

In Our Prayers This Week

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah; grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

The Archbishops Council 2020

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Church of England, Prayers for the Coronavirus outbreak



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	Mary McKenna	Vincenzo Blandini
Francesca de Bono	Diana Nicol	Theo Bulkai
Evangelia Brown	Michael North	John Cantlie
Rebecca Cable-Nunn	Holly Raber	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Sarah Deal	Mary Reeve	Joan Davies
Kevin Fitzgerald	Maria Reis	Leo Koymans
Tony Gordon	June Scully	Simon Portal
Sarah Hack	Sue Spicer	Annie Redmile
Joan Jackson	Roger	James Worsley
Margaret Lyon	Rosie	
	Victoria	

and for all who have died recently

Agnes Ndiweni (Masuku)	Dr John Hogarth Cleave	Tony de Bono
Jennifer Pinney	Tricia Rees	Christine Wattlesworth

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

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

6th April 2020

St Mary Abbots' church building may be closed, but the St Mary Abbots church community continues strong in faith and fellowship. With technology we continue to pray for one another's needs and to share each other's hopes and fears.

Daily Prayer:

The Clergy continue to say the daily office in the quiet of their homes at **8 am and 5.30 pm**. If you would like to be with us in spirit, please do light a candle and use the prayers accessed here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

HOLY WEEK ONLINE SERVICES

A link will be on the website and sent out for the following services:

All are accessible at: youtube.com/user/jmacneaney

Sunday 5th April – Palm Sunday

Jesus enters Jerusalem to great rejoicing

10.30am Holy Eucharist with reading of the Passion
We are encouraging children to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday out of paper. Simon our virger has produced a 'how-to YouTube' here: <https://youtu.be/luo0V1eVssg>

Holy Monday 6th April

7.00pm Night Prayer with reflection. John 12: 1-11
"Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair."
Louis Howard-Krelle, Ministry Assistant

Holy Tuesday 7th April

7.00pm Night Prayer with reflection. John 12:20-36
"Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit."
The Revd Emma Dinwiddy Smith, Vicar

Holy Wednesday 8th April

7.00pm Night Prayer with reflection John 13:21-32
"After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him."
The Revd Jonathan MacNeaney, Assoc. Vicar

Thursday 9th April – Maundy Thursday

Jesus shares the Last Supper with his disciples; in the Garden of Gethsemane he is betrayed.

7.00pm Holy Eucharist lead by the Bishop of Kensington

Friday 10th April – Good Friday

Jesus is tried then crucified.

12.00pm Reflections on the Passion

2.00pm Liturgy of Good Friday

Saturday 11th April – Holy Saturday

The broken body of Jesus lies in the tomb

10.00am Morning Prayer with Litany.

Sunday 12th April – Easter Day

*The Tomb is empty! The Lord appears to his disciples
Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*

10.30am Vigil and Holy Eucharist.

A Message from Mother Emma

I am sad not to have seen you at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, but am looking forward to a time in the future when we can all meet and reflect on the mission and ministry of St Mary Abbots as we move forwards together.

In the meantime, I am uplifted by the news we are receiving from you of people in good heart, supported by friends, family and neighbours. But I am also deeply conscious of those of you for whom this is a very anxious time, alone in isolation; worrying about the financial impact of this crisis on their families; or concerned for relatives and friends serving in the NHS frontline, or as keyworkers in schools and care homes, and we hold all these groups of people in our particular prayers this week.

Keep safe and keep in touch.
With my love and prayers

Mother Emma

Lent Reflection

This week our final topic for Lenten discussion and meditation is 'Sea and Sky'. This week, Louis, our Ministry Assistant, has written the attached hand-out for your Lenten meditations which can be accessed [HERE](#). It will also be up on the website in due course.

New Co-Opted Assistant Churchwardens

Our current churchwardens, Jamie Dunford Wood and David Banks, were due to stand down from their roles at this APCM, with new wardens being elected to take their place. Due to the current situation, the Church of England has asked existing churchwardens to serve up to January 2021, and we are hugely grateful to Jamie and David for staying on in their roles for now. In order to assist them, the PCC voted at our last meeting to co-opt two temporary assistant churchwardens to share the workload. I am delighted to announce that GUY HEALD and ED WARRICK have agreed to serve in this capacity until the APCM can be arranged, and that the PCC has voted unanimously to appoint them. Please hold Ed and Guy in your prayers as they take on this task at a most extraordinary time!

Book of Common Prayer Communion Service

It was wonderful that so many people were able to join us for our online Eucharist on Sunday morning. We are aware that a good number of you are also accustomed to a **midweek Eucharist**, and that some find the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer especially helpful in their worship. I have recorded a Eucharist from the BCP, which can be listened to at <https://youtu.be/CgQ4JfHk5RQ>, and this (as with all our recorded Eucharists) offers an opportunity for "Spiritual Communion" as suggested by the Bishop of London.

Spiritual Communion

The Church of England has issued this clarification for us during this time: "The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'."

Supporting St Mary Abbots

Some of you have kindly asked if you could make a donation or to continue your regular plate giving to support St Mary Abbots. We are setting up a Total Giving account, details of which will follow shortly. We do, however, fully appreciate that this is an uncertain and difficult time for many financially so any contributions would be gratefully received.

OTHER NEWS

Pastoral & Practical Care

We will continue to provide both emotional and spiritual care, both for our own congregation members and locals in the parish who would like a chat. We intend to stay in regular touch, but would also welcome anyone who would like to phone or email us at any point. If you know of anyone in need of support please email Father Jonathan: jm@smaw8.org

Mutual Aid

We continue to co-ordinate 'Kensington and Chelsea Mutual Aid' which has been set up in the Campden, Pembridge and Holland wards of Kensington, and is being Team Lead by Marina Lussich, one of our Children on Sunday co-ordinators. If you would like to volunteer or if you know of someone in need and on their own please see their website <https://www.kcmutualaid3.co.uk/>

People in need:

If you know anyone in the area who is vulnerable and would need help with grocery shopping or getting their medication from the pharmacy, please on the link below and you will have all the details:

Volunteering and other support:

Likewise, if you would like to volunteer or contribute financially to the ad hoc fund, all the information is on the website. Please share this with your neighbours and friends in Campden, Pembridge and Holland wards. Other wards have their own system set up and you can google your ward name followed by the words "mutual aid" to find your local group.

Food Bank

Now more than ever the foodbank is in need of donations as more people rely on them for provisions. The church is not able to act as a collection point at the moment, however a number of supermarkets are collecting at their exits so please make use of this system. Alternatively you can give financially by sending cheques made payable to 'Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust' and marked 'foodbank' on the reverse to: The Dalgarno Trust, 1 Webb Close Dalgarno Way, London, W10 5QB. If you wish to do a direct bank transfer please ask Fr Jonathan (jm@smaw8.org) for the bank details.

Kensington and Chelsea Magazine

An article about St Mary Abbots appeared in the magazine last month which covered the history of the churches in Kensington and a second article covering the damage caused by bombing in the Second World War. To read the article please follow to link:

https://sitebuilder.freeola.com/media/other/27491/goodTKM-APRIL_WEB_v2.pdf

NB: If you are aware of anyone who does not have email or access to the Internet, and would like to be posted a newsletter, with a selection of the items mentioned, please do let us know.