

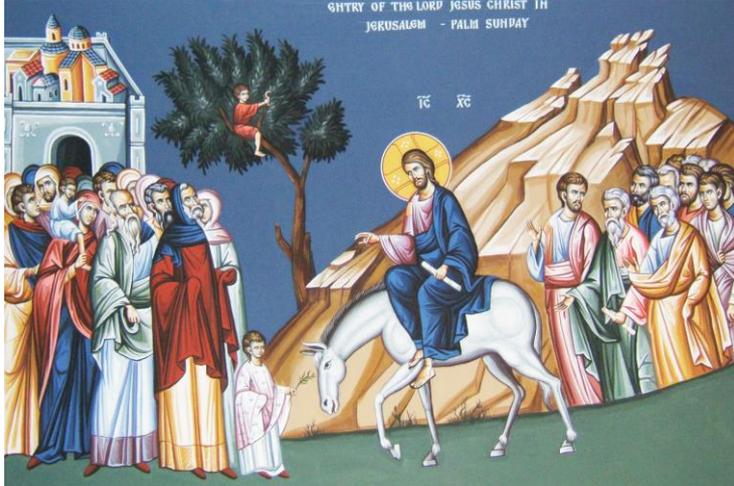
In Our Prayers This Week

The Alternative Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Loving God, Your Son Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey as a different kind of king. You call your followers to be different too. So, we pray, for the Church that Christians may bear the fruit of your Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Take firm root in our lives, that we may lovingly serve and welcome all with no exceptions and no small print. May we live together in your love and shine as lights in darkness to reveal your glory in the world. **Amen**



Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, BY-SA 3.0 via Wikimedia Commons
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
Gina Hrela	Mary Reeve	Theo Bulkai
Hally Marnock	June Scully	John Cantlie
Joan Jackson	Sebastian Shaw	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Anna Messim	Alison Steel	Joan Davies
Fr David Michaels	David Strong	Leo Koymans
Suze Murray	Edward	Paul Proudman
	Michael	Annie Redmile
	Harrison	James Worsley

and for all who have died recently
Pamela Davies

May El-Kadi Samir El-Kadi Sally England Margy Fitter
Andrew Gillespie Mary Khoury Armando Mardirosian
Simon Portal Hew Service Ennio

and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time
John Attack, 3rd April

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

28th 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

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.

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

MONDAY 29th March

9 am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
6pm	Evening Prayer and Reflection online

TUESDAY 30th March

9 am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
6pm	Evening Prayer and Reflection online

WEDNESDAY 31st March

9 am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
6pm	Evening Prayer and Reflection online

MAUNDY THURSDAY 1st April

9 am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
10.30 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
7pm – 10pm	The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday With stripping of Altar and Watch before the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April

9 am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
10.30 am	Children's Liturgy online
12 noon	Reflections before the Cross
1 pm	Silent Watch before the Cross
1.30 – 3 pm	The Liturgy of Good Friday

SATURDAY 3rd April - EASTER EVE

7 pm	Easter Vigil with Baptisms
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EASTER DAY 4th April

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Festal Eucharist
11.15 am	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer online

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Message from Mother Emma

We are now in Passiontide and fast approaching the moving and inspiring liturgies of Holy Week. The full list of services is on the front page of this newsletter, and places at all major services must be booked through Evenbrite. We do very much hope that you will be able to share in this journey which lies at the heart of our Christian faith, and which offers us the hope of new life, together with the knowledge that Christ himself shares in all our difficulties, grief and pain. We shall be sending out reminders of both online reflections and services in Church during the week.



We begin this Sunday – Palm Sunday – by remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but move swiftly to hear the dramatised reading of his Passion and Death at our 9.30 am Eucharist. In view of Covid regulations, palm crosses have been placed inside the service booklets and quarantined for several days, so we hope that you will feel confident in coming to receive one as they are blessed during our service. There will also be Holy Communion at 8 am and Matins at 11.15 am as usual, and our Zoom service of Evening Prayer online at 5.30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the Cross of your Son, help us to see and know your love for us, so that in humility, love and joy we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen

[Collect, Night Prayer in Passiontide, Common Worship]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

MARGY FITTER (4th March 1961 - 20th March 2021)

It is with enormous sadness that we share with you this week the news that Margy Fitter, wife of our Head Virger, Simon, died on Saturday morning. Margy's presence over the past few years has been a great gift to the St Mary Abbots community, who will remember her sunny smile, warmth, kindness and enthusiasm. Margy's talents and skills were admired as a member of the Voluntary Choir, member and then co-ordinator of the flower-arranging team, and as she played a huge but behind-the-scenes role as "Honorary Assistant Virger". Throughout lockdown, Simon and Margy's creative gifts were still offered to the church from Gloucester as they produced videos encouraging and inspiring us to make our own palm crosses and Easter gardens, and Margy also regularly read and led the responses at the daily Morning Prayer on Zoom until very recently. Margy brought friendship and support to so many of us and she will be sadly missed. Our hearts go out to Simon, as well as to Margy's sisters and their families. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Margy's funeral will take place tomorrow (Friday 26th March) in Gloucester, and Simon has written below with details of how to access the livestream of the service. For those who prefer to be in church or who cannot access the internet, we shall be keeping St Mary Abbots Church open between 2 pm and 3 pm tomorrow for anyone who would like to come, pray, light a candle and hold Margy – together with Simon and all her family – before God. If you are aware of anyone who cannot get online, please do share this possibility with them.

Message from Simon

Margy's funeral will be held this Friday 26th March, at 2.00pm, at St Paul's and St Stephen's Church, Gloucester.

It will be taken by Fr Jonathan MacNeaney, for whose son, Caspar, Margy and Simon were delighted to be asked to be Godparents.

Because of Covid restrictions, only the immediate family will be attending.

However, it will be live-streamed, starting at 1.55pm, so everyone who would like to can see it. Here is the link you will need.

<https://youtu.be/tvZIDSD2s4s>

Margy will then be cremated on Maundy Thursday. Her ashes will be interred in the garden of the cloisters of Gloucester Cathedral.

Later in the year, when we can all get together safely and without restrictions, there will be a service for everyone to come and celebrate her life, followed by a good old party! Details will follow in due course. At that service, you will have a chance to donate to her chosen charity, Macmillan Cancer Support. They looked after both of us with such care, devotion skill and love, it was truly exceptional.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

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
- **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
- **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