

In Our Prayers This Week

The Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Embertide Blessing

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you, may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you, may the gifts of the Spirit equip you to serve and worship God;



The Archangel Michael weighing souls by Hans Holbein

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need

Margy Fitter
Tony Gordon
Gina Hrela
Joan Jackson
Carole-Anne Phillips
Mary Reeve
Maria Reis
Catherine Roney
June Scully
Sebastian Shaw

Those in long-term need

Vincenzo Blandini
Theo Bulkai
John Cantlie
Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Joan Davies
Leo Koymans
Simon Portal
Annie Redmile
James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Antonia Derry Andrew Gillespie Alexandra Hamilton
Amy Johnston Wayne Matthews Mary McKenna
Diana Nicol Jean Normand Sue Spicer Henry Wilson

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

Henry Roberson, 1st October Cicely Scott, 2nd October

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

27th September 2020

Keeping the church open is dependent upon our maintenance of good practices including:

- Sanitising our hands at the entrance
- Wearing masks inside the church
- Maintaining 2 metre distancing from others
- Following the one way system

SUNDAY 27th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

11.15am **Matins:** Guest Preacher: Revd. Neil Traynor, Associate Vicar, Holland Park Benefice
Alice Ormondroyd's Ordination at St Paul's Cathedral. <https://youtu.be/5vufx6Mk7eU>

1.30pm

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 28th September

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

10.30 am Funeral of Alexandra Hamilton

12 noon Midday Prayer in the Nave

5.30 pm Evening Prayer at Home

TUESDAY 29th September – Michael and All Angels

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 30th September – Jerome, translator

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 1st October – Remigius, Bishop

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 2nd October

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 3rd October – George Bell, Bishop

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

2 pm Church closes

SUNDAY 4th October – Harvest Thanksgiving

8 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30am Family Eucharist

11.15am **Matins**

6pm Church open for private prayer until 6pm

For more information please visit www.smaw8.org

Message from Mother Emma

"Deacons are called to work with the Bishop and the priests with whom they serve as heralds of Christ's kingdom. They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people."



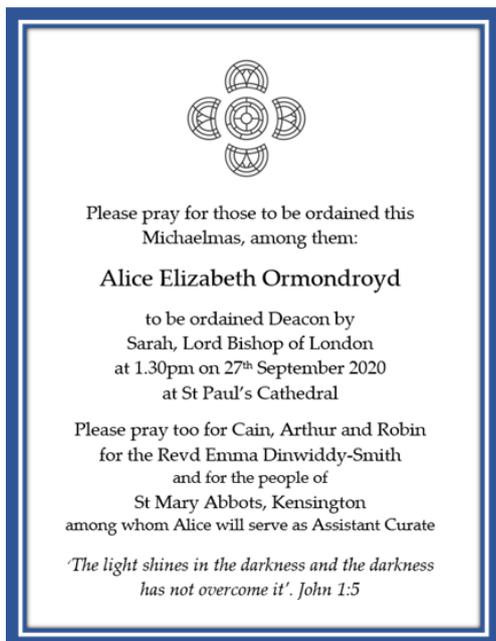
This week, Alice is away on her ordination retreat, preparing to be made Deacon this Sunday at St Paul's Cathedral. This is a big step in Alice's life, as she enters what the Ordination Service defines as a "life of visible self-giving", and it is also momentous for her family: Cain, Arthur and Robin. Please hold them all in your thoughts and prayers this weekend. Her ordination service will be live-streamed on Youtube at 1.30pm and should you wish to watch the service this is the link: <https://youtu.be/5vufx6Mk7eU> We look forward to greeting **Mother Alice** in her clerical collar next week, as we give thanks for her new ministry and seek to sustain her in it. She has written her own reflection on her deaconing below.

As I shall be going to St Paul's Cathedral after the 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday and I am very grateful to the Revd Neil Traynor, Associate Vicar at Holland Park Benefice for leading and preaching at Matins on this occasion.

Please could I encourage you to read the item in our newsletter about the Glass Door Sleepout, and to consider if you might be able to sponsor one of our intrepid Centre carpark sleepers as they raise money for homeless shelters in the churches of West London on the night of October 2nd?

Finally, please could we remind you either to take your service sheets home with you and re-use them, or to put them straight into the recycling bin at the church door, to avoid putting our virgers and volunteers at risk. Many thanks for all your huge support in following our Covid restrictions, which allow us to keep the church open at this complex and confusing time.

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Alice on her Ordination



In January Bishop Rowan Williams was asked at a lecture I was attending: 'what advice would you give to someone who is about to be ordained?' Bishop Rowan answered: 'I would say to expect a certain amount of disruption in your life'. Well, I

don't think even Bishop Rowan could have anticipated the sort of disruption to 2020 that we have all faced.

As I reflect on beginning ministry at St Mary Abbots over the last two months, I am so grateful for all that I have learnt from Mother Emma and Father Jonathan, and the ways in which they have helped me to forge my identity as a deacon-to-be. As my ordination now approaches, I feel so humbled and joyful to have had such a positive and encouraging start to my curacy. I have really enjoyed serving at the different Sunday services, and leading morning and midday prayers during the week. I have loved getting to know different people in the parish, and beginning to develop relationships with St Mary Abbots school and local businesses. I work with the most wonderful team here at the parish centre and at the church, and am excited about working with the new PCC and wardens to continue to develop our discipleship and mission.

Bishop Rowan continued his response to my friend's question: 'What you are stepping into is something that very visibly declares to the world the love of God, and you will find that there is much which seeks to minimise, erase, or oppose this very bold step that you are taking'. With this in mind, I particularly ask your prayers in this ordination season for strength, protection, and grace to abound, that I may step into this calling as a deacon with confidence in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and serve the people of our parish with faith, hope, and love.

Glass Door - Sleepout for the Homeless Friday 2nd October 2020

So far we have 5 volunteers representing St Mary Abbots at the sponsored Sleep Out to help raise funds for Glass Door. Plans for the sleepout are still in place, although the location has now shifted to the car park of the St Mary Abbots Church centre.

Full details of what Glass Door does can be found on its website (<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/>) but in summary, the night shelters offer a safe, warm place to sleep for about 130 men and women every night in partnership with churches around west and south London. Guests of the emergency shelters receive a hot supper and breakfast in the morning, cooked and served by volunteers. These free services are a lifeline to those who would otherwise be sleeping on the street. A one-night sleepout will give our volunteers a very small glimpse of what it is like to have nowhere to sleep for the night. The people they are supporting are facing an entire winter.

To sponsor one of our volunteers please use one of the links below:

Jeremy Smith:

<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/jeremy-smiths-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>

Ran Xu: <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/ran-xus-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>

Jose and Alex Jueguen:

<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/alex-jueguens-sleep-out-or-in-fundraising-page>

Matthew Godwin:

<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/fundraisers/mgodwin>

To join in go to <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/sleep-out-2020> and add the location 'St Mary Abbots Centre' and group name 'St Mary Abbots Church'. The website then leads you to a fundraising page with tips for sponsorship.

Food Bank

For anyone wishing to donate to the food bank cheques, made payable to 'Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust' and marked 'foodbank' on the reverse should be sent to: The Dalgarno Trust, 1 Webb Close Dalgarno Way, London, W10 5QB.