

In Our Prayers This Week

Bestow on me, O God, understanding to know You, diligence to seek You, and wisdom to find You; a life which may please You, and a hope which may embrace You at the last.

Prayer of Thomas Aquinas

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life
 John 8.12



Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of faith

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	Holly Raber Michael	Sergio Avanzi
Evangelia Brown	North	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
Margaret Lyon	Roxana	James Worsley
	Alma	

and for all who have died recently

Judith Mary Allen	Barbara Gatehouse	Richard Lamping
	Prosper Devas	David

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

Johnstone Joyce, 31 st January	Leith McGrandle, 4 th February
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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

26th January 2020

Sunday 26th January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
 9.30am Choral Eucharist with Children on Sunday Groups
 Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
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 11.15am Matins with soloist
 Jubilate in C – BOYCE
 Mein Jesus will es thun – JS BACH
 Preacher: Fr. John McGower OCD from our Lady of Mountcarmel and St Simon Stock
 12.30pm Holy Eucharist
 6.15pm Organ Prelude
 6.30pm Sung Evensong followed by Holy Eucharist

Monday 27th January

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
1.05pm Informal Eucharist – Sunday on Monday
 3.00pm Funeral of Barbara Gatehouse
 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 28th January – Thomas Aquinas, philosopher

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

Wednesday 29th January

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

Thursday 30th January – Charles, king and martyr

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

Friday 31st January – John Bosco, Priest

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

Saturday 1st February – Brigid of Kildare, Abbess

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

Sunday 2nd February – Presentation of Christ in The Temple (Candlemas)

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
 9.30am Family Eucharist with pre-school Children on Sunday Groups
 Preacher: Emma Dinwiddy Smith
 11.15am Choral Matins
 Benedictus - STANFORD
 Anthem - Senex puerum - VICTORIA
 Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
~~12.30pm Holy Eucharist~~
 6.15pm Organ Prelude

6.30pm Candlemas Sung Evensong
followed by Holy Eucharist

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Church Dates:

21st May: Confirmation Service, 7pm

TAIZE EUCHARIST A Service time change

The Taize Eucharist will be moving from the first Sunday to the **THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**, from February onwards. We look forward to welcoming you to the next Taize Service on Sunday 16th February at 6.30 pm.

The Annual Rainbow Poetry Lunch & Meeting at the Windsor Castle pub 6th February at 12.30

The plan is to intermingle libations, food and poetry in a way which seems most appropriate at the time, on the topic "Love and Good Fellowship". I look forward to seeing you all on the occasion.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 5th March at SMA beginning at the usual time of 14:30. The provisional topic is the poetry of Clive James, the Australian poet, writer, telly pundit and much else who became almost a British institution and who died last year.

World Day of Prayer 6th March at 11am

The Kensington and Chelsea Branch of the World Day of Prayer is holding its annual WDP International Service at St Mary the Boltons, London, SW10 9TB. The theme, chosen by Zimbabwe is "Rise! Take your mat and walk". The service, which will be attended by the Mayor, will be followed by light refreshments and St Marys welcomes any of our congregation who would like to attend.

Lent Talks – 'Care for God's Creation' 11th March at 7pm

A talk in St Mary Abbots on the climate by the Rev'd Giles Goddard, a board member of Operation Noah and co-founder of Faith for the Climate, the interfaith environmental action group. He is also a member of the Church of England's General Synod. In 2014, he presented a motion to the General Synod, calling for leadership on the issue of climate change. For further information please contact Father Jonathan on jm@smaw8.org

Revised date for Lord Alton of Liverpool talk to the friends 22nd April at 7pm

Due to an unexpected Parliamentary Recess Professor Lord Alton of Liverpool is unable to join us as planned to give the talk to the Friends of St Mary Abbots on "China and the West: Two Civilisations seeking to exist on the same Planet" due to be held on February 19th.

Professor Lord Alton of Liverpool is a global human rights campaigner, expert on China and a Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots and subject is "Peering Over The Great Wall: China and the West - two civilisations seeking to co-exist on the same Planet". Tickets are £15 per person including wine and refreshments and are available from the Vestry or via www.lordaltontalk.eventbrite.co.uk. Cheques to be made payable to "Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington". For more information please email Steve Atack, steveatack@aol.com

Confirmation Groups

Confirmation, 21st May at 7pm

On Ascension Day, Thursday 21st May, The Bishop of Kensington will be coming to St Mary Abbots for a service of Confirmation. If you are interested in being confirmed this year we will have preparation sessions for both children and adults beginning in the second half of February. Please speak to one of the Clergy after the service or email Father Jonathan on jm@smaw8.org

OTHER NOTICES

Friend of St Mary Abbots & Waitrose

Steve Atack, Founding Patron of the Friends is delighted to announce that the Friends have been accepted as one of three charities selected to receive a donation at the end of February by Waitrose in Kensington High Street.

The Waitrose Scheme allows for people who shop at the store to ask for some tokens at the check out to put in the Friends of St Mary Abbots Collection point in the shop from the beginning of, and throughout, February. At the end of the month the tokens are counted up and a prize from the £1,000 Waitrose offer goes to each charity according to the percentage of tokens in our box!!! Please shop there and don't forget to insert your tokens. The Friends thank Waitrose for their generous support.

Servers and Readers

Any adults or children who would like to serve, or any adults who would like to read the lessons there is an upcoming training session. Please contact Father Jonathan for details: jm@smaw8.org

Foodbank

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

Most of the children who attend St Mary Abbots Church on Sunday groups are now re-registered. If your child has not been re-registered please speak to Louis or someone from the Sunday groups for a form. 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 ask Mother Emma or contact Martina on m.sadovska@yahoo.co.uk

Sermons

Mother Emma and Father Jonathan's sermons are now available online. If you would like to hear them then the link is here:

Mother Emma's sermons: <https://tinyurl.com/emmassermons>
Father Jonathan's sermons: <https://www.youtube.com/user/jmacneaney>