

In Our Prayers This Week

And now we give you thanks, for by the leading of a star you have revealed your only Son to the world, that in following him we are led from darkness into his marvellous light.

Jesus, Lord of time, hold us in your eternity.

Jesus, image of God, travel with us a life of faith.

Jesus, friend of sinners, heal the brokenness of our world

Jesus, Lord of tomorrow, draw us into your future. Amen.

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Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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

and for all who have died recently

Richard Alan Lamping Judith Mary Allen

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

Nigel Leyland, 12th January

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

5th January 2020

Sunday 5th January – Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am	Family Eucharist with pre-school Children on Sunday Groups Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
11.15am	Choral Matins with Eucharist Omnes de Saba - HANDL Missa brevis - GABRIELI The Star Anthem - BULL Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
12.30pm	There is no Holy Eucharist
6.30pm	Taize Prayer

Monday 6th January

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

Tuesday 7th January

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

Wednesday 8th January

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

Thursday 9th January

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

Friday 10th January - William Laud, Archbishop

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

Saturday 11th January - Mary Slessor, Missionary

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

Sunday 12th January – Baptism of Christ

8.00am	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am	Family Eucharist with Baptisms and Children on Sunday Groups Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
11.15am	Choral Matins Benedictus in G - STANLEY ROPER Tribus miraculis - MARENZIO Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
12.30pm	Holy Eucharist
6.30pm	Sung Evensong followed by Holy Eucharist

Lord, accept your people's gifts, not gold, frankincense or myrrh, but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ, light and our salvation. Amen.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dear all

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year, and to say three enormous thank yous to the St Mary Abbots community as I approach the four-month mark of my new incumbency here.

First, to everyone who worked so hard to make this such a wonderful and uplifting Advent and Christmas season:

Fr Jonathan, staff, musicians, singers, flower-arrangers, volunteers of every kind, and all those who contributed time and money for the beauty of the church and the joy of our celebration, from the Christmas fair and Messiah right through to the Christmas lunch and afternoon service on Christmas Day!

Second, for all the very kind good wishes, cards and gifts my family and I have received this Christmas - we have been overwhelmed by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

And third, and perhaps most of all, to all of you for your wonderful warm and encouraging welcome to Jeremy, the boys and me over the past four months. It is a huge joy and privilege to serve as Vicar of St Mary Abbots, and I look forward very much to stepping into the New Year to serve the Lord and discern his calling for the parish in the company of such amazing parishioners.

Wishing you all a glorious Epiphany, and with my prayers for a peaceful 2020,

Emma



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LOOKING AHEAD

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2020

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be based around the theme of "Unusual Kindness".

Mother Emma has been invited to give the Address at the Unity Service to be held on **Tuesday 21st January at 7pm 2020** at St Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church, Allen Street, W8 6UX at 7 pm. Members of all Kensington Churches are warmly invited to attend.

Friends of St Mary Abbots talk by Prof. Lord Alton 19th February 2020 at 7pm

An early start out of the blocks in 2020 for the Friends of St Mary Abbots: Professor Lord Alton of Liverpool, a global human rights campaigner, expert on China and a Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots will give a talk to the Friends and Guests on the subject "Peering Over The Great Wall: China and the West - two civilisations seeking to co-exist on the same Planet".

To reserve a ticket please go to www.lordaltontalk.eventbrite.co.uk or from the Vestry or Founding Patron Steve Atask, steveatack@aol.com £15 per person including wine and refreshments.



OTHER NOTICES

Food Bank

If you have any items for the food bank please leave it in the vestry and we will deliver it during the week. **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.