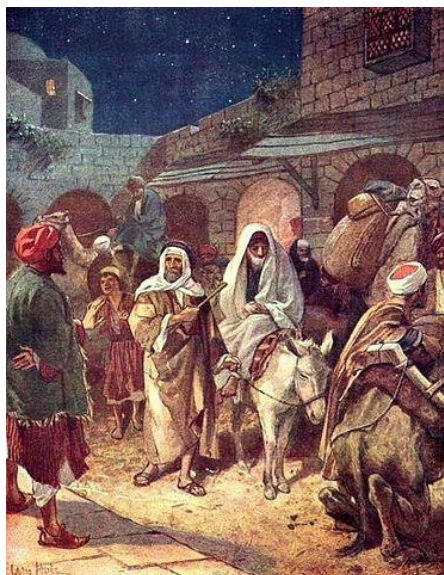


In Our Prayers This Week

Sovereign Lord, We pray for the people who are charged with representing our nation as they bridge culture, geography, and religion to painstakingly negotiate terms of trade and forge alliances of security. May they view their task as sacred and be filled with hope, creativity, and endurance so that the bonds they forge among nations may bring mutual benefit and lasting peace.

At this busy time we thank God for all that we have, for friendship, for family, for warmth, for kindness, for faith. As the evenings grow colder and we enjoy these good things in our lives we remember those who might feel alone and offer them friendship and support.



Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Michael North	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Katie Aston	Doina Oana	Sergio Avanzi
Evangelia Brown	Maria Reis	Frieda Bilger
Sarah Deal	June Scully	Vincenzo Blandini
Andrew Fernandes	Sue Spicer	Theo Bulkai
Tony Gordon	Becky Tinsley	John Cantlie
Joan Jackson	Roger	Joan Davies
Soheli Madadi	Rosie	Leo Koymans
Mary McKenna	Amir	Simon Portal
Diana Nicol	Roxana	Annie Redmile
	Alma	James Worsley

In thanksgiving for those who have recovered
Pat Wilson

and for all who have died recently
Richard Alan Lamping

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
Anthony Howard, 19th Dec John Banks, 20 Dec
Evelyn Atack 21st Dec Barry Luxton, 21st Dec

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

15th December 2019

Sunday 15th December - The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am	Family Eucharist with Nativity Play
11.15am	Choral Matins with Eucharist
	Missa super Ecce Quam bonum – HASSLER
	Ecce Dominus veniet – MICHAEL PRAETORIUS
	Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
12.30pm	Holy Eucharist There is no 12.30 service
6.30pm	Sung Evensong

Monday 16th December

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

Tuesday 17th December – O Sapientia, Eglantyne Jebb

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

Wednesday 18th December

8.00am	Morning Prayer
8.15am	Holy Eucharist
1.00pm	Meditation Group
2.00pm	Healing Eucharist
5.30pm	Evening Prayer

Thursday 19th December

8.00am	Morning Prayer
9.20am	School Carol Service– All Welcome
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
7.00pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Friday 20th December

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

Saturday 21st December

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

Sunday 22nd December - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am	Sung Eucharist with Children on Sunday Groups
11.15am	Choral Matins
	Benedicite in B flat - HERBERT SUMSION
	Rejoice in the Lord alway - attrib. REDFORD
	Preacher: Revd Fr Jonathan MacNeaney
12.30pm	Sung Eucharist
6.30pm	Sung Evensong

We welcome our Sunday Groups today who will be performing the Nativity during the 9.30 Service.

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Church Dates:

19th December: Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight, 7pm

24th December: **Christmas Eve**

Children's Crib Service, 4pm

Midnight Mass, 11.30pm

25th December: **Christmas Day**

Holy Eucharist, 8am

Family Eucharist, 9.30am

Solemn Matins, 11.15am

Holy Eucharist, 12.30pm

Christmas Service with Communion, 4pm

29th December: Eucharist & Covenant for the New Year, 4pm

Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 19th December at 7.00 St Mary Abbots

The Traditional Service with mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards. All are welcome.



Children's Crib Service

Tuesday 24th December, 3.30 costumes

We ask the children to come early to church and raid the dressing up box to become angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary and Joseph. While Mother Emma narrates the children will take part. The crib will be moved to the front of the church and baby Jesus will be put into the manger.



Midnight Mass

Tuesday 24th December 11.30

Please join us for the first Eucharist of Christmas and the blessing of the crib.



Christmas Day Lunch

The St Marys Abbots Centre

Transport: We are asking for volunteers to transport guests to and from the St Mary Abbots centre for the Christmas lunch. A sign up list for giving lifts can be found on the table by the South door.

Gifts: We hope you will bring our lunch guests a little light and Christmas cheer by donating a gift. A sign up list for providing presents can be found on the table by the South door.



Christmas Day Services

Wednesday 25th December

08.00am Holy Eucharist

09.30am Family Eucharist

11.15am Solemn Matins

12.30pm Holy Eucharist

04.00pm Christmas Service with Communion



OTHER NOTICES

The Messiah

The Messiah was performed by St Mary Abbots Choir and the Purcell Orchestra with soloists Sarah Probert, Cara Carran, Joseph Doody and David Costley-White and Mark Uglov conducting. The evening was a great success with tickets completely sold out and the church was packed with an appreciative audience. The evening was once more generously sponsored by the Rudd family in memory of Ethne and Tony Rudd, while Santamaria shirt makers sponsored the Bass and provided his elegant shirt! The Front of House team worked tirelessly, checking and selling tickets, directing people to their seats and ensured the smooth running of the evening and deserve much thanks and appreciation for their good humour and hard work. The next time the orchestra and choir will assemble will be for Bach's St Johns Passion on the 5th April at 6.30, an Easter performance by Candlelight. Tickets will go on sale in the new year.

Evening around the Mayor's Christmas Tree

The Friends of St Marys Abbots held a hugely successful "Evening around the Mayor's Christmas Tree" in the Mayor's Parlour on Thursday, kindly sponsored by Knight Frank Kensington. A splendid performance of festive music by Lola G, together with a delightful festive international buffet provided with thanks by Patron Alison Steel, Juan Carrion and Dr Russell Lloyd complimented the evening. Donations in lieu of absence are welcome to the Vestry as are new memberships - £15 per person, £25 per couple of £100 for a ten year membership. The next Friend's event will be a talk in February by one of our Patrons, Professor Lord Alton of Liverpool, senior Catholic Peer and human rights campaigner on the theme of "Peering over the Great Wall: China and the West - two civilisations trying to co-exist on the same Planet". Date to be announced. Further details on the Friends from Founding Patron Steve Attack at steveattack@aol.com

Food Bank

Please continue to support the foodbank. **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;

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.

Register of Children at SMA

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

Weekly registers 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.