

In Our Prayers This Week

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, that we, who by these kindling flames light up this temple to your glory, may have the darkness of our souls dispelled.

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How far that little candle throws his beam! So shines a good deed in a naughty world.
Merchant of Venice



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 | Michael North | Sergio Avanzi |
| Evangelia Brown | Maria Reis | Frieda Bilger |
| Sarah Deal | Holly Raber | Vincenzo Blandini |
| Andrew Fernandes | June Scully | Theo Bulkai |
| Kevin Fitzgerald | Sue Spicer | John Cantlie |
| Tony Gordon | Becky Tinsley | Joan Davies |
| Joan Jackson | Roger | Leo Koymans |
| Margaret Lyon | Rosie | Simon Portal |
| Mary McKenna | Roxana | Annie Redmile |
| Diana Nicol | Alma | James Worsley |

and for those being baptised next week

Poppy Flynn

and for all who have died recently

Judith Mary Allen Barbara Gatehouse Prosper Devas David
Debbie Lovell

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

Leith McGrandle, 4th February Sarah Lamping 6th February
Antony Carr-Gomm & Annie Lloyd 9th February

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

2nd February 2020

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: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
11.15am Choral Matins
Benedictus - STANFORD
Anthem - Senex puerum - VICTORIA
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
12.30pm Holy Eucharist
6.15pm Organ Prelude
6.30pm Choral Evensong for Candlemas followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney

Monday 3rd February – Archbishop Anskar

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

Tuesday 4th February – Gilbert, Order of Gibertine Founder

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

Wednesday 5th February

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

Thursday 6th February – Martyrs of Japan

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

Friday 7th February

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

Saturday 8th February

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

Sunday 9th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism and Children on Sunday Groups
Preacher: Rev Jonathan MacNeaney
11.15am Choral Matins
Missa Che fa oggi - ALLEGRI
O where shall wisdom be found – WILLIAM BOYCE
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
12.30pm Holy Eucharist
6.15pm Organ Prelude
6.30pm Sung Evensong followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Louis Howard-Krelle, Ministry Assistant

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Church Dates:

3rd March Lent Study Group, 10.30am
8th March: Commissioning of candidates, 9.30am
11th March: Lent Talk 'Care for God's Creation, 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 16th February onwards.

The Annual Rainbow Poetry Lunch & Meeting at the Windsor Castle pub

Thursday 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". The following meeting on Thursday 5th March will be 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.

Opening the Scriptures – Lent Studies

Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm

Throughout Lent Kensington Council of Churches will bring you 'Opening the Scriptures, setting our heart on Fire', a series of Ecumenical Studies every Thursday at 7.30pm. The first, at St John's Notting Hill, Lansdown Crescent, W11 2NN will take place on Thursday 5th March. For more details <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent>

World Day of Prayer

Friday 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.

Confirmation - Commissioning of Candidates

Sunday 8th March at 9.30am

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 children, starting on Wednesday 4th March in Vicar's Parlour at 3.35 every week during term time, and for adults from Tuesday 25th February at 7pm in the vicarage every week during term time. There will be pancakes for the adults on Shrove Tuesday. Please email Father Jonathan on pa@smaw8.org if you would like to join

Lent Talk – 'Care for God's Creation'

Wednesday 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 Weekly study groups at SMA on Tuesday at 10.30am.

Revised date for

Lord Alton of Liverpool talk to the friends

Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm

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 Attack, steveattack@aol.com

OTHER NOTICES

New Archdeacon of Middlesex

The Bishop of London has today announced that following the retirement of Ven Stephan Welch last year the Revd Richard Frank, incumbent Vicar at All Souls, St Margaret's and Area Dean for Hounslow, has been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Middlesex. Richard will step down as Vicar of All Souls in March, before starting in post as Archdeacon of Middlesex in April. He is much looking forward to supporting and working with the parishes in the area. We send Richard our warm congratulations and our prayers for him and his family as he prepares for this new stage in his ministry.

Choir Vestry – Volunteers needed

A helping hand is urgently needed behind scenes in the Choir Vestry, which would benefit and appreciate a little extra care to keep things tidy, which would entail a little easy vacuuming, occasional dusting, tidying and oversight of choral robes. Please contact Alison on 0207 229 5514.

Friend of St Mary Abbots & Waitrose

Waitrose on Kensington High Street has kindly accepted SMA as one of three charities selected to receive a donation at the end of February. At the checkout tokens are issued and placed in one of three collection boxes, which are counted at the end of the month and £1000 is divided between all three depending on the percentage. 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

If your child has not been re-registered for the On Sunday Groups please speak to either Louis or of the leaders and ask 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 stays with them in church. If you have any questions or suggestions, please ask Mother Emma or contact Martina on m.sadovska@yahoo.co.uk