

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer for equality

God of the church, and of all your creation. You breathe into us the breath of life, and inspire us with the breath of Your Holy Spirit. Yet, blinded by privilege and prejudice, we squeeze the very life from the lungs of our sisters and brothers, or stand by motionless, whilst others work such deeds. Give us now, we pray, contrition for our sins, passion for justice, and solidarity with those, who across the nations, cry today that Black Lives Matter on earth, as it is in Heaven; Thorough Jesus we pray. **Amen** from the Diocese of Manchester

The Collect for 1st Sunday after Trinity

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen



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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	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

Amy Johnston

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

Sylvia Scott, 17th June Richard Costley-White, 17th June

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

14th June 2020

St Mary Abbots church building may be closed for services, 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 14th June

10.30am **Holy Eucharist**

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 Father Jonathan

We continue to pray for all those protesting the scourge of racism in this and many nations. We desire that God's peaceable and just kingdom may reign here on earth as it does in heaven.

We are delighted to announce that the church will be reopening for private prayer from Monday. The church will be open 7 days a week from 10am - 2pm. Access will only be possible through the cloisters and the south door. Opening the church is dependant upon our maintenance of good practices including:

- maintaining 2 metre distancing from other people at all times
- following the one way system
- sanitising our hands at the entrance

At 6.00pm this Sunday we will be ringing the vestry bell 72 times in remembrance of those who died three years ago in the tragedy at Grenfell. You can join in the memorial by holding silence from 6.00pm-6.05pm

This week we begin a four week sermon series focussing on readings from the book of Genesis. We will be following the narrative of Sarah, Abraham and Isaac beginning this week's with the promise of Isaac's birth and its fulfilment. The

Have a blessed week,

Jonathan

Church Re-opening, Information for use Daily from 15th June, 10am – 2pm

We are very happy to let you know that the church will be open for private prayer from 10am to 2pm every day. The only access will be through the cloisters and the south doors. Please observe the one way system in the church, following the direction of the arrows. Hand sanitizer will be provided by the door, you must use this when you enter the church to help protect our more vulnerable parishioners. The back of the church will be roped off, but the front of the church and the two chapels are available for you to sit and pray. Please be very aware of others praying and avoid sitting near to them. If possible do not use the ends of the pews as this tends to be where everyone sits and it will leave you closer to those passing in the aisle. We must maintain a 2 metre distance from other individuals at all times. We can only remain open if we can provide a safe environment in which people follow the above guidance. We look forward to seeing you back in the church.

Grenfell Tower Commemoration Sunday 14th June at 6pm

St Mary Abbots will be ringing their bells to mark the 3rd Anniversary of Grenfell Tower fire in June 2017. Over 80 Churches all over London will join Westminster, St Pauls and Southwark Cathedrals in ringing their bells 72 times, one toll for each victim who lost their lives in the fire and afterwards there will be a two minute silence. The family and survivors group, Grenfell United said “It means a lot to our families and the community that across London bells will ring out in memory of 72 loved ones lost at Grenfell. Thank you to all faith communities across London that stand with our community in North Kensington to pay respect and show that 72 lives are forever in our hearts.” The Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, urged the public not to forget those who were affected by the tragedy. “Nearly three years ago, the tragedy at Grenfell Tower left us wondering how this could happen in a twenty-first century city like London” he said “Life has not moved on for the families and friends of the 72 victims – they still mourn the loss of their loved ones and seek justice.”

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.

Though the church will open from Monday we are **not** yet able to accept donations of food. We will let you know as soon as we are able to receive donations once more. Please continue to support the foodbank by the other methods we have been highlighting: a number of supermarkets are collecting at their exits 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.

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>