

## In Our Prayers This Week

### The Alternative Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Collect for Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200 (17<sup>th</sup> Nov)

O God, who endowed your servant Hugh with a wise and cheerful boldness and taught him to commend to earthly rulers the discipline of a holy life: give us grace like him to be bold in the service of the gospel, putting our confidence in Christ alone. **Amen**



Caesar Augustus Coin,

<https://finds.org.uk/romancoins/emperors/emperor/id/1>

*Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers*

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

*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*

Penelope Carver, 17 November    Guy Libby, 17 November  
Ann Peerless 18<sup>th</sup> November    Trudi Bliss, 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Margaret Wilkinson 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov    Penelope Fergusson, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

### NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

10am -2pm Church open for Private Prayer

9.30 am Children's Worship via Zoom

**10.30 am Online Holy Eucharist (BCP)**

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

### MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> November – Margaret of Scotland

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

### TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> November – Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

### WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> November – Elizabeth of Hungary

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

### THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> November – Hilda, Abbess of Whitby

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

### FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> November – Edmund King

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

### SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> November

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am Church open for Private Prayer

2 pm Church closes

### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Christ the King

10am -2pm Church open for Private Prayer

10.30 Online Choral Eucharist

## Message from Mother Emma

I do hope and pray that you are all safe and well under this latest lockdown. We are pleased that Government rules have allowed us this time to keep the church open for private prayer and gather from your messages that a number of you have also appreciated this. Our thanks to our team of part-time virgers, Tom, Sam and Amanda for enabling us to keep the Church open under Covid-safe conditions.



Leonora is currently on leave, so our communications may be less beautiful and extensive than usual, but I am hugely grateful to Mother Alice for her help with putting together our service for this Sunday after a crash course in editing! This week, we are offering a children's worship session (for 0-5s especially) on Zoom at 9.30 am, and a Holy Eucharist from the Book of Common Prayer which will go live at 10.30 am. Mother Alice will be preaching at this service, and we are fortunate to have music recorded by Mark Uglow and our professional choir before lockdown to enhance our worship.

We hope and pray that we shall be able to open for public worship once again at the end of this lockdown, and to that end, are provisionally planning Covid-safe services for after December 2nd. We very much hope to mark our return to church on Advent 2 with our regular three morning services plus a **Service of Light at 6.30 pm on Sunday 6 December**. As numbers at services and events must still be limited, we are planning to offer our **Christmas Carol Service (moved for this year to Sunday 20th December)** twice, to enable more people to celebrate the birth of Jesus with us. This will also be the case for a performance of the **Messiah Part 1, on Sunday 13th**, tickets for which will be available soon on Eventbrite.

We think of you as we pray together during this Month of Prayer and Fasting for the healing of our nation, and look forward to seeing you again soon.

### Foodbank Donations The Wish List

We will still be continuing collections for the food bank, but this time please give any donations to our assistant virgers, Sam, Tom or Amada when you come to the church.

A list of food items that they particularly want can be found in the cloister and on the railings. Please do not bring any ready meals as these will go off quickly and can't be stored properly.

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.

### Confirmation 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

We are pleased to say that the Bishop of Kensington will be coming to St Mary Abbots on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Please speak to the clergy if you would like to join us. Preparation sessions will take place during the Spring Term.

### Friends of St Mary Abbots Silent Auction

Bidding in the Friends' On-line Christmas Silent Auction is now in full swing, with over 25 splendid gifts from hotel's restaurants and local businesses. Everything from a luxury break at a beautiful Suffolk coastal Hotel to a six foot Christmas Tree. New lots have been posted during the week for those who

have already visited the site including some very fine wines. Our target to raise is £1,500 of which we have already raised more than £600. Do please take time to visit the site on <https://auctionofpromises.com/2020FOSMAChristmasAuction> and bid for some lots.

### Month of Prayer

National prayer points:

- Sunday – Family, friends and loved ones
- 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

### OTHER PARISH NEWS

#### London History Festival

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Kensington Central Library is inviting people to their online literary festival, where historians talk about their latest work. This includes 'Prisoners of History' by Keith Lowe who discusses what happens when our values change but what we have set in stone does not, 'The fragrance of Tears', where Victoria Schofield which discusses her memoirs of a 33 year friendship with Benazir Bhutto, 'Valkyrie, The women of the Viking world' by Jóhanna Friðriksdóttir and 'A world beneath sands', adventures & Archaeologists in the Golden age of Egyptology, amongst many more covering Hitler, Cromwell, Phillip and Alexander, and a history of the western mind. For more details and to book a place: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKRBKC/bulletins/2a43541>

#### Bishop Graham's teaching evening

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November & Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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?" 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>

#### Grenfell Assembly Meeting

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 6.30pm**

There will be an overview of the Grenfell Projects Fund, where community groups and individuals presented ideas for funding and residents voted on the projects that would most benefit. In this Zoom meeting they will show a short film showcasing the Grenfell Projects Fund Decision Days and then ask for your views on the project and how residents feel that it could be improved. To join on line please follow the link below: <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/grenfell-response-and-recovery/our-progress-grenfell-recovery/grenfell-projects-fund>