

In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for The Annunciation

By the power of your Holy Spirit conceived and bore the Word made flesh. From the warmth of her womb to the stillness of the grave he shared our life in human form. In him new light has dawned upon the world and you have become one with us that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom. Amen. Church of England



Annunciation, unknown artist. National Art Museum, Barcelona

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	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

Berit Kringberg, 22 nd March
Brian Sale, 26 th March Arthur Bliss, 27 th March

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

21st March 2021

Keeping the church open 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 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.

MONDAY 22nd March

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

TUESDAY 23rd March

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

WEDNESDAY 24th March- Walter Hilton, Mystic

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

THURSDAY 25th March – Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

FRIDAY 26th March – Harriet Mansell, founder

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

SATURDAY 27th March

10 am- 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
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SUNDAY 28th March – Palm Sunday

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

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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

Mother Alice and I were so happy to be able to welcome you back into church for our Mothering Sunday services last Sunday! It was wonderful to see everyone again – and we were specially impressed by all the fantastic mother-and-child reader and intercessor teams who led our worship at the Family Eucharist. Many thanks, too, to Martina for her hard work in arranging those parts of the service, and to everyone who worked to prepare the church to welcome us back.



This Sunday we shall be back in church again for Passion Sunday, as we veil the crosses in preparation for the solemnity of Passiontide and Holy Week. We do hope you will be able to join us at one of our three services (or at Evening Prayer online); please don't forget to sign up on Eventbrite to make sure you get a place.

I am delighted to announce more good news this week – the appointment of a new Associate Vicar, who will be joining us in early June. Fr Christopher Rogers is currently serving as Assistant Curate at St John the Baptist, Catford. Fr Christopher was a barrister from 2004-2015, before training at Westcott House for ordination. He brings many gifts to the parish team, among them experience of social outreach, ecumenism and the arts. We shall be inviting him to introduce himself in more detail closer to his arrival, but look forward very much to welcoming him here before too long!



Many of you have told me that you have often been away during Holy Week and Easter, but that, of course, this year you will be around in Kensington. Please may I warmly invite and encourage you to consider sharing with us in the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter (between Sunday 28th March and Sunday 4th April), as we walk the path of Christ's Cross and Resurrection with him. Although these will be somewhat "slimmed down" due to Covid restrictions, this remains a powerful and moving time of year for Christians, and one which will perhaps speak to us this year more deeply than ever, as we are encouraged by the promise of new life after a time of darkness and suffering. We shall be publishing the full service pattern next week and hope many of you will be able to experience this season with us afresh. As we move towards the ending of the lockdown, many feeling tired, exhausted or full of sadness after the past year, let us together find hope in God's promises.

Redeeming God, renew your broken people with your Holy Spirit, that they may walk your narrow way and greet your coming dawn in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. (Response to Psalm 74, Common Worship)

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

The Bishop of London's talk on Faith and Mental Health

Tuesday 23rd March 2021, 7.30pm

On the anniversary of the Covid-19 Bishop Sarah looks at the lessons we have learned from lockdown and discusses what it

might have taught us when it comes to tackling the issues of stigma and lack of conversation around mental health. You can find out more and book a free ticket [HERE](#)

Ecumenical Lent Course on Persecuted Christians, & stations of the Cross, Kensington Council of Churches Wednesday 24th March 2021, 7.30pm

The final week of the Lentern Course from the Kensington Council of Churches and Churches will be Lead by Fionn Shiner, Parliamentary and Press officer for Aid to the Church in Need and will explore 'The Plight of Pakistan's Christians'. The devotional time at the end of the call will be 12-14 of the Stations of the Cross. For more information and zoom details please contact Chris.Luxton@spectr.org

Diocese of London – Lent Appeal Challenging Youth Violence

This year the Diocese of London's Lent Appeal aims 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. To find out more or donate give.net/LentAppeal2021

"O God, we come to you in sorrow, knowing that young people are wounded by knife crime and daily injured by cycles of hurt and recrimination. We pray that through the work of churches, charities, and community groups, weapons will be turned in, violence will cease, and crisis will be transformed into hope; so that each may find their safe haven and contribute to a kingdom of love. May the blessings of peace be inherited in this generation today. Amen".

Written by the Bishop of Stepney

Food Bank

The food bank has been in touch and wants to thank everyone for their very kind contributions. Please bring tinned or packets of food to the church on Sunday or to the vestry during the week. Please do not bring any ready meals as we have no way of storing them in the church. 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:

- **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
- **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