

In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

On love

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8



Saint Valentine of Terni and his disciples. Codex: Français 185, Fol. 210. Vies de saints, France, Paris, 14th century.

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Mary Reeve	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Bruce Dinwiddy	June Scully	Vincenzo Blandini
Margy Fitter	Hew Service	Theo Bulkai
Gina Hrela	Sebastian Shaw	John Cantlie
Hally Marnock	Alison Steel	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Joan Jackson	Edward	Joan Davies
Anna Messim	Michael	Leo Koymans
Fr David Michaels	Harrison	Simon Portal
Suze Murray		Paul Proudman
		Annie Redmile
		James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Pearl Collinson	Tony Dawes	Sally England
Andrew Gillespie	Margaret Hicks	Nicholas Hodge
Jose Jueguen (snr)	Nigel Leyland	Rosemary MacNeaney
Wayne Matthews	Karl Julius Silchenstedt	

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

	Robert Lane, 8 th February
Antony Carr-Gomm, 9 th February	Annie Lloyd, 9 th February

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

7th February 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 or use the NHS app which can be found on the notice board in the cloister by the door.
- Sanitising our hands at the entrance
- Wearing masks inside the church
- Maintaining 2 metre distancing from others
- Following the one-way system

SUNDAY 7th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

There will be no services in the church, however we are open from 9.30am to 11.30am for private prayer.

- 9.30 am Morning Service online
www.smaw8.com/services
- 9.30 am Children's service on line & on Zoom
www.smaw8.org/children-and-groups
Email: children@stmaryabbots.org.uk
- 10.30 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Please email: vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk

MONDAY 8th February

- 9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

TUESDAY 9th February

- 9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

WEDNESDAY 10th February – Scholastica, Abbess

- 9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

THURSDAY 11th February

- 9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

FRIDAY 12th February

- 9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
- 10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

SATURDAY 13th February

- 10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

SUNDAY 14th February – Sunday next before Lent

- 9.30 am Morning Service online
www.smaw8.com/services
- 9.30 am Children's service on on Zoom
Email: children@stmaryabbots.org.uk
- 10.30 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Please email: vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk

The information above may change. If you would like to receive updates directly to your email please sign up to our newsletter on www.smaw8.org or email pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk

Service Sheets and Newsletter

We will no longer be producing a physical copy of the newsletter or prayer book.

If you would like us to post a newsletter to you please email Leonora with your postal address pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk
The Time to Pray app can be downloaded to your phone for use when visiting the church:
<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

Message from Mother Emma

Greetings to you all as we see the first signs of Spring approaching, and many thanks to everyone who has been in touch with me this week.



This Sunday our main online service is a Family Eucharist for the first Sunday in the month, with children reading and leading our prayers. We are very grateful to Martina for her organization, to Mother Alice for her sermon, and to all the children and their families for recording the different elements of the service. Thanks, too, to Mark and the choir for providing the music, and to Leonora for editing. I do hope that you will be able to join us online from 9.30 am.

We are also offering the service of Morning Prayer on Zoom, which will begin at 10.30 am. The Zoom link is the same as in previous weeks, but if it has disappeared or if you would like to join us for the first time, do get in touch with me and I shall send it to you on Saturday. There will be a children's Zoom service for the under-5s at 9.30 am, and I warmly recommend your watching Martina's amazing reflective short Bible story films week by week, officially for the children, but a wonderful source of reflection for people of all ages.

This newsletter contains details of Lent projects and ways we can reach out to others as we approach the season of Lent, when we dedicate ourselves to worship, study and acts of service. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have also invited us to join in prayers for our nation each evening in February at 6 pm, to comfort and encourage one another in this final stage of lockdown. If you would like to join in, please find details [here](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation)

The clergy and Parochial Church Council are taking this period of restricted worship spend time reflecting on the direction of the parish's mission and ministry "after Covid". If you have any thoughts about worship, activities, charitable links or pastoral outreach, please do get in touch. We may yet be enlisting you all in answering a few short questions or surveys, as we begin to discern some possible ideas!

"Crown us, O God, but with humility, and robe us with compassion, that, as you call us into the kingdom of your Son, we may strive to overcome all evil by the power of good and so walk gently on the earth with you, our God, forever" (Common Worship Daily Prayer, response to Psalm 21)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Mother Alice NTC Birth & Beyond Peer Supporter

We would like to congratulate Mother Alice who has just qualified as a NCT Birth and Beyond Peer Supporter having previously trained as Mother Supporter with the Association of Breastfeeding Mothers in 2017. She will now be able to offer services for new parents, including virtual breastfeeding peer support. Alice, who will be co-running our toddler group once we are able to launch it again after this Covid season, is passionate about supporting and caring for new parents and is starting as a Maternity Champion with the team at the Notting Dale Community Centre. Please pray for Alice as she begins this ministry, and if you know of any local parents or parents-to-be who would appreciate contact or support, please do get in touch with her. The Maternity Champions scheme link can be found below:

<http://www.communitychampionsuk.org/teams/maternity-champions/maternity-champions-home/>

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Psalms as Prayer Zoom meeting Wednesday 10th February, 7.30pm

The Rev'd Andy Roland will be focusing on the Psalms and their meaning, who they were written by, how they can help us live each day, how they can help us pray and how to approach the more aggressive texts. If you are interested in joining the discussion please text The Rev'd Andy on 07508 961 055 for details.

Twitter Apprenticeship Opportunities Event Friday 12th February, 2pm-4pm

K&C Council are hosting an online event publicising current vacancies for apprenticeship for DEP, Innocent Drinks, MACE, Morley College and more. To see the list of vacancies join on **Twitter @JCPinNthLondon** The event is being run as part of the National Apprentice Week which runs from Monday 8th February to Sunday 14th February.

Book Club

Thursday 18th February 6.30pm

The Chelsea Library Reading group meets once a month to discuss their current read, this month 'Fleishman is in Trouble' by Taffy Brodesser-Akner. A friendly and relaxed group reading mostly modern and contemporary work they always welcome new members.

Online Retreat

Friday 19th February 2021

The Royal Foundation of St Katharine are offering a 24 hour online retreat with the Rev'd Richard Carter, Author of "The City is my Monastery: A contemplative rules of Life" and is leader of the Nazareth Community. This will be a 24 hour cycle of prayer, rest and contemplation "in a time of great change this retreat will focus on a rhythm of contemplative prayer and reflection to centre us in God's love". Tickets for this event, and others like it, can be found on St Katharine's website: [Upcoming Events – The Royal Foundation of St Katharine \(rfsk.org.uk\)](http://www.rfsk.org.uk)

Food Bank

The food bank is still open and in desperate need of support. Currently we are not taking food in at the church but should you wish 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 or donate directly on their website: www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk

Covid Support

If you are in need of pastoral help or support during this lockdown then please don't hesitate to contact Mother Emma or Mother Alice. For those needing other forms of help a list of covid support services and contacts can be found below:

- **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
- **Covid Testing:** There is a walk-in clinic in Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street 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.
- **Kensington and Mutual Aid:** Picking up shopping, medication, posting mail, 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