

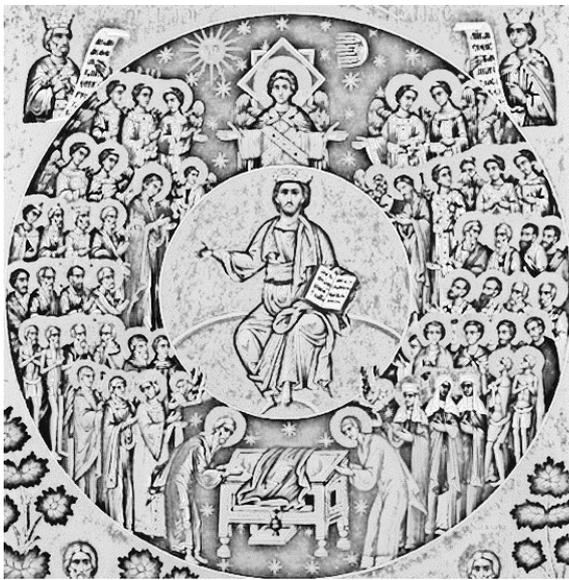
In Our Prayers This Week

The Collect for All Saints

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for All Souls

We call to mind all those whose lives are done. We thank you that their time, now completed, however short or long, sad or joyful, is gathered up, looked on and known by you. We offer up remembrance: those whose absence we feel daily; those who have shaped us; those who have nurtured us; the people we are grateful to have walked with; all those we hardly knew *By Anne Richards, the Mission Theology Advisory Group*



All Saints Icon, attributed to Pantocrator Monastery, Mt Athos, Greece

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>		<i>in long-term need</i>
Christopher	Hew Service	<i>cont</i>
Buckmaster	Sebastian Shaw	Rev. Geoffrey
Margy Fitter	Alison Steel	Connor
Gina Hrela	Edward	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	Michael	Leo Koymans
Mary Reeve	<i>Those in long-term</i>	Simon Portal
Maria Reis	<i>need</i>	Annie Redmile
Catherine Roney	Vincenzo Blandini	James Worsley
June Scully	Theo Bulkai	
	John Cantlie	

and for all who have died recently

Arthur Dawes Eva Fraser Andrew Gillespie
Tony Gordon Wayne Matthews

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

David Grieve, 1st November

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

1st November 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 on our website www.smaw8.org and sign up on our Eventbrite link. **This will save you having to fill in a form at church.**

Evening Prayer is being said by individuals every night at home. Please do light a candle and use the prayers accessed on this website [HERE](#).

SUNDAY 1st 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 with movements from Fauré's Requiem.

Preacher: The Rev'd Alistair McCulloch, Lead Chaplain, The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust.

MONDAY 2nd November – All Souls Day

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

TUESDAY 3rd November – Richard Hooker, priest

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist (BCP)

WEDNESDAY 4th November

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

THURSDAY 5th November

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY 6th November – Leonard, Hermit

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

SATURDAY 7th November - Willibrord, Bishop

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

2 pm Church closes

SUNDAY 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

8 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30am Holy Eucharist

10.50 am Choral Matins with Act of Remembrance

Sadly due to restrictions there will be no large public gathering outside the church and restricted numbers inside the church. Please reserve your seats www.smaw8.org/services.html

Message from Mother Emma

Our younger children's group (0-5), which is moving on 8th November to the Long Room at St Mary Abbots Centre, is this month using a resource entitled, "**In November We Remember.**" As we enter what is now known in the Church of England as the Kingdom Season, we turn our thoughts to the faithful departed, and to everyone we remember and for whom we give thanks.



At our **celebration of All Saints this Sunday morning, at both our Family Eucharist and at Matins**, we remember all those holy men and women in whose lives we have seen the grace of God powerfully at work. In the evening, **at 6.30 pm, in our Commemoration of All Souls**, we shall be remembering with thanksgiving all those who have touched our own lives more personally and have now passed through death into God's merciful safekeeping. Please ensure that you have booked for this service (on our website) as numbers must be limited under current regulations.

Next week will be Remembrance Sunday, and following Government guidelines to Councils to prevent gatherings in the current crisis, there will be no ceremony as usual at the war memorial, though the Mayor's Office will be releasing a film at 11 am via social media for those wishing to remember at home. Instead, **the Act of Remembrance will be held in church at 10.50 am** at the start of a dedicated Choral Matins. The New Testament Lesson will be read by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sof McVeigh.

Numbers for this service will again be limited and we ask you to be absolutely sure to book in advance in order to be able to share in the worship. Please make sure that you arrive promptly for the Act of Remembrance. My heart goes out to all those across the country for whom the normal commemorations are so important and for whom these arrangements may feel diminished, but we have worked hard to create worship which allows us to honour fully the courage and sacrifice of so many in the cause of justice and of peace. It is also crucial to ensure the health and safety of our congregations, in the hope that our churches will be able to remain open and services to continue.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the next couple of weeks, and pray that you will all remain safe and well.

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home."

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Volunteers needed to bring Christmas cheer

As mentioned last week for nearly 20 years St Mary Abbots has hosted 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. For Covid 19 reasons, sadly this will not be possible this year. Lucille Briance, the amazing and dedicated organiser is aiming to avoid disappointing former guests, and new referrals, on Christmas Day by arranging for volunteers to take food and presents to these isolated people. There will be the usual list of gifts needed – anything from warm pyjamas to books – later in the year at the church which many of you have generously given to in the past, but she is looking for kind volunteers who can help for a very short time on Christmas Day to deliver the food and gifts.

If you would prefer to donate some of your time instead she is looking for administrative volunteers to help with coordinating the presents and drivers.

If you can help in any way, please do email Lucille Briance at luce@briance.co.uk; or send a text message to 07785 312509 titled CHRISTMAS GIVING.

Foodbank Donations The Wish List

Thank you to those who brought food to church however we are **hopeful that more will follow in their footsteps**. The Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust is supporting those who are most in need, not only with food but health work, youth programmes, community programmes and a community kitchen. It relies heavily on volunteers and donations. By putting food in the donation box you are providing food for those who quite frequently cannot afford to feed their families – a vital lifeline at this time. As you come into the church the box is right by the door, so it is very easy to drop things off. 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. **do not donate ready meals, fresh produce or half used / out of date items as we cannot pass these on.**

If you prefer 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.

Friends of St Mary Abbots Silent Auction Have you entered your bid?

The Christmas fundraising Silent Auction for the Friends of St Mary Abbots, kindly sponsored by Knight Frank Kensington and supported by Waitrose Kensington High Street, has gone live this week and has so far raised over £400 towards our £1500 target. Over 20 splendid lots are available for you to bid for including an overnight stay at a luxury Suffolk coastal hotel, splendid meals and Teas at Kensington's finest, a case of Champagne, works of art, handmade Christmas gifts, clothing and pedicures - there's even a six foot Christmas tree! If you have not yet seen the site or bid on a prize this is the link: <https://auctionofpromises.com/2020FOSMChristmasAuction>

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Bishop Graham's teaching evening 24th November & 7th December, 7pm – 8.30.

Bishop Graham will be discussing "What is true Freedom" on two dates with the clergy and parishioners of Churches in Kensington. "*Freedom is one of the big ideas of our culture. We long for it, fight wars over it and guard our freedoms jealously. Some have even seen the imposition of restrictions during the pandemic as an infringement of civil liberties. Christian faith also speaks of freedom, yet in ways that can seem strange, with ideas such as obedience to the will of God, and the value of service. What, then, is a Christian understanding of freedom and how does it differ from secular ideas? With an opportunity for questions and interaction, Bishop Graham will explore how a Christian understanding of freedom can be truly liberating*". The free Eventbrite link can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-is-true-freedom-why-freedom-may-not-be-what-you-think-it-is-tickets-126125931055>