

In Our Prayers This Week

Holy God, thank you for treating us all equally. Help us, both during this season of Lent, and the rest of the year, to stand up to all forms of discrimination and to love our neighbours as ourselves. *USPG*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live". I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived and now I live in him. *By Horatius Bonar.*



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

and for all who have died recently

Robert Lane

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

Penelope King, 8th March Alfred Bailey, 10th March

Owen Lloyd, 12th March

Alick Macvie and Eileen Haddad, 13th March

Helene Wigley and Ivo Morshead, 15th March

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

8th March 2020

Sunday 8th March – Second Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Commissioning of Confirmation Candidates and 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

Monday 9th March

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

Tuesday 10th March

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
 10.30am Lent Study Group – A sacred Gift
 11.30am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
 5.30pm Evening Prayer
 7.00pm Adult Confirmation group

Wednesday 11th March

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
 8.15am Holy Eucharist
 1.00pm Meditation Group
 3.45pm Children Confirmation Group
 5.30pm Evening Prayer
 7.00pm Lent Talk by the Revd Giles Goddard – Care for God's Creation.

Thursday 12th March

- 8.00am Morning Prayer
 9.20am School Eucharist
 5.30pm Evening Prayer
 6.30pm Draycott Nursing & Care Awards

Friday 13th March

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

Saturday 14th March

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

Sunday 15th March – Third Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Children on Sunday Groups
 Preacher: Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith
 11.15am Choral Matins with Dedication of the Royal British Legion Standard
 Preacher: Revd Jonathan MacNeaney
 Benedicite in B Flat – HERBERT SUMSION
 Hear O Heavens – PELHAM HUMFREY
 12.30pm Holy Eucharist
 6.30pm Taize – 'The hour is coming, and is now here'

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Church Dates:

11th March: Lent Talk 'Care for God's Creation, 7pm
13th March: Church Electoral Roll deadline
5th April: St John's Passion, 6.30pm
21st May: Confirmation Service, 7pm

Confirmation - Commissioning of Candidates Sunday 8th March at 9.30am

We welcome our confirmation candidates Jody Ashmore, Genesis Ayo, Max Buettner, Tahllia Bullard, Taien Bullard, Cicibel Lucas, Samuel Clark, Daniel Gwiggner, Pepe Kowssari-Giwa, Roman Kowssari-Giwa, Marina Kyuchukova, Willow Marks, Mona Puttanarakul, Gawain Smart, Bipin Tandon, Kate-Lee Vichera, Isobelle Whitby, Sophra Whiu, Abdellah Youssef, Elouahabi Youssef and Zohra Youssef. Over the next eight weeks they will be prepared for confirmation which will be performed by The Bishop of Kensington on the 21st May at 7pm.

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 im@smaw8.org

Care for God's Creation – Water Tuesday 10th March at 10.30am

This week we will be reflecting on water's central place in both life and faith. We'll explore how we can better use, conserve and share this precious gift of God. Our Weekly Lent study groups in the Holland Chapel are part of the #Live Lent, a 40 day Challenge which are inspired by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020. Booklets with daily challenges can be picked up from the Vestry or from Father Jonathan.

"Opening the Scriptures Setting your Hearts on Fire" Thursday March 12th at 7.30pm

The Second talk in this series of Ecumenical Studies by Kensington Council of Churches takes place at All Saints, 6 Clydesdale Road, Notting Hill, London, W11 1JE. This phrase is drawn from one of the most evocative and treasured New Testament episodes – the account of a mysterious stranger who meets two people journeying on the road to Emmaus, whose identity is eventually revealed as the three of them break bread together (Luke 24: 13-38). After the realisation dawns that their fellow traveller was none other than Jesus himself, the two disciples say to each other: 'Were not our hearts burning within us...' Taking this biblical story as its starting point, the course invites us to 'open the scriptures' and read them with both our hearts and our heads. For more information please look on their website <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent>

The Royal British Legion

15th March during the 11.15am Service

The Royal British Legion will be dedicating their standard at the church, a ceremony that takes place before the standard is used, after which it will be laid-up in sacred or public building. The Standard is a symbolic reminder to members of the Legion of their motto, 'Service not self'. The crosses symbolise unity, chivalry and loyalty to our Sovereign, community and nation. The blue is for loyalty and



fidelity while the gold signifies service - 'as gold is tried by fire' - and reminds us of all those who gave their lives for our country. All are welcome to come and support The Legion at this dedication ceremony.

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 Deadline: Friday 13th March 2020

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!

Antiques Valuation Day

Tuesday 17th March, 12.15 – 4pm

Local auction house Olympia Auctions will host a Valuation Day in the SMA Center to raise funds for the community and the charitable work of the Church. Specialists in jewellery, ceramics, silver, paintings, drawings and objects of vertu will use their expertise and experience to provide a thorough understanding of each object as well as a free valuation. A percentage of the commission of any lots coming to auction will go to St Mary's Abbots Parish Church. Tel: 020 7806 5541 or email: enquiries@olympiaauctions.com

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.