

## In Our Prayers This Week

### The Collect for the last Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unending joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Prayers for Bible Sunday

Gracious Father, bring your blessing into this meeting of your people, gathered here today; speak to our hearts through the hymns we sing, the prayers that are said, and the reading and understanding of your word, that we might go refreshed into the world, and through our lives bring refreshment to others.

*From Faith & Worship*



Martin Luther preaches in the church by Hans Brosamer. Source: Ruks Museum

*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  
Alison Steel

*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*

Arthur Daws    Antonia Derry    Graham Davies    Andrew Gillespie  
Alexandra Hamilton    Wayne Matthews    Mary McKenna  
Diana Nicol    Jean Normand    Sue Spicer    Henry Wilson

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

George Bessada, 26<sup>th</sup> Oct    Lenie Dijkhuis, 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Andrew Crosthwaite, 30<sup>th</sup> October    Angela Sellars, 31<sup>st</sup> October

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

25<sup>th</sup> October 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

Please go to the service page our website [www.smaw8.org](http://www.smaw8.org) and sign up on our Eventbrite link for track and trace purposes. **This will save you having to fill in a form at church.**

### SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> October – Bible Sunday

8 am            **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)  
9.30am        **Choral Eucharist with Choir**  
11.15am      **Choral Matins**  
1.30pm        Church open for private prayer until 1.30pm

### MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> October – Alfred, King and Scholar

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

### TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> October

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 28<sup>th</sup> October – **Simon and Jude, Apostles**

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 29<sup>th</sup> October – James Hannington, 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October – Martin Luther, reformer

10 am- 2pm   Church open for Private Prayer  
12 noon        Midday Prayer in the nave  
2 pm            Church closes

### SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> November – **All Saints Day**

8 am            **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)  
9.30am        **Family Eucharist**  
11.15am      **Matins**  
Preacher: The Rev'd Prof Peter Galloway, deputy priest in ordinary to HM The Queen  
6.30 pm        **The Commemoration of All Souls**  
Preacher: The Rev'd Alistair McCulloch, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust with movements from Faure's requiem  
Please book a place on Eventbrite.

## Message from Mother Emma

Despite the gloomy weather and the concerning news about the spread of Covid-19, we are delighted that so many of you worship and pray with us week after week, whether attending one of the services, joining Morning Prayer on Zoom, reading the online sermons or simply getting in touch to ask for our prayers or kindly to assure us of yours.



This Sunday, our **choral quartet** returns to sing at both the Parish Eucharist and Choral Matins, and we look forward to Mother Alice preaching to us at Matins.

The following Sunday (November 1st) we look forward very much to welcoming all those who have already signed up for the **All Souls' Eucharist** with movements from Faure's Requiem at 6.30 pm. The homily will be given by the Rev'd Alistair McCulloch, Lead Chaplain at the Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, whose colleague Anne spoke to us so movingly last Sunday.

The 9.30 am service on November 1st will be a **Family Eucharist**, so please do bring your families and contact Martina on [children@smaw8.org](mailto:children@smaw8.org) if your children would like to read or pray. At Matins that day, we welcome as our preacher the Rev'd Professor Peter Galloway, Deputy Priest in Ordinary to HM The Queen.

The Children's Work Committee have agreed that from Sunday 8th November, at least while Covid restrictions last, there will be a new venue for our **under-5s, who will meet at St Mary Abbots Centre** for their worship and learning, before coming down to join us for Communion. Mother Alice and Martina will be writing to you about the details in due course.

Please do look at our newsletter, in church or online, for details of exciting festive activities to come, including Friends of St Mary Abbots silent Auction which goes live this Sunday at 7pm <https://auctionofpromises.com/2020FOSMChristmasAuction> and we hope to have further details of Christmas services and events next week.

With my love and prayers - and a reminder of the clock-change this weekend! Mother Emma

### All Souls Service Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30pm

At the Commemoration of All Souls we shall as usual be reading out the Roll of the Departed and lighting candles in their memory. If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the list, please contact Leonora on [pa@smaw8.org](mailto:pa@smaw8.org) or 020 3479 4731 by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Those who have been recently bereaved, or who wish to pray for departed loved ones are especially welcome at this service, **but we must ask you to book ahead on Eventbrite**, so that we can monitor numbers. It may be necessary, depending on the number of people who would like to come, to issue numbered seating for the service. If the church is too full we may extremely reluctantly have to turn away anyone without an Eventbrite slip in order to comply with current regulations.

If you or anyone you know would like to attend but do not have access a computer please contact Leonora with your details.

### Early call for Christmas Day lunch

As many of you know, St Mary Abbots has hosted for nearly 20 years a Christmas Day lunch party, where some of our most isolated elderly neighbours are invited for a hot turkey feast, carol singing and individually bought presents for our guests. Guests have been referred to us from RBKC social workers and it has been a joyful day made possible by a team of

volunteer drivers and present buyers. Christ Church and St Georges have participated by buying specific present requests submitted by Social Workers.

For Covid 19 reasons, sadly this year we cannot hold our party in the SMA Centre. However, we are investigating how we can avoid disappointment by bringing a turkey dinner and present to our former guests (and new referrals) – our self-styled Deliveroo with an added few minutes of chat.

We will only be able to do this with your help! Here is what we are looking for:

- Volunteers who could take 30 minutes on Christmas Day to deliver a take-away turkey dinner and a Christmas present to a local elderly person. With Covid-safe guests, volunteers might stay for 15 minutes or so for some conversation while the present is opened.
- Present buyers who are not able to drive but would like to participate, write a festive card (fun for children to help), and deliver to the church.
- A few administrative volunteers to help with coordinate getting the presents and drivers together.

If you can help in any way, please do email Lucille Briance at [luce@briance.co.uk](mailto:luce@briance.co.uk); or send a text message to 07785 312509 titled CHRISTMAS GIVING, OR sign up in church where sign up sheet will be available after the services.

### Christmas Silent Auction Going live at 7pm on Sunday night

The Friends of St Mary Abbots on-line Christmas Silent Auction will be going live for one month on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Over 20 splendid lots to bid from luxury hotel breaks on the Suffolk coast, to works of Art, to splendid meals to Christmas Hampers and other luxury items – either as a Christmas present for someone or a treat for you and your family. The Auction is being sponsored by Knight Frank Kensington who have been our sponsors of the Friends for many years.

The link to the auction can be found here: <https://auctionofpromises.com/2020FOSMChristmasAuction>

New Lots can still be entered, if you have anything you wish to donate please contact Steve Atack, the Founding Patron at [steveatack@aol.com](mailto:steveatack@aol.com)

### Foodbank Donations The Wish List

This week we were able to donate a box of goods for the food bank at the Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust which was a good start, however we would like to request please that you **do not donate ready meals, fresh produce or half used / out of date items as we cannot pass these on**. If you remember, when you next go shopping, to add an extra item to bring on Sunday it would be very gratefully and thankfully received. A wish list of what they would like is below:

**Food Items:** milk, tea, coffee, sugar, cartons of fruit juice, cereals & porridge, tinned or packets of soup, tinned vegetables, tinned meat and fish, noodles and pot noodles, pasta & rice, jars of sauce, tinned rice-pudding, tinned fruit, Jam, biscuits & bars, snacks and nibbles such as nuts and crisps.

**Household:** loo paper, kitchen fluids, detergent, laundry powder, kitchen roll.

**Feminine products:** sanitary towels and tampons

They are also looking for one driver and if you would like to volunteer please email [alex.skourtis@hotmail.com](mailto:alex.skourtis@hotmail.com).