

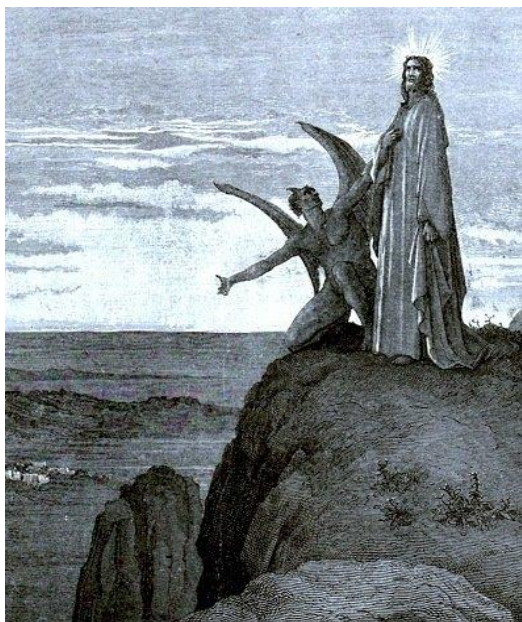
In Our Prayers This Week

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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May God Bless us, that in us may be found love and humility, obedience and thanksgiving, discipline, gentleness and peace.

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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	Diana Nicol	Frieda Bilger
Evangelia Brown	Michael North	Vincenzo Blandini
Rebecca Cable-Nunn	Holly Raber	Theo Bulkai
Sarah Deal	Maria Reis	John Cantlie
Andrew Fernandes	June Scully	Revd Geoffrey Connor
Kevin Fitzgerald	Sue Spicer	Joan Davies
Tony Gordon	Alma	Leo Koymans
Joan Jackson	Roger	Simon Portal
Margaret Lyon	Rosie	Annie Redmile
Mary McKenna	Roxana	Annie Redmile
	Victoria	James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Cecile Daphne Foster Barbara Gatehouse Robert Lane
Debbie Lovell Rosalind

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

Thomas Nevell, 3rd March Charlotte Felderhof, 4th March
Mary Isa, 5th March Josephine Grieve, 5th March
Derrick Holden-Brown, 6th March

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

1st March 2020

Sunday 1st March – First Sunday of Lent

- 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
Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
12.30pm The Blessing of Robert Prior & Penelope Foulkes
~~12.30pm~~ There is no Holy Eucharist
6.30pm Sung Evensong
Followed by Holy Eucharist
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith

Monday 2nd March – Bishop Chad

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

Tuesday 3rd March

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
10.30am Lent Study Group
11.30am **Holy Eucharist (BCP)**
5.30pm Evening Prayer
7.00pm Adult confirmation group – 2nd meeting

Wednesday 4th March – Ember Day

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
8.15am **Holy Eucharist**
1.00pm Meditation Group
3.45pm Children Confirmation group – 1st meeting
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 5th March

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
9.20am **School Eucharist**
1.00pm Ashbourne College Recital
2.30pm Rainbow Poetry: Love & Good Fellowship
5.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 6th March – Ember Day

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

Saturday 7th March - Martyrs Perpetua & Felicity

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

Sunday 8th March – Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Commissioning of Confirmation Candidates Children on Sunday Groups
Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
11.15am Choral Matins
Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
Benedicite in G – FRANCIS JACKSON
The ways of Zion do mourn – MICHAEL WISE
12.30pm Holy Eucharist
6.30pm Sung Evensong
followed by Holy Eucharist

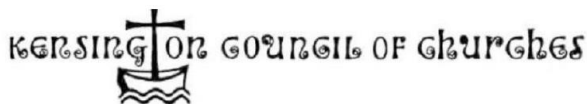
LOOKING AHEAD

Important Church Dates:

3 rd March	Lent Study Group, 10.30am
8 th March:	Commissioning of Confirmation Candidates, during the 9.30am Service
11 th March:	Lent Talk 'Care for God's Creation, 7pm
5 th April:	St John's Passion, 6.30
21 st May:	Confirmation Service, 7pm

Ashborne College Recital Thursday 5th March at 1pm

The students of Ashbourne College present their Spring Concert in the church in which the students perform music by Bach, Rachmaninoff and Frank Lambert. Entrance is free and all are welcome.



With Churches Together in Notting Hill

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. 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 Lent study groups at SMA every Tuesday at 10.30am.

Bach St John Passion Palm Sunday, 5th April at 6.30

A special concert of Bach's The Passion of St John with Baroque instruments will be performed in the church by candlelight.

Tickets are £20 for Adults (£10 for children under 16) includes a programme and interval drink. To book your tickets to Eventbrite at www.smaw8.org/stjohnpassion2020

Bach St John Passion

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 Attack, steveattack@aol.com

OTHER NOTICES

Revision of Church Electoral Roll

Every year, we are asked to update our church's electoral roll in the run-up to the APCM, which this year will be held on 1st April. Please could you check the lists in church to see whether you are already on the roll. If not, and if you are baptised and either live in the parish or have worshipped here for more than six months, please fill in one of the forms available by the West Door and give it to a sidesperson on Sunday or send it to the parish office **by Friday 13th March**. For further information, contact the Electoral Roll Office, Ed Warrick on er@smaw8.org. Thank you!

Lenten Offering

Host UK ask you to consider a positive action for Lent and ask you to invite an international student to your home for one day only to share a meal, conversations and exchange cultural tradition – a rewarding experience for both the student and host. If you would like to take part you can find out more on www.hostuk.org or email info@hostuk.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

Servers and Readers

For 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.