

In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect for Baptism

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Prayer for Baptism

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith. **Amen**



Hortus Deliciarum, The Baptism of Jesus

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need	Sebastian Shaw	John Canelie
Margy Fitter	Alison Steel	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Nicolas Hodge	Edward	Joan Davies
Gina Hrela	Michael	Leo Koymans
Joan Jackson	Harrison	Simon Portal
Fr David Michaels	<i>Those in long-term need</i>	Annie Redmile
Mary Reeve	Vincenzo Blandini	James Worsley
June Scully	Theo Bulkai	
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and for all who have died recently

Christopher Buckmaster	Pearl Collinson	Arthur Dawes
Sally England	Eva Fraser	Andrew Gillespie
Tony Gordon	Jose Jueguen	Nigel Leyland
Rosemary Macneaney	Wayne Matthews	
Karl Julius Silchenstedt	Rae Whitehead	

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

Nigel Leyland, 12 th January	Fredrick Lloyd, 14 th January
Joan Martin, 15 th January	Samir Abourahme, 17 th January
David Wilson, 17 th January	

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

10th January 2021

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, use 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

So that you do not have to fill in a Covid track and trace form on the door we have put all our Sunday Services on Eventbrite www.smaw8.org/services Please bring your ticket with you.

SUNDAY 10th January – Baptism of Christ

8 am No Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30am Holy Eucharist

11.15am Matins

Please reserve a seat via Eventbrite:

www.smaw8.org/service

MONDAY 11th January – Mary Slessor, missionary

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

TUESDAY 12th January – Aelred, Abbot

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 13th January – Hilary, Bishop

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

THURSDAY 14th January -

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY 15th January

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

SATURDAY 16th January

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

SUNDAY 17th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8 am No Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30am Holy Eucharist

11.15am Matins

Please reserve a seat via Eventbrite:

www.smaw8.org/services

Message from Mother Emma

We are now in the season of Epiphany when we commemorate the revealing of Christ to the world. As we wrestle with the prospect of a third lockdown, we hope and pray that this will be the last, and we commit ourselves to keeping one another safe, and to revealing Christ's healing love in our own lives and relationships.



Grant us, Lord, who behold your glory, to drink from the waters of the new creation flowing from the river of life in your baptism. Give us the wings of the Spirit, that we may hasten to meet you at your coming and praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen Common Worship, Times and Seasons, 2006

As you will have seen, the Government guidelines for this current lockdown tell us that **churches may remain open for both public worship and private prayer**, provided that this can be done as safely as possible. We are very aware that the church brings immense comfort to many at this dark time, and we hope very much to be able to continue to provide opportunities for both, though with a few further restrictions. The PCC Standing Committee and clergy have committed themselves to watching very carefully the level of safety we are able to achieve and we do ask for your help with this as we continue to follow Government guidelines together. Please remember the importance of mask-wearing, hand-sanitising and social distancing - and of course, please do not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, or have been asked to isolate. In addition, (even though we are deeply sorry for the diminishing of contact this entails), we ask you to leave the church as promptly as possible after the services, alone or within your family bubble. The Archbishop of Canterbury also reminds us that those in the more vulnerable groups should carefully consider the risks involved before attending church or travelling.

I regret to say that there will be **NO 8 am Eucharist** this week, as we assess the pattern for moving forward. However, the **9.30 Eucharist will be taken by the Revd Dana English**, who took our Christmas services. Revd Dana will also preach at our **11.15 service of Matins (with Cantor)**, while Mother Alice will lead the service. At all services, we shall be commemorating the Baptism of Christ by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. An **online children's service** has also been put together, the link for which will be sent out by Martina.

In addition to this, I shall be offering a service of **Morning Prayer online on Sunday morning at 10.30 am via Zoom** for anyone who would like to join this. I will send the link to anyone who has joined in a service of Morning Prayer before, but do hope that if you would like to share in this service for the first service (or know of someone else who might), you will contact me for the link.

We hope that in these ways, as many of you as possible will be able to share in our worship this week. If you have any feedback, please do let me know. While we are constricted by some regulations and by staff shortages (not least my being confined to my home by the current Government rules!), we are keen to enable helpful ways for you to engage with God.

On a different and very sad note, some of you may have heard that Rosemary MacNeaney, mother of Fr Jonathan, our former Assistant Vicar, passed away with Covid on New Year's Day. Our hearts go out to Fr Jonathan, his father and family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Fr Jonathan's address is available from Leonora on pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk.

With my love and prayers, Emma

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Finding Jesus in the Storm

John Swinton, Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Care at the University of Aberdeen joins Paula Gooder, Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and leading Biblical Scholar to discuss how best to take care of our mental and spiritual health, even in times of uncertainty, loss and change. *"When Jesus says I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full, he doesn't say that means it will be without suffering. Fullness of life speaks of joy, hope and resurrection, but life in all its fullness is not life without pain or disappointment: Jesus's own life wasn't. The pandemic has been a storm unlike anything we have experienced before. As we have faced illness, bereavement, mental health challenges and radical change all of us have been affected by events we couldn't control".* The talk is part of the 'Life in Abundance' online programme at St Paul's Cathedral and more details on this and other conversations can be found: www.stpaulsresources.co.uk/resourcehub/online-events

Mayors Awards 2020-21

Nominations are open until 31st January 2021

If you know of someone who has made a huge difference to life of the residents in RBKC you might wish to put their names forward for the Mayor's Award, which will publicly recognise their hard work. There are four categories for nomination:

- Individual Contribution
- Young Person
- Local Community Organisation
- Coronavirus Response

Click [HERE](#) or www.rbkc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/how-council-works/our-mayor/make-nomination-mayors-award to nominate someone or learn more.

Food Bank

The food bank is still helping even more people during this Covid lockdown and will appreciate your support. Should you be able 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.

Covid Testing

If you have symptoms of Covid you must follow the PHE guidance and remain in self-isolation and book a free test online or call 119. However if you are NOT showing symptoms and would like a test there is a walk in clinic in Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street from Monday 4th January, from 8.30 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday and then 10am – 4pm at the weekend. There is another clinic in Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road, W10 6EX from 10am – 4pm Monday to Sunday.

Covid Support

If you are in need of help or support during this lockdown then please don't hesitate to email Mother Emma in cases of pastoral need and you are very welcome to join our Zoom prayer meetings in the morning. For those needing other forms of help below is a list of covid support services and contacts that might be of use:

- **RBKC Covid-19 Hub:** Hot food, food banks, finance, housing and much more: Monday to Friday 9am -6pm & Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm
Tel: 0207 361 4326 or C19Hub@rbkc.gov.uk
- **Kensington and Mutual Aid:** Picking up shopping, medication, urgent supplies, arranging deliveries. For those in need and those wishing to volunteer.
Tel: 0208 144 2774 or Kcmutualaidzone3@gmail.com
- **Everymind Matters:** Set up by Public Health England and approved by NHS to help look after mental health during lockdown www.nhs.uk/oneyou/everymind.matters