

In Our Prayers This Week

Litany for Families

Bring your joy into all families; strengthen and deliver those in childbirth, watch over children and guide the young, bring reconciliation to those in discord and peace to those in stress.

A prayer for India and the impact of Covid

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Julian of Norwich, stained glass from Norwich Cathedral. Public domain, Pintrest
Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>		<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Suze Murray		Vincenzo Blandini
Frieda Bilger	Mary Reeve	Theo Bulkai
James Clark	June Scully	John Cantlie
George El Khoury	Alison Steel	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Gina Hrela	David Strong	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	Edward	Leo Koymans
Hally Marnock	Michael	Paul Proudman
Anna Messim	Stephanie	Annie Redmile
Fr David Michaels	Yves	James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Bruce Dinwiddy	May El-Kadi	Samir El-Kadi	
Sally England	Margy Fitter	David Gibson	Margaret Glass
Mary Khoury	Armando Mardirosian	Simon Portal	
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and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Jeff Bardsley, 3 rd May	Blossom Barrow, 3 rd May
	Anne Bengé, 6 th May

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

2nd May 2021

Our daily Midday Prayer
and Holy Eucharists on Tuesday (BCP) and
Thursday have now resumed.

Keeping the church open is dependent upon our maintenance of good practice so when in church please:

- Wear a mask in the church and cloister
- Maintain a 2 metre distance from others
- Sanitise your hands at the entrance
- Fill 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. For Sunday services book on line
- Follow the one-way system

SUNDAY 2nd May – 5th Sunday of Easter

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Family Eucharist with provision for under 5s.
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.

MONDAY 3rd May

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am	Bible Study via Zoom (straight after prayers)
10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon	Midday Prayer in the nave

TUESDAY 4th May – English Saints and Martyrs

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon	Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist (BCP)

WEDNESDAY 5th May

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon	Midday Prayer in the nave

THURSDAY 6th May

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon	Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY 7th May

9 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon	Midday Prayer in the nave

SATURDAY 8th May – Julian of Norwich

10 am - 2pm	Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon	Midday Prayer in the nave

SUNDAY 9th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist with Baptisms
11.15 am	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

It was such a joy to host our Bishop, the Rt Rev'd Dr Graham Tomlin, last week for the Confirmation Service, and to welcome thirty-three candidates from five churches into the Church of England. We pray for all our candidates as they set out on this next stage of their journey. Please do speak to us if you might like to consider Confirmation yourself next year.



As restrictions begin to be relaxed, we are delighted that we are now receiving requests for **baptisms and weddings** and starting to book them into the church diary. Numbers of guests are still somewhat restricted at present, but we hope and trust that this will change as we move towards summer. Baptisms take place during the 9.30 am Eucharist on the **second** Sunday of each month, except during Lent, so that the adult or child being baptized can be welcomed by the worshipping community. If you are interested in seeking baptism either for yourself or for a child, or if you would like to plan a wedding at St Mary Abbots, please do contact Leonora in the Vicarage Office on pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk or 0203 479 4731. Leonora will be able to give you practical advice and to book an appointment for you to meet with one of the clergy.

We are also receiving bookings for some traditional and new St Mary Abbots community events in the Vicarage garden for the summer and autumn, so please watch this space, the website and the church railings for further information as plans are confirmed and fall into place!

The 9.30 am service this coming Sunday (2nd May) is our **Family Eucharist**, at which our readings and prayers are led by the children and we have a short, family-friendly sermon. There will also be a group for our under-5s on the Long Playground, so do join us for worship with children of all ages as we enjoy the beginning of the return to more normal life.

To book a place at 8 am, 9.30 am or 11.15 am (Matins), go to our website www.smaw8.org/services to avoid having to fill in a track and trace form on the door and please join us any day of the week for a service at 12 noon in the church.

Give us the music of your praise, Lord, morning, noon and night, that our lives may be fruitful and our lips confess you as the true God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen
[Common Worship: Daily Prayer, response to Psalm 91]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Mini Abbots – Baby and Toddler Group Fridays, 9.30am – 11.30a,

Last week we started the summer drop in for Baby and Toddler group at the Centre. This seemed to go down very well with everyone enjoying a chance to catch up with a lot of areas of play for the children to enjoy. The group is for parents with children under 3 and you would be very welcome to join us, but please book a spot on eventbrite which can be found on our website www.smaw8.org/what-is-on or contact Mother Alice for more details on curate@stmaryabbots.org.uk

Pre-Loved Children's Clothes, Toys and Book Sale 22nd May 2021, 10am-12am

The Events team have been hard at work arranging a Pre-Loved children's clothes, toys and books sale in the vicarage garden and centre. Although the items will be second hand we have asked that donations to the sale are of good quality rather than ones at the end of their life, so you should be able to pick up a bargain! Due to Covid regulations numbers allowed at the event are limited and we are once more asking people to book a ticket on Eventbrite with

various time slots available. Details can be found on our events page www.smaw8.org/what-is-on. If you would be interested in donating items (a list of items we would like is available on our website) please contact Mother Alice at curate@stmaryabbots.org.uk. We are still looking for volunteers to help sort donations and to serve on stalls on the day so please contact Mother Alice if you have availability to help.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Searching for London's Lost Rivers Tuesday 11th May 2021, 6.30pm

Join Dr Tom Bolton as he searches through London's many layers of history to find the hidden rivers of London. Finding where they are alters the way that we see our streets, and can learn how the city once was. The event is on line and tickets can be booked on: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/searching-for-londons-lost-rivers-with-dr-tom-bolton-tickets-147250306631

South Kensington Museums to Open in May

Various landmark museums in Kensington are opening in May and are now taking bookings: The Natural History Museum on the 17th May, Science Museum and the V&A on the 19th and Kensington Palace on the 16th. Unfortunately it is not yet possible just to turn up but you can book a time on their websites. In the meantime there are various activities to keep the children occupied online over the bank holiday weekend: www.discoversouthken.com/itinerary/fun-kids-online/

Food Bank

Thank you for your continued donations to the food bank. I remind you again not to bring fresh or readymade food as we have no way to store them! If you have any items please leave them with Sam the virger in the church. A full list of items for donation 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:** If you are 45 or over you can book your covid vaccination by logging onto the nhs website: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/
- **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
- **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
- **Testing:** There are now free rapid community home testing kits available to pick up at the 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.