, 12.30
Christmas Communion Service, 4pm
29th December: New Year Service

The Advent Procession

1st December, 6.30 St Mary Abbots

Advent readings and music led by our professional choir

Nativity Play Casting

1st December during Sunday School, St Mary Abbots.

The nativity play is currently being written by our talented children and casting will take place in Sunday school. If you are unable to make the casting session but would still like to participate send Fr Jonathan an email with the name of your child and their preferred role.

Rehearsals for the play will take place on 8th December in Sunday school with the dress rehearsal on 14th December at the **amended time of 10.30am**. **Travelling Crib:** Each night in December one lucky household will have the opportunity of looking after the travelling nativity set. Louis has been taking names. If you would like the crib to stay with you one evening then please email him on lhk@smaw8.org or catch him at church.

Bishop Graham Teaching Evening Beyond the Brexit Debate, Bringing the Nation Back Together

Tuesday 3 December, 7.30 at St Mary's Sunbury.

Bishop Graham has already spoken on the theme of the Incarnation at two Bishop's Teaching Evening and had planned to do so in our other four deaneries. But, in view of the urgency of the situation in the nation at the moment, has decided to speak instead on a Christian approach to Brexit. SPCK are publishing a short book he has written on the topic later in November.

An evening around the Mayor's Christmas Tree 5th December, 6.30 pm - Friends of St Mary Abbots

A Gala Festive Evening around the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea's Christmas Tree to be held in the Mayor's Parlour, Kensington Town Hall.

Christmas entertainment to be led by Opera Star, LolaG singing Russian festive music, An International Christmas Buffet of British, Puerto Rican, Italian and Russian festive treats, with wine, hosted by the Mayor Councillor Will Pascall, Mother Emma and Founding Patron of the Friends Steve Attack. There will be a cash raffle in aid of the Friends with a superb selection of prizes. Further information from Steve Attack at steveattack@aol.com

Tickets: £20 including buffet and wine available from the Vestry or via sma-mayorsevening.eventbrite.co.uk

Handel's Messiah

8th December at 6.30 at St Mary Abbots church

A baroque Christmas concert by candlelight in the church.

Tickets: are £20 and are available online from <https://smamessiah2019.eventbrite.co.uk>.

"Apocalyptic! Getting to grips with Revelation"

Monday 9th December, 7pm- 9pm

Traditionally Advent is a time for considering the Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. So not an inappropriate time to look at the Book of Revelation! A Talk and discussion with Rev Andy Roland, plus wine and cheese up. Free admission. All welcome at St Cuthbert's Church, 50 Philbeach Gardens, SW5 9EB.

Community Carol Service

11 December, 1pm St Mary Abbots

A service for all sponsored by Kensington businesses and institutions

Family Eucharist with Children's Nativity Play

15th December, 9.30 St Mary Abbots

The play, written, produced and performed by our young people will take place in St Mary Abbots at the 9.30 service.

OTHER NOTICES

Food Bank

Please continue to support the foodbank

A typical food donation includes:

Food Items: Cereal; Soup; Pasta; Rice; Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce; Lentils, beans and pulses; Tinned meat; Tinned vegetables; Tea/coffee; Tinned fruit; Biscuits; UHT milk; juice; Non-food items:

Toiletries: deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes

Household: detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid

Feminine products: sanitary towels and tampons

Baby supplies: nappies, baby wipes and baby food.

Re-registration of Children at SMA

As you may be aware, we have begun a process of re-registering all the children who attend St Mary Abbots Church on Sundays, whether they attend the Children on Sunday groups or remain in church with their families. This will make it simpler for us to document overall numbers for Health and Safety reasons as we consider helper ratios; to help us build an up-to-the minute database for communications about groups and for statistics for applications to a Church of England primary or secondary school.

Forms are available from the leaders and helpers, and also from our Pastoral Assistant, Louis, and once the form has been filled in and returned, children are being added to our new database. These children's names will then appear automatically on our new registers.

The register will be taken in the groups by Louis or a volunteer and parents will also have the opportunity to sign the register if their child decides to stay with them in church. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact Mother Emma or Martina.

Please do fill in a form as soon as possible if you haven't already, and spread the news to others that they should do so, too! Thank you.