

## In Our Prayers This Week

### The Alternative Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Prayer of Hope

Almighty Lord God, give us true faith, and make that faith grow in us day by day. Also give us hope and love, so that we may serve our neighbors according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Christianity.com



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*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	James Philpot	Vincenzo Blandini
May El-Kadi	Mary Reeve	Theo Bulkai
Margy Fitter	June Scully	John Cantlie
Gina Hrela	Hew Service	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Hally Marnock	Sebastian Shaw	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	Alison Steel	Leo Koymans
Anna Messim	David Strong	Simon Portal
Fr David Michaels	Edward	Simon Portal
Suze Murray	Michael	Paul Proudman
	Harrison	Annie Redmile
		James Worsley

*and for all who have died recently*

Pearl Collinson	Pamela Davies	Tony Dawes
Samir El-Kadi	Sally England	Andrew Gillespie
Margaret Hicks	Mary Khoury	Armando Mardirosian
	Wayne Matthews	

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

Arthur Harriman, 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Anthony Minoprio, 29 <sup>th</sup> February
Thomas Nevell, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Charlotte Felderhof, 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Mary Isa, 5 <sup>th</sup> March,	Josephine Grieve, 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Derrick Holden-Brown	6 <sup>th</sup> March

## St MARY ABBOTS CHURCH CONTACTS

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of 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	<b>Morning Service</b> online <a href="http://www.smaw8.com/services">www.smaw8.com/services</a>
9.30 am	<b>Children's service</b> on Zoom Zoom details: <a href="mailto:children@stmaryabbots.org.uk">children@stmaryabbots.org.uk</a>
10.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer on Zoom</b> Please email: <a href="mailto:vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk">vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk</a>

### MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March – David, Bishop Patron of Wales

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

### TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Chad, Bishop

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

### WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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

### THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March

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

### FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March

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

### SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March

10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
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### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9.30 am	<b>Morning Service</b> online <a href="http://www.smaw8.com/services">www.smaw8.com/services</a> <b>Preacher: The Bishop of Kensington, Dr Graham Tomlin</b>
9.30 am	<b>Children's service</b> on Zoom Email: <a href="mailto:children@stmaryabbots.org.uk">children@stmaryabbots.org.uk</a>
10.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer on Zoom</b> Please email: <a href="mailto:vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk">vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk</a>

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](http://www.smaw8.org) or email [pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk)

### Service Sheets and Newsletter

We will no longer be producing a physical copy of the newsletter or prayer book in church, however if you would like us to post a copy of the newsletter please email Leonora with your postal address [pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto: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

I hope you have had a good week and continue to stay safe and well. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with St Mary Abbots School and with all other school pupils, teachers and school staff across the country as they prepare to return to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March, following the Government announcement. It is my hope that we shall also be re-opening the church for worship very soon after that, but I will let you know once I have sought the agreement of the PCC and everything is in place for a safe return to worship.



This Sunday we shall continue to offer a pre-recorded Eucharist at 9.30 am, and also a children's service, followed by Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10.30 am. You are very welcome to join us for any of these – and all our pre-recorded services and sermons from the past year continue to be available on our website [www.smaw8.org/services](http://www.smaw8.org/services)

**I am delighted to announce that the Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, will be preaching to us during the pre-recorded Eucharist NEXT week (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March).** Please do join the service or watch it later, as Bishop Graham reflects on our Epistle reading from 1 Corinthians.

I continue to hold you in my prayers as we journey through Lent together and look forward to seeing you soon.

*God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen* (Common Worship, Times and Seasons, 2006)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

### Letters of Inspiration – Volunteers still needed

Thank you to all those who are sending the 'Letters of Inspiration' but more volunteers are still needed. The idea is that throughout the period of Lent (now 4 weeks) you send a 'letter of inspiration' to an isolated person in the area. These are people we previously sent Christmas presents and Hampers to at Christmas. You will be provided with the letters and envelopes 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. Although we are now in the second week of Lent it is not too late to join the scheme. To find out more, please [sign up here](http://signuphere) or go to [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K6QMHP8](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K6QMHP8)

## PARISH & OTHER NEWS

### Diocese of London – Lent Appeal Challenging Youth Violence

This year the Diocese of London is helping to tackle youth violence and the issues that cause it by supporting 3 amazing charities. Young people aged from 10 to 24 are using physical force to hurt or threaten other children or bystanders and the Charities aim to help stop this vicious cycle:

**XLP (the EXcel Project):** Started by Headmaster Patrick Regan after the stabbing of a pupil, this charity works with students and teachers to help with behavioural issues in school using education, mentoring, sport and Arts.

**TLG (Transforming Lives for Good):** using a network of churches this charity looks at the reasons for school exclusions, emotional wellbeing and holiday hunger.

**Redthread:** a charity that puts youth workers into A&E units in London and the Midlands. They aim to improve children's experiences when they come to the hospital or their experience of dealing with professional resources.

To donate to this extremely worthwhile and vitally important for all of society and our communities fundraising appeal please go to [give.net/LentAppeal2021](http://give.net/LentAppeal2021)

## “Jesus the Troublemaker”

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, 7.30pm

We are invited to the online book launch of “Jesus the Troublemaker – his last 8 days – the drama of holy week reimaged” by The Rev'd Andy Osbourne Roland. To book a place please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/launch-of-jesus-the-troublemaker-tickets-139940418559>

### Ecumenical Lent Course on Persecuted Christians, & stations of the Cross, Kensington Council of Churches Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7.30pm

The zoom course, presented by the Kensington Council of Churches and Churches together in Notting Hill, continues this week with speaker John Pontifex, Head of Press and Information at ACNUK (Aid to the Church in Need) speaking on **The persecution of Christians in Iraq & Syria**. There will be opportunities to raise your personal experiences or concerns and at the end of each session there will be a devotional time using Stations of the Cross, this week stations 3-5, as the focus for prayer for the persecuted. Please see the poster for the rest of the series please use the link: [Download the poster, click here](#). The sessions, which last an hour, are being hosted by and speakers from Aid to the Church in Need. Their website is <https://acnuk.org> For more information and zoom details please contact [Chris.Luxton@specr.org](mailto:Chris.Luxton@specr.org)

### Faith & Poetry

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm

Canon Mark Oakley, Dean of St John's College Cambridge, will be speaking on Faith & Poetry followed by a question and answer session. For dial in details please contact the Rev'd Pippa, [vicarstphilips@specr.org](mailto:vicarstphilips@specr.org)

### Food Bank

The food bank **is not currently picking up food from the church** so we are unable to accept any food or household supplies. However the food bank is still open and in desperate need of support – the number of people using them has increased by over 110%. 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 you can now donate directly on their website: [www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk](http://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:

- **Book a Covid vaccination:** RBKC are offering anyone over 65, front line health or social workers, or anyone who has received a letter saying they are high risk a chance to book their vaccination. You will need to be registered with a GP. **Link here:** [Book a coronavirus vaccination - NHS](http://Book a coronavirus vaccination - NHS) ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.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](mailto:Kcmutualaidzone3@gmail.com)