

In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

On Ash Wednesday

Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us. We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel right conviction and repentance for our sin. Help us, by your Spirit, to have the strength to overcome the enemy. **Amen.** Crosswalk.com



Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

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

Richard Gatehouse, 15 February	Wendell Cadogan, 18 February
William Wilson, 18 th February	Hugh Mainprice, 19 February
Alison Nicholson, 20 February	Pedro Da Gama, 21 st February

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

14th 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 14th February – Sunday next 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 Zoom Zoom details: children@stmaryabbots.org.uk
10.30 am	Morning Prayer on Zoom Please email: vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk

MONDAY 15th February – Sigfrid, Bishop

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

TUESDAY 16th February

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

WEDNESDAY 17th February – Ash Wednesday

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon	Ash Wednesday, Online Service www.smaw8.org/services
10 am- 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer

THURSDAY 18th February

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

FRIDAY 19th February

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

SATURDAY 20th February

10 am- 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
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SUNDAY 21st February – 1st Sunday of 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

We are approaching the start of Lent, and are sorry that we shall not be able to mark the beginning of the season in person together this year, though we have high hopes that we will be able to worship together again as we move towards Holy Week and Easter. I am grateful to report that I have now received my first dose of the vaccine, so look forward to my release from the Vicarage in due course! Once the Prime Minister has set out his plans for the country's end to lockdown, we shall also be confirming our plans for re-opening the church for public worship before too long. I hope, however, that you will be able to join us as we mark Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday online next week as the season begins.



On Tuesday 16th February, we shall be holding a Zoom Pancake Party for all ages, beginning at 4.30 pm with a reminder of what Shrove Tuesday is all about, and then followed by games, quizzes – and the opportunity to share online our pancake-making efforts from our own kitchens!! If you would like to join us, please do contact Martina, our Children's Ministry Administrator, on children@stmaryabbots.org.uk.

On Ash Wednesday (17th Feb), there will be an online service with readings, prayers, a reflection and music from our professional choir, which will be available from 12 noon on our YouTube channel via our website www.smaw8.org/services. There will also be a service for children – details to follow early next week. At both these services, there will be the opportunity to join together in ashing our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality and a sign of our penitence, and our desire to follow Christ more closely. Traditionally, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made by burning the palm crosses blessed during Palm Sunday the previous year. If you have any palm crosses at home, you may wish (with extreme caution!) to burn these in preparation for the services. We will also be making a few envelopes of ash and leaving them in the church for collection if needed.

During Lent, we would invite you to take part in two projects as part of your Lenten observance this year; one is a "Lenten Letter" which you can read about below. The other is a regular Lenten activity or act of kindness for families and children, which can also be obtained from Martina.

You can find details of our services this coming Sunday on the services page of our website www.smaw8.org/service and we look forward to worshipping with you as we remember Jesus' transfiguration on the mountaintop.

Mother Emma

Lenten Letters – Volunteers Needed

At Christmas many of you very generously helped with our Christmas giving initiative to very isolated elderly people in the parish, by buying them gifts and delivering a food hamper at Christmas. For the last 20 years we have shared this mission with Christ Church and St George's. However loneliness and isolation doesn't end with Christmas, especially during another lockdown.

Throughout the period of Lent (6 weeks) we are looking for volunteers to send a letter each week of Lent. You will be provided with 6 letters of inspiration and envelopes designed to bring a smile to their face, and all you need to do is write a short cover note and drop it into their letter box. There is also a list of conversation ideas and pointers should you be able to call them. This way we can continue to bring happiness to the 79 who we were collectively in touch with at Christmas and make them feel remembered.

If you prefer the idea of more practical volunteering we will be connecting with Social Services to discover other needs of their 'service users' and find a way of offering practical help. This is a way to make a genuine, meaningful difference in the life of someone who truly needs it. It will make you feel wonderful!

To find out more, please [sign up here](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K6QMHP8) or go to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K6QMHP8

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story

The Church of England's theme for Lent this year is 'God's story, our Story' which "*encourage all Christians to think about their calling, how to share their faith and reflect on the difference Christ makes in our lives*". This year the Lenten booklets are available on-line or as an app rather than at the church. Divided into 6 parts, they give a reflection for each week with a short Bible passage, exploration of the theme, prayer and action to carry out. More information can be found using this link: [#LiveLent 2021 church resources: God's Story, Our Story | The Church of England](#)

Online Quiz

Sunday 28th February 2021, 5pm

We have been invited to join the congregation of St Phillips at the United Benefice of Holland Park secondary school online Quiz. This should be an entertaining event and only lasts an hour. If you would be interested then please let Mother Emma know and she will send you the Zoom details.

Food Bank

The food bank is not currently picking up food from the church so we are unable to accept any food or cleaning supplies. However the food bank is still open and in desperate need of support as more people are in need of their vital services. 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
- **Daily Hope Phone line:** Set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury this line allows you to listen to services and reflections on the phone. 0800 804 8044