

Prayer for Trinity

Lord we pray for peace in the world, create in us a love for peace, not peace that is absent from struggle, nor peace that is blind to injustice but peace that makes whole what now is broken. We remember those who struggle against injustice, for men and women who have to establish loves supremacy in violent and oppressive societies, and for those whom war and famine have robbed of homes, families and friends, may they be filled with your strength and wisdom and grant that where the love of man has failed your divine compassion may heal. **Amen** ‘This is church’

The Collect for Trinity

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



The Holy Trinity by Josef Hanula, grid for fresco in the Slovak National Gallery

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
Francesca de Bono	Holly Raber	Theo Bulkai
Rebecca Cable-Nunn	Mary Reeve	John Cantlie
Sarah Deal	Maria Reis	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Margy Fitter	June Scully	Joan Davies
Tony Gordon	Sue Spicer	Leo Koymans
Sarah Hack	Edward Trott	Simon Portal
Joan Jackson	Roger	Annie Redmile
Margaret Lyon	Rosie	James Worsley
Mary McKenna	Victoria	

and for all who have died recently

Kevin FitzGerald Amy Johnston

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

Allan Hamilton, 10th June Penelope Hawkes, 12th June

Bess Chamberlain 13th June

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

7th June 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.

A link to all our services will be sent out each week by email and can also be found on our website: www.smaw8.org

DAILY PRAYER

We would like to invite you to join us at a **9am** zoom meeting for morning prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If you would be interested in joining us please email Mother Emma vicar@smaw8.org who will send you the invitation.

The Clergy will continue to say evening prayer in the quiet of their homes **every evening at 5.30 pm**. If you would like to be with us in spirit, please do light a candle and use the prayers accessed on this website:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

SERVICES

Sunday 7th June

10.30am

Family Eucharist for Trinity Sunday

If you would like to make a donation during our services, or at any time, we have set up an **online virtual collection plate** **HERE:**

Message from Mother Emma

As we have witnessed the anger and distress caused by the violent death of George Floyd and its aftermath in the United States of America, **Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop John Sentamu** have this week issued this statement:



"Our hearts weep for the suffering caused – for those who have lost their lives, those who have experienced persecution, those who live in fear. God's justice and love for all creation demands that the evil of racism is properly confronted and tackled. We all bear the responsibility and must play our part to eliminate this scourge on humanity. We pray that God's abounding wisdom, compassion and love will guide leaders across the world to forge a better society."

This Sunday as we reflect on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the intertwining of Father, Son and Holy Spirit which models for us perfect relationship, we are each called once again to remember that humankind is made in the image of God, and to contribute to the building of his Kingdom in which every life is equally valued and precious.

Please find below the link to our Family Eucharist for Trinity Sunday. Many thanks to our young contributors for their input, to Mark and Juliet, as ever, for the music, and to Leonora for tackling this complex piece of video editing during Fr Jonathan's "holiday at home" this week. I shall be taking a

hear more news about the re-opening of churches in due course.

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Towers of Faith Lecture on Martin Luther Wednesday 10th June, 7pm

The Rt Rev'd Dr Graham Tomlin, Bishop of Kensington will be online during the Towers of Faith Lectures, a series of free theology seminars that take place every Wednesday night. His subject is Martin Luther who is well known for his advocacy of the authority of Scripture within the church. In this lecture, Bishop Graham will explore why this was so important for Luther, how he felt Scripture should be interpreted, and something of the legacy of Luther's views on the Bible in subsequent church history and theology. For more details please log onto www.towersoffaith.com

St Mary Abbots Centre and Sant'Egidio

We are delighted to be able to partner with the Community of Sant'Egidio, by offering them the use (twice a week) of one of the kitchens at St Mary Abbots Centre to prepare food as part of their work in our local community during the current crisis.

The Sant'Egidio Community began in Rome in 1968 from a desire to change the world by paying attention to people living in the peripheries and anyone who is marginalised. Today, it is a movement of lay people counting more than 80,000 members, dedicated to peace, prayer, and service to the poor in more than seventy countries throughout the world. The great majority of its members, volunteers and supporters are teens, university students and young adults (16-36 years old).

In London, Sant'Egidio is particularly engaged in befriending the homeless and the elderly, and the current crisis has significantly increased the need for their food provision in our local area.

OTHER NEWS

Food Bank

The Foodbank reopened last week with new electrical water heaters that have been installed by the council.

They have written to us to thank our congregation who have been amazing through this difficult & challenging times with wonderful financial donations, which has enabled them to buy food stock to cope with the extra numbers (especially large families). Usually they serve between 50-60 people a week. Last week there were 94 people and this week 85.

They will shortly be asking for potential volunteers who are able to help with home deliveries. At present they have 6 people who need us to deliver to them. If you would be interested in volunteering please contact Leonora on pa@smaw8.org and she will put you in touch with them.

As the church is not yet open we are not able to act as a collection point, however a number of supermarkets are collecting at their exits so please make use of this system. Or if you wish to donate financially you can send a cheque, 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.

Light a Prayer Candle

On visiting the church we often chose to light a candle when praying for a loved one. The Church of England has provided a virtual prayer candle as a way for people to direct their thoughts towards friends and loved ones during these troublesome times, especially in remembrance of a loved one. They provide a short prayer guide to channel your thoughts and then, by clicking several times on the image, your candle is lit on screen. If you would like to light a prayer candle please follow this link here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals/light-candle-remember-someone>

Wild Worship Field Guide

The Sanctuary group, which focus on vibrant and creative ways of praying, have put together a field guide to worshipping outside; a fun, interactive and year long way to be used while on your daily walk. Most of Jesus' teaching was conducted outside - on hillsides, next to lakes, in boats and is filled with metaphors and stories about the landscape surrounding the people he was speaking too. In our modern lives we sometimes end up losing the richness of the connection between creation and worship and this guide encourages us to take in our surroundings and notice nature. http://thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/creative_prayer_idea_wild_worship_field_guide.pdf

COVID SUPPORT

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

'Kensington and Chelsea Mutual Aid', a group of local volunteers helping the vulnerable, elderly and housebound residents of Kensington & Chelsea with shopping, picking up prescriptions or as a point of contact. As lockdown appears to be easing they have sent out a survey to find out how best to continue the goodwill and engagement with the community into the future. Their website: <https://www.mutualaidkc.com> details all the groups they support and services they offer. Our Sunday school convenor Marina Lussich is the administrator for zone 3 Kensington & Chelsea Mutual Aid - covering Holland, Campden and Pembridge wards.

Archbishop's Dial-in Worship Phone Line

Archbishop Justin Welby has set up a phone line for those who wish to worship but cannot use the internet. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. The number to dial is **0800 804 8044**.

Help and Advice from RBKC Council

Kensington and Chelsea Council are offering help and advice on a variety of issues for individuals, businesses, self-employed and housing. Their website is <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19>