

In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect for Christ the King

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

For the remembrance of God in everyday life:

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit that in all the busy occupations of our daily life we may remember that we are walking in thy sight. **Amen**



Details of Isaiah's vision of God from Martin Luther's German Bible

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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

and for all who have died recently

Christopher Buckmaster	Arthur Dawes	Eva Fraser
Andrew Gillespie	Tony Gordon	Wayne Matthews

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

Margaret Wilkinson, 22 nd Nov	Penelope Fergusson, 22 nd Nov
Joseph Crosthwaite, 24 th Nov	Suzanne Green, 28 th Nov

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

22nd November 2020

The church is open for private prayer from 10am to 2pm daily. Keeping the church open is dependent upon our maintenance of good practices including:

- Filling in a Covid Track and trace form at the main door, or using the NHS app which can be found on the notice board and inside the church.
- Sanitising our hands at the entrance
- Wearing masks inside the church
- Maintaining 2 metre distancing from others
- Following the one way system

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 22nd November – Christ the King

10am -2pm Church open for Private Prayer

9.30 am Children's Worship via Zoom

10.30 am Online Choral Eucharist (BCP)

To join either of these services please go to the website www.smaw8.org/services or [HERE](#).

MONDAY 23th November – Clement, Bishop & Martyr

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

TUESDAY 24th November

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

WEDNESDAY 25th November – Catherine, Martyr

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

THURSDAY 26th November

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

FRIDAY 27th November

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

SATURDAY 28th November

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

SUNDAY 29th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

10am -2pm Church open for Private Prayer

10.30 Online Holy Eucharist

Preacher: Canon Jonathan Sedgwick,
Area Dean of Southwark and Newington



Christmas Services & Concerts

If lockdown eases, we hope to hold a number of services and concerts during Advent.

- 6 December Advent Service of Light, 6.30 pm.
- 13 December Holy Eucharist & Nativity readings, 9.30
Messiah (Part 1) 3.30pm & 6.30 pm
With our professional Choir and The Purcell Players
- 18th December Concert by Stile Antico, 6pm
- 20 December Lessons and Choral Carols for
Christmastide. 3.30pm & 6.30pm
- 24th December Midnight Mass by candlelight, with our
professional choir. 11.30am
- 25th December Holy Eucharist (BCP). 8am
Family Eucharist with choir 10.30
Festal Matins with choir 11.15

If we return to pre-November lockdown numbers will be limited so in order to attend please book a place on Eventbrite. If you do not have access to a computer please phone Leonora or Petter using the contact details above.

Message from Mother Emma

We were so delighted to see many of you joining us last Sunday online, whether for the main BCP Eucharist or for the children's Zoom. Mother Alice and Cain were especially pleased to be able to worship with families on Zoom and look forward to another session on November 29th. This Sunday, Martina has cleverly put together a service for our 5-11 year-olds with contributions from many of our children, which will be on our YouTube channel at 9.30. <https://www.smaw8.org/children-and-groups.html> under the Sunday Groups poster or [HERE](#).



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, the end of the liturgical year before we begin the season of Advent on Sunday 29th. We are reminded of our calling to bring in his Kingdom on earth by sharing both our faith and our acts of practical compassion with others.

We continue to trust and pray that Government guidelines will allow us to hold the services planned for Advent, which are shown in the box above, and it is already possible to book on Eventbrite for our Advent Service of Light at 6.30 pm on Sunday 5th December [HERE](#). Despite the ban on congregational singing, we are very grateful to the choir and readers who will lead us in beautiful and expectant candlelit worship that night and look forward to welcoming you then.

We hold you all in our thoughts and prayers as we contend with the difficulties of this time, but we find comfort and hope in preparing to welcome the Incarnate Christ into our hearts again this Christmas.

With my love and prayers - and looking forward to seeing you all again soon! Love Mother Emma

Confirmation 22nd April 2021

We are pleased to say that the Bishop of Kensington will be coming to St Mary Abbots on **Thursday 22nd April 2021** for a Service of Confirmation. We look forward to welcoming those who were hoping to be confirmed last year, together with any new adult or youth candidates who would be interested for an initial conversation via Zoom on Monday 7th December at 7pm. Please speak to the clergy if you would like to join us. Preparation sessions will take place during the Spring Term.

Final Bids on the Friends' Silent Auction

Final bids for on the Christmas Friends Silent Auction which has now received over £1,100 towards their £1,500 target. <https://auctionofpromises.com/2020FOSMAChristmasAuction>

This event is the only fund raising we have been allowed to undertake this Christmas and marks the first event of our 20th Anniversary year. Many thanks to those who have already bid!

Several parishioners have said they do not wish to purchase an auction lot but would like to support the work of the Friends by making a donation. Cheques please made payable to "Friends of St Mary Abbots" and sent to Steve Atack, Founding Patron, Friends of StMA, 33, Cleveland Square, London W2 6DD

OTHER PARISH NEWS

K&C Christmas Collective

During the first lock down we promoted the work of 'Kensington and Chelsea Mutual Aid', a group of locals formed to support the vulnerable, elderly and housebound residents in Kensington & Chelsea with grocery shopping, prescriptions collection or with phone support. The K&C Christmas Collective are hoping that some of the Mutual Aid volunteers will help everyone in the borough celebrate Christmas!

They are aiming to distribute 4000 Christmas boxes to families in need, elderly people and vulnerable adults across Kensington and Chelsea, together with a program of Christmas entertainment, and carol singing on the 24th.

We are looking for approximately 400 volunteers to help with activities such as:

- Leafleting Week commencing 30 Nov
- Packing boxes Week commencing 7 Dec
- Distributing boxes Monday 21-23rd Dec
- Christmas Entertainment Week commencing 21 Dec
- Carol singing in the streets Thursday 24 Dec

If you can help with all or any of the above, or just want to get involved in any way, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/sTPWNx5c2PDhYdcj7> or for more information www.whatifchristmas.com or email whatifchristmas@gmail.com.

Month of Prayer

At 6pm daily and on Thursday at 1pm

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting people to pray for the nation each day on various prayer points listed below and to pray for their neighbourhood every evening at 6pm of the current lockdown. There is also an online prayer for the diocese of London at 1pm – 1.20pm with our senior leaders. If you would like to join them the link can be found [here](#) (passcode prayer), or via [Facebook](#)

- Monday: Schools and colleges, children and young people
- Tuesday: Elderly, isolated and vulnerable
- Wednesday: Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing, all whose jobs have ended or are at risk
- Thursday: The NHS and other key workers
- Friday: National and local governments
- Saturday: All who are grieving and all suffering with physical and mental ill-health
- Sunday: Family, friends and loved ones

Foodbank Donations

The foodbank usually has 250 people registered users but since May 21st this has gone up to 1,300 unique visitors. Every week the numbers are growing. Before Covid they supported 50-60 people a week with volunteers bagging up donations from 2pm to 3pm. Last week 125 bags were packed from 9am until 6pm. This means more people are using the bank and your donations are needed even more than before. Please leave any donations with the virgers.