

In Our Prayers This Week

Forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy. In both we have failed ourselves, and you. Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod. Lead us to the Cross and meet us there.

Faith and Worship

Almighty God, may we by the prayer and discipline of Lent, enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings; that by following in the w

ay, we may come to share in the Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord
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Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Diana Nicol	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Katie Aston	Michael North	Sergio Avanzi
Evangelia Brown	Maria Reis	Frieda Bilger
Rebecca Cable-	Holly Raber	Vincenzo Blandini
Nunn	June Scully	Revd Geoffrey Connor
Sarah Deal	Sue Spicer	Theo Bulkai
Andrew Fernandes	Becky Tinsley	John Cantlie
Kevin Fitzgerald	Alma	Joan Davies
Tony Gordon	Victoria	Leo Koymans
Joan Jackson	Roger	Simon Portal
Margaret Lyon	Rosie	Annie Redmile
Mary McKenna	Roxana	James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Judith Mary Allen Prosper Devas David Cecile Daphne Foster
Barbara Gatehouse Robert Lane Debbie Lovell Rosalynd

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

Alison Nicholson, 20 February Ivan Cameron, 25 February
Arthur Harriman, 28 February Anthony Minoprio 29 February

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2020

Sunday 23rd February – Sunday before Lent

8.00am	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am	Choral Eucharist with Children on Sunday Groups Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
11.15am	Matins with soloist Preacher: Revd David Evans Jubilate – WILLIAM CHILD Ich liege und schlate - SCHUTZ
12.30pm	Holy Eucharist
6.30pm	Sung Evensong followed by Holy Eucharist Preacher: Revd Sam McNally-Cross

Monday 24th February

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

Tuesday 25th February

8.00am	Morning Prayer
11.30am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30pm	Evening Prayer
7.00pm	Adult confirmation group - 1 st meeting

Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday

8 - 9am	Ashing, prayers & intercessions
9.20am	School Eucharist with Ashing
12- 1pm	Ashing, prayers & intercessions
1.05pm	Choral Eucharist
4.00pm	There is no Meditation Group
5 - 6pm	Ashing, prayers & intercessions
7.00pm	Choral Eucharist

Thursday 27th February – George Herbert

8.00am	Morning Prayer
8.15 am	Holy Eucharist
9.20	There is no School Eucharist
5.30pm	Evening Prayer

Friday 28th February

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

Saturday 29th February

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

Sunday 1st March – First Sunday of Lent

8.00am	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am	Family Eucharist with Children on Sunday Groups Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
11.15am	Choral Matins with Eucharist Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
12.30pm	The Blessing of Robert Prior & Penelope Foulkes
4.30pm	There is no Holy Eucharist
6.30pm	Sung Evensong Followed by Holy Eucharist Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Church Dates:

3 rd March	Lent Study Group, 10.30am
8 th March:	Commissioning of candidates, 9.30am
11 th March:	Lent Talk 'Care for God's Creation, 7pm
5 th April:	St John's Passion
21 st May:	Confirmation Service, 7pm

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 26th February 2020

Last call for the return of your palm crosses to be burned for Ash Wednesday and we would welcome volunteers to hand out cards during the Ashing which will take place outside the church at the following times:

8am – 9am 12.00 – 1.00pm 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Please speak to Simon or email Leonora if you would like to take part pa@smaw8.org

Opening the Scriptures – Lent Studies Every Thursday 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 will be followed by light refreshments.

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 the church on the climate by the Revd 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.

Bach's St John Passion

Sunday, 5th April 2020 at 6.30

A special performance of Bach's St John Passion will be played on Baroque instruments in the church by candlelight. Tickets are £20 for Adults (£10 under 16) including a programme and

**Bach St John
Passion**

interval drink. To book your tickets go to Eventbrite www.smaw8.org/stjohnpassion2020

Lord Alton of Liverpool Talk, Friends of SMA 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 "Friends of St Mary Abbots Church Kensington". For more information please email Steve Atack, steveattack@aol.com

OTHER NOTICES

Revision of Church Electoral Roll

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll of the our parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on Sunday the 23rd day of February 2020, and ending on Friday the 13th day of March 2020.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer, Ed Warrick er@smaw8.org

Do you have a property available to rent?

Kensington and Chelsea Welcome Committee, founded in 2015 in response to the global refugee crisis, are looking to rent accommodation for individuals and families displaced by war or persecution, usually those in need of medical assistance. The potential tenants have been vetted by UNHCR and the Home Office and would rent for 24+ months. If you wish to help please contact rbkcrefugeeswelcome@gmail.com

Choir Vestry – Volunteers needed

A helping hand is urgently needed behind the scenes in the Choir Vestry, which would benefit and appreciate a little extra care to keep things tidy. Please contact Alison on 0207 229 5514.

New Archdeacon of Middlesex

The Bishop of London announced that Revd Richard Frank, Vicar of All Souls, St Margaret's and Area Dean for Hounslow, has been appointed as the new Archdeacon of Middlesex, starting in April. We send Richard our warm congratulations and our prayers for him and his family as he prepares for this new stage in his ministry.

Friends of St Mary Abbots & Waitrose

Waitrose is donating a portion of £1000 based on the number of tokens in the collection box in Waitrose, Kensington High Street – please remember to add your tokens after shopping.

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 them at the vestry and we will deliver them 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 a leader and ask for a form. Weekly registers will be taken in the groups and for children who remain in church.