

In Our Prayers This Week

The Collect for 11th Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayer for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones. Those who are lost and those who have been exiles from their homes. Help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need. Amen Ignotian Society



Salome with the Head of John the Baptist, Bernardino Luini.
Kunsthistorisches Museum

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>
Margy Fitter	Michael North	Vincenzo Blandini
Tony Gordon	Mary Reeve	Theo Bulkai
Sarah Hack	Maria Reis	John Cantlie
Gina Hrela	June Scully	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Joan Jackson	Sebastian Shaw	Joan Davies
Margaret Lyon	Andrew	Leo Koymans
Mary McKenna		Simon Portal
		Annie Redmile
		James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Andrew Gillespie	Amy Johnston	Bill Scott, Priest
Sue Spicer	Edward Trott	Nicholas Wilson-Holt

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

Rosemary Rowles, 23 rd August	Wilfred Urich, 25 th August
Ade Adefuye, 26 th August	

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

23rd August 2020

Welcome to St Mary Abbots! 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.

SUNDAY 23rd August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am Parish Eucharist
11.15am Matins
6 pm Church open for private prayer until 6pm
Please go to our website www.smaw8.org and sign up on Eventbrite to allow us to monitor numbers at the service and for track and trace purposes. An online service will be made available on our website for those who are unable to come to the church.

MONDAY 24th August – Bartholomew the Apostle

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer from the lectern followed by Holy Eucharist for Bartholomew the Apostle
5.30 pm Evening Prayer at Home

TUESDAY 25th August

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30 pm Evening Prayer at Home

WEDNESDAY 26th August

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave
5.30 pm Evening Prayer at Home

THURSDAY 27th August – Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm Evening Prayer at Home

FRIDAY 28th August – Augustine, Bishop

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave
5.30 pm Evening Prayer at Home

SATURDAY 29th August – Beheading of John the Baptist

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer from the lectern followed by Holy Eucharist: the Beheading of John the Baptist

SUNDAY 30 August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.15am Matins
6pm Church open for private prayer until 6pm
For more information please visit www.smaw8.org

Message from Mother Emma

Below is a message from Fr Jonathan, whose time at St Mary Abbots is drawing to a close. There will be many opportunities to wish Jonathan, Helen and Caspar well and to thank them warmly for everything they have brought to St Mary Abbots over the past three years, but in particular, please do make a note of the 9.30 am and 11.15 am services on Sunday 20 September, when Fr Jonathan will be both presiding and preaching for a final time. He will also be giving a brief reflection on his time here at the APCM on Wednesday 16th September. We hold the MacNeaney family in our thoughts and prayers as they prepare to move and are grateful for everything they have given us.

Father Jonathan's Message to St Mary Abbots

"Here at my feet what wonders pass, what endless, active life is here!" Lines written by Matthew Arnold

I write to you a month ahead of my departure. Sunday 20th September will be my final day leading worship in the parish concluding my ministry here of three years and three months. I can't say where I'm going next or where I'll be living or ministering but we trust in the Spirit and make do with the cares of today.

When I first arrived I looked out on the congregation from my first Sunday at the front and felt the weight of the lives hidden behind the east-turned faces. In these last three years it has been my privilege to travel with and explore your endless, active lives.

For those of you who were quick to share with me your hopes and sorrows, your prayers and your fears – thank you. For those who have cared for me and doted on me, my mother would like to say thank you!

I will leave with a host of warm-hearted memories: The bell that chimed five minutes before morning prayer, telling me I had enough time to finish brushing my teeth, force on my shoes and get to church (as long as I did so at a gentle jog). I must have been one of the few workers in London summoned to work by public alarm. The opportunity to minister to every person from every walk of life. Most wonderfully demonstrated by the gentle snores of those sleeping in the church that became audible in the lull between verses, as we processed past the Prime Minister. St Mary Abbots School - its pupils, staff and parents. For all the fun we have had together and the stupid things you've been willing to do to keep my assemblies on track. The unremitting worshipping life that gets under your skin. Our unwillingness to back down from a rich diet of sacrament, prayer and praise. Indeed my greatest sadness in leaving is that we did not get to celebrate a full Easter this year. The full Triduum, as celebrated at St Mary Abbots, competes for the title of closest I've been to heaven.

But mostly I'll remember the lives that you shared with me. The joys of new life, the milestones we have marked in individuals' lives and the life of the church and school but moreover the pain we have shared. It is in the darkest moments that I believe the gospel has the most to speak. The journeys of pain, suffering, death and resurrection that you have invited me to walk with you have been your greatest gift to me. If we have anything to say as Christians it is that:

Christ once raised from the dead dies no more ♦ death has no more dominion over him.
In dying he died to sin once for all ♦ in living he lives to God.
See yourselves therefore as dead to sin ♦ and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

I hope I have been an example to you of this, our Easter hope.

Jonathan, 20th August 2020

Goodboxes and SwiftAid

We would like to thank those of you who have donated to the church via the wall boxes and the electrical Goodboxes. You have certainly kept us going through a tough period. However, until now we have not been able to receive Gift Aid on your contactless donations. Petter, our new Parish Manager has found a way of doing this but we need your support: If you sign up to Swiftaid it will boost all your future contactless donations by 25%. It is completely free and only needs to be done once. To add swiftaid please sign up [HERE](https://donor.swiftaid.co.uk/register/) or <https://donor.swiftaid.co.uk/register/>

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APCM and Electoral Roll

A notice has been put up in the church of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Meeting of Parishioners on Wednesday 16 September. This means we are required to revise our Electoral Roll and bring it right up to date. If you did not sign up to the Roll in March, and are a regular worshipper and/or live within the parish boundaries, please do fill in a form at church or contact Ed Warrick, our Electoral Roll Officer on er@smaw8.org or on line www.smaw8.org/electoral-roll

Children's Sunday Provision

Please note that our Curate, Alice, and her husband, Cain, who has been leading our children's activities on a Sunday morning in recent weeks, will be taking a well-deserved break this Sunday, so individual activity packs will be available for children in church.

OTHER NEWS

'A day in Your life' Photographic Competition

Closing date: 25th September 2020

Photographer Alison Jackson is holding a competition for budding photographers of all ages, 9-12, 13-17, 18-29, 30+. If you are a resident the first prize includes £250, a new camera, photography classes and your work being shown in an exhibition. Pictures should be of your life and experiences during this time. Non-residents can take part in an alternative competition but the images need to be of the area. For more details www.dayinyourlife.co.uk

K&C Community Leadership Programme

If you would like to improve your employment skills Kensington and Chelsea council are offering free online courses for residents over 18. Courses include project management, accounting, first aid, food safety and vocational skills such as barbering and football leadership. More details can be found [HERE](#).

COVID SUPPORT

Mutual Aid Volunteer

'Kensington and Chelsea Mutual Aid' volunteers continue to help the vulnerable groups such as the elderly, homeless, single parent households. their website can be found [HERE](#).

Archbishops Phoneline "Daily Hope"

For people unable to get to church or access a computer can use Archbishop Justin's telephone line. The number to call is: 0800 804 8044