

In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for Patience

Dear Lord, please help me to have patience. I lay before you my exhaustion and ask for a renewed sense of energy. I lay before you any of my resentment and ask for peace instead. I lay before you my frustrations and ask that you bring me more patience. I lay before you all of my judgment and ask that I may be more understanding. I lay before you my anger and ask that I may learn to be more forgiving. Please help me to be patient, Lord, and to grow in your wisdom and compassion. **Amen.** Everydayknow.com



Christ banishes money-lenders. Print by A Gaber.

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

and for all who have died recently

Pearl Collinson	Pamela Davies	Tony Dawes
May El-Kadi	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

Penelope King, 8 th March	Alfred Bailey, 10 th March
Owen Lloyd, 12 th March	Alick MacVie, 13 th March
Eileen Haddad, 13 th March	

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

7th March 2021

We are delighted and very happy to announce that we will be holding Sunday services again from Mothering Sunday on the 14th March onwards.

Spaces will be limited so please book a seat by going to our website: www.smaw8.org/services and clicking on the link there. Re-opening the church is dependent upon our maintenance of good practice so please follow the following guidance when in church:

- Wearing masks inside the church
- Maintaining 2 metre distancing from others
- Sanitising our hands at the entrance
- 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.
- Following the one-way system

SUNDAY 7th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

For our online service this week our preacher is The Bishop of Kensington, Dr Graham Tomlin. As before the church will be open from 9.30am to 11.30am for private prayer.

9.30 am	Morning Service online www.smaw8.com/services Preacher: The Bishop of Kensington, Dr Graham Tomlin
9.30 am	Children's service online & on Zoom Zoom details: children@stmaryabbots.org.uk
10.30 am	Morning Service on Zoom Please email: vicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk

MONDAY 8th March – Edward King, Bishop

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

TUESDAY 9th March

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

WEDNESDAY 10th March

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

THURSDAY 11th March

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

FRIDAY 12th March

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

SATURDAY 13th March

10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
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SUNDAY 14th March – 4th Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Family Eucharist
11.15 am	Matins
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer

Numbers are limited so please reserve a seat on our website: www.smaw8.org/services. If you do not have access to a computer please contact Petter or Leonora who will register you.

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

Lots of news today as we look ahead over the next few weeks! Firstly, a reminder that this Sunday, 7th March, the Bishop of Kensington will be preaching at our online service of Holy Eucharist for Lent 3, so please do join the service if you can via our website www.smaw8.org/services.



I am also very pleased to announce that, following the ending of London's Critical Incident status last week, the PCC have voted to **re-open St Mary Abbots for Sunday worship from Mothering Sunday, Sunday 14th March**. This will be a Family Eucharist with the children reading and leading the intercessions. Martina will be in touch shortly for ongoing children's provision. For the moment it will be necessary to limit numbers so seats can be booked on Eventbrite, via our website www.smaw8.org/services

Going forward our intention is initially to offer the same **Sunday service** pattern as we did when we were open earlier in the pandemic: 8 am Holy Eucharist (BCP), 9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Cantor and 11.15 Matins with Cantor. In addition, there will now be a **ZOOM Evening Prayer** at 5.30 pm, for all those who prefer to wait a bit longer before attending church in person. I shall be sending out the link on Saturday 13th March to anyone who has previously attended our Sunday Morning Prayer (which this Evening Prayer will replace), please do contact me for the link. We shall NOT be offering any weekday services until Holy Week.

For Holy week we will be setting out a separate service pattern to celebrate our most important festival of the year. After Easter we will revert, for the time being, to the pattern of Midday Prayer and twice-weekly midweek Eucharists we followed in the autumn.

The sermons from the Sunday morning church services will be recorded and will go up on our website www.smaw8.org/sermons early in the week.

It goes without saying that we shall be doing everything we can to re-open the church in the safest way possible, observing all the Government and national church guidelines and taking extra precautions of our own. Our risk assessments can be found on our website [HERE](#). However, we do also rely on your help and understanding in wearing masks, hand sanitising, social distancing, signing up for services on Eventbrite in advance and following the instructions of the sidespeople as you move around the church. We also ask you not to attend church if you have been exposed to Covid-19 or show any symptoms, and if you live further away, to consider the risks of travel and whether you may wish to postpone your return.

I am, however, so thankful for these first steps on our return to the full worshipping community we cherish, and look forward to welcoming you all back before too long.

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage, that united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen [Common Worship, Dedication Festival (adapted), 2000]

With my love and prayers,

Emma

Letters of Inspiration – Volunteers still needed

There is still space for more volunteers for sending a weekly letter to people who are living in isolation. 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. To find out more, please [sign up here](#) or go to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K6QMHP8

Food Bank

We will be collecting tins, jars, long life items for the food bank at the Sunday services from next week. A full list of items can be found on our website: www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html 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

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. XLP (the EXcel Project), TLG (Transforming Lives for Good), Redthread. The aim is to stop young people using physical force to hurt or threaten other children or bystanders which has a hugely detrimental affect on them and all communities. To donate to this extremely worthwhile fundraising appeal please go to give.net/LentAppeal2021

Faith & Poetry

Tuesday 9th 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

Ecumenical Lent Course on Persecuted Christians, & stations of the Cross, Kensington Council of Churches Wednesday 10th March 7.30pm

The zoom course, presented by the Kensington Council of Churches and Churches together in Notting Hill, continues this week with Aid to the Church in Need's Senior Press Office, Dr John Newton who will be speaking on **The persecution of Christians in Nigeria**. There will be a devotional time at the end using stations 6-8 in the Stations of the Cross. For more information and zoom details please contact Chris.Luxton@specr.org

Covid Support

If you are in need of pastoral help or support during this lockdown then please contact Mother Emma or Mother Alice. Other forms of help can be found below:

- **Book a Covid vaccination:** RBKC are offering a vaccine to over 65's, front line health or social workers, or if you have received a letter You will need to be registered with a GP. **Link here:** [Book a coronavirus vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- **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 10am – 4pm at the weekend or in the 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 to volunteer: Tel: 0208 144 2774 or Kcmutualaidzone3@gmail.com