

In Our Prayers This Week

Prayer of calling

Lord help us to believe that we are all ordinary people made extraordinary through your vision and your power. Take our insecurities and feelings of inadequacy, and give us the courage to see ourselves and others as you see us, with gifts and potential to transform your world and build your Kingdom.

From The Church of England

The Collect for 3rd Sunday after Trinity

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen



El sacrificio de Isaac (Domenichino) at Museum de Prado, Madrid

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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| <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 | Roger | Simon Portal |
| Joan Jackson | Rosie | Annie Redmile |
| Margaret Lyon | Victoria | James Worsley |
| Mary McKenna | | |

and for all who have died recently
Amy Johnston Edward Trott

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
Carys Wynne, 2nd July

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

28th June 2020



Due to Government and church guidelines, there will initially be a limited pattern of services and numbers will be restricted at any one act of worship, (see below), but we hope with ongoing online services as well, there will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to pray and give thanks to God in the way they find most helpful at this time. We hope to see you soon!

We are putting in place a system to allow us to hold our first act of public worship in the church on the 12th July at 8am, 9.30am and 11.15am. As there is a limit of 30 people for any one service you will need to sign up on eventbrite. The link for this will be available next week and sent to you by email and on our website.

MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM: We will continue to hold the **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.

PRAYER DURING THE DAY

We will be offering a short act of public prayer at noon, Monday – Saturday beginning on 13th July. The Eucharist will be celebrated immediately afterwards on Tuesday and Thursdays beginning on 14th and 16th July.

PRIVATE PRAYER: The church will be open for private prayer on Monday - Saturday from 10am – 2pm and on Sundays from 2pm - 6pm. Access will only be possible through the cloisters and the south door. Opening the church is dependent upon our maintenance of good practices including:

- maintaining 2 metre distancing from others
- following the one way system
- sanitising our hands at the entrance

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.

EVENING PRAYER: 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>

ONLINE SUNDAY EUCHARIST: The service will continue to be shared online at 10.30am while the congregation numbers remain limited and the singing restrictions remain in place. The links for this and for our school assembly will be sent out each week by email and can be found the front page of our

OTHER NEWS

Message from Mother Emma

We are so pleased that we can gradually start to return to public worship, and to seeing you all again! Our draft service pattern from 12th July is shown here on the newsletter and website, and we shall be updating both the website and the posters on the railings and keeping you informed throughout next week, as we approach the re-start of services. The church continues to be open for private prayer **from 10 am - 2 pm Monday to Saturday, and from 2 pm to 6 pm on Sundays.**

Sunday 28th July: We are delighted that this Sunday we are able to follow our normal pattern by offering a Choral Eucharist, with the Mass setting sung by our full quartet. Our special thanks to Cara, our Alto, who has created the final version of the music from all the different voices, separately recorded in their own homes, and to Mark for organising it. You will find the link to the service on our website. Cara also sings with the professional ensemble Stile Antico who performed Tallis' famous 40 part motet *Spem in alium* [HERE](#) You can see her on the 2nd line down, 3rd from left.

Sunday 5th July: The following Sunday it being the first in the month, we shall be holding an online Family Eucharist to welcome Alice, our new Curate, to St Mary Abbots. As always, Fr Jonathan will be appealing for children to read and lead prayers, so please do contact him if your children would like to take part. Please also hold Alice in your thoughts and prayers as she prepares to take up her role within the parish.

Sunday 12th July: RETURN TO PUBLIC WORSHIP! but with continued online service, too! Full details to follow.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU TO SILVANA

Silvana Armstrong, whom many of you will know as a former SMA School parent, joined the parish office team in December 2018 as a temporary bookkeeper. Her initial three-month contract has been renewed several times as she very professionally took the lead in setting up the accounting package now in use in the office. Silvana has contributed a great deal to the parish, both behind the scenes in the office and in her positive and cheerful participation in parish life. Our Treasurer and all of us on the Standing Committee are hugely grateful to her for holding the fort between Susan Russell's retirement in December, and Petter's arrival this month, and for playing an essential role in keeping the day-to-day financial aspects of parish management going through this period. I am delighted that Silvana will be reading the lesson this coming Sunday, so you can see and hear her as we offer her our warm thanks for everything she has brought to SMA.



I wish you all a peaceful week, and look forward hugely to being able to welcome you back in person to St Mary Abbots over the weeks ahead.

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

The National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast Tuesday 30th June, 8.30-9am

We are invited to join a Breakfast 2020 Online event with a keynote address by the Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin in order to bring together parliamentarians, Church leaders, Christians from across the UK, with special guest singers leading the hymns. They will be reflecting on a message of hope and peace that the Christian faith brings during Coronavirus. Registration is free but places must be booked via Eventbrite

Food Bank

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 Volunteer - update

A huge round of applause to the volunteers who have been working with Mutual Aid. They continue to receive heaps of praise from residents, and it's all down to the kindness they have shown throughout this crisis. After a survey they have found that most of the volunteers would like to continue supporting their neighbours in some form or other, after lockdown has lifted. Ideas include gardening, driving, friendly visits, going for walks, and more advocacy for neighbours with the council or other organisations. There is a wish to develop links between members and the community, using their experiences to be ready for future crises, tutoring and mentorship, wider support for vulnerable groups (elderly, homeless, single parent households), and wider befriending services. If you would be interested in knowing more or volunteering their website: <https://www.mutualaidkc.com> contains 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.

Archbishops Phonenumber "Daily Hope" - Update

The phonenumber, Daily Hope, which was set up by Archbishop Justin Welby and backed by the Archbishop's Council, is a phone line for those who wish to worship but cannot use the internet. Callers receive a welcome from Archbishop Justin and then a series of options including a choice of well-known hymns and morning and evening prayer. The Line has received over 150,000 calls totalling 1.7 million minutes from nearly 38,000 unique callers and the feedback has been hugely positive. One message reads: My mum is 89 and suffers from macular degeneration. She is living alone nearly 200 miles from us, without internet access, and, like many at this time, is feeling extremely depressed and isolated. A few weeks ago I told her about the phone line 'Daily Hope'. I can't begin to tell you how much she appreciates this initiative. It has brought her such comfort, and I know that she spends many hours listening to it, particularly in the night when she's unable to sleep. If you would like to have access to this service the number to call is: 0800 804 8044