

In Our Prayers This Week

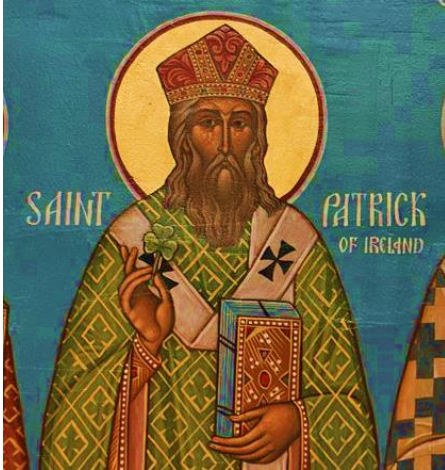
The Alternative Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Gather us now before you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them. Like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. As we meet today and follow your example, protect us, support us, and feed us with your unconditional love. Amen Adapted from St Anselm of Canterbury



Icon of Saint Patrick, Christ the Saviour Church.
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Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	James Philpot	<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	Paul Proudman
Suze Murray	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
Simon Portal	Andrew Gillespie	Margaret Hicks
Mary Khoury	Armando Mardirosian	Wayne Matthews

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

Dr John Hogarth	Cleave, 14 th March
Helene Wigley,	15 th March
Ivo Morshead,	15 th March
Billy Green,	17 th March
Alsred Plumridge,	17 th March
Daphne Craig,	18 th March
Ben Regan,	19 th March

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

14th March 2021

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

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

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.

MONDAY 15th March

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

TUESDAY 16th March

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

WEDNESDAY 17th March – Patrick, Bishop

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

THURSDAY 18th March – Cyril, Bishop

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

FRIDAY 19th March – Joseph of Nazareth

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

SATURDAY 20th March – Cuthbert, Bishop

10 am- 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
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SUNDAY 21st March – 5th Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
11.15 am	Matins
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer on Zoom

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

We are delighted to be re-opening the church for public worship this coming Sunday (14th March), when there will be services in church at 8 am, 9.30 am and 11.15 am (see poster below). Please do sign up on our website for the services, as we are still required to limit our numbers in order to keep one another safe.



Our 9.30 am will be a Family Eucharist for Mothering Sunday, with our children and mothers leading our readings and intercessions as we give thanks, not only for our mothers, but for everyone who has cared for us over this past difficult year: medical staff, teachers, carers, friends, family and so many others. We also give thanks for God's love and care for us "at all times and in all places" as we remember his holy Church is a mother to us all. Although we shall not be able to give our mothers flowers in church this year due to Covid restrictions, there will be opportunities for young children to decorate flowers, and for all of us to express our thanksgiving amidst the warmth and safety of our church family once again.

For those who are unable or prefer not to venture out just yet, there will be a service of Evening Prayer on Zoom in the evening at 5.30 pm, and Mother Alice's sermon from Matins will be recorded and put up online early next week. For the next two weeks, there will be worship on Sundays only, but from Palm Sunday, we shall be returning to daily worship.

Martina and Mother Alice have really enjoyed the Under 5's Zoom and over 5's YouTube services with our families over the last two months. They are much looking forward to seeing everyone in person again now that the church is open. However, Government regulations state that outdoor children's groups are only able to meet from March 29th, so for the next few weeks there will be an activity pack provided for children coming to church, and of course the option to use the long playground if young children need to stretch their legs. Please do remember to sign your children in on the COS register as you arrive at church.

We are all so grateful to our Virgers and volunteers who have enabled us to keep the church open throughout this period for private prayer, and also much appreciate your understanding in following all the Covid-19 restrictions in place at the church, including hand-sanitising, mask-wearing, social-distancing and following the one-way system around the church. We hope and pray that things will continue to improve and that we shall soon be able to welcome everyone back to church as before.

Loving God, you have given us the right to be called children of God. Help us to show your love in our homes that they may be places of love, security and truth. Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found. Loving God, we thank you for the family of the Church. We pray that all may find in her their true home. We make these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Common Worship intercessions for Mothering Sunday)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Electoral Roll

A notice has gone up outside the church announcing that the electoral roll is now due to be revised by the PCC beginning Tuesday 23rd March to Tuesday 6th April 2021. If you are already on the roll you do not need to take any action, however should you wish to join please contact our electoral roll officer Ed Warrick on er@stmaryabbots.org.uk or go to our website www.smaw8.org/electoral-roll.

New Assistant Virger – Sam Kibble

We are delighted that Sam Kibble, one of our talented choir members, has agreed to stay on for a while as our assistant virger. Sam has been helping for the last 4 months and says "I'm really happy to be working on a semi-permanent basis as Assistant Virger. I am at the church every weekday during opening hours and I'm always happy to stop for a chat if you're passing through! I'm also a member of the professional choir so you will often find me at the church on Sunday morning too".

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Ecumenical Lent Course on Persecuted Christians, & stations of the Cross, Kensington Council of Churches Wednesday 17th March 7.30pm

The Kensington Council of Churches and Churches Lenten course this week discusses *The Beirut Explosion and its impact on the church*. Lead by Dr Caroline Hull, Community Outreach Manager of Aid to the Church in Need. There will be a devotional time at the end using stations 9-11 of the Stations of the Cross. For more information and zoom details please contact Chris.Luxton@specr.org

Food Bank

The food bank has been in touch and wants to thank everyone for their very kind contributions. Sam the assistant virger is now assembling items which will be picked up by volunteers on Thursday morning. Please do not bring any ready meals as we have no way of storing them in the church, but longlife milk, tea, coffee, sugar, cereals, Noodles, dried pasta or rice, jars of sauce, tinned vegetables, soup, meat, fish, fruit, Jam, biscuits, snacks are very welcome. Loo paper, kitchen rolls and **UNUSED** cleaning fluids are also very useful. A full list can be found on our food bank page 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 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 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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](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 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
- **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
- **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