

In Our Prayers This Week

Alternative Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Ascension Day

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever.



Ceiling painting of the Ascension in Saint Vitus Church, Altmannshofen
Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Suze Murray	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Frieda Bilger	Mary Reeve	Vincenzo Blandini
Lily Cameron	June Scully	Theo Bulkai
James Clark	Alison Steel	John Cantlie
George El Khoury	David Strong	Rev. Geoffrey Connor
Gina Hrela	Edward	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	James	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

Margy Fitter David Gibson Margaret Glass Mary Khoury
Armando Mardirosian Michael Alexander Schultz Hew Service
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and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Rodney Bennett, 10th May
Noel Coleman, 13th May Ruby Jeffreys, 13th May

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

9th May 2021

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 please book online.
- Follow the one-way system

SUNDAY 9th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

8.00 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist with Baptisms**
We welcome Oliver Reynolds and Jemiah Michael and their families and friends.

11.15 am Matins
Preacher: Canon Professor Peter Galloway, Deputy Priest in Ordinary to HM The Queen

5.30 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

To avoid having to fill in track and trace forms at the door please reserve a seat on our website: www.smaw8.org/services.

MONDAY 10th May

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

TUESDAY 11th May

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

WEDNESDAY 12th May – Gregory Dix, Priest

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

THURSDAY 13th May – Ascension Day

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

FRIDAY 14th May – Matthias the Apostle

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

SATURDAY 15th May

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

SUNDAY 17th – Sunday after Ascension

8.00 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist**
Preacher: Canon Professor Peter Galloway, Deputy Priest in Ordinary to HM The Queen
11.15 am Matins

5.30 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

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Message from Mother Emma

I hope that you are all having a good week. We are delighted to see some of you returning to our midweek services and look forward to welcoming you on Sunday for our normal 8 am Holy Communion, 9.30 Eucharist and 11.15 am Matins. We are now able to resume baptisms during the Eucharist and we are very happy to be baptising Oliver and Jemiah this Sunday and celebrating with them the start of this new stage on their Christian journey. My thanks once again to the Revd Canon Professor Peter Galloway, who will be preaching at Matins for us.



Next week on Thursday (13th May), we shall be marking another great festival of the Church: **the Feast of the Ascension**, as the risen Christ ascends into Heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. This will be celebrated during our Midday Prayers and 12.15 pm Eucharist and we do hope that you will be able to join us, forty days on from Easter, to mark this significant moment in the Christian year.

An exciting new event which will be taking place at St Mary Abbots Centre and in the Vicarage garden, socially distanced and with staggered entry, is the **Pre-Loved Children's Clothes Sale** on the 22nd May, more details below. My thanks to Mother Alice who has been organising this event, together with Marina Lussich, Adam Norton and several very kind volunteers. Funds raised from the event will help to enhance our children's resources, both for Children on Sundays and for the new Mini Abbots Baby and Toddler group.

In the face of Jesus Christ, your light and glory have blazed forth, O God of all the nations; with all your people, may we make known your grace and walk in the ways of peace, for your name's sake, Amen [Common Worship Daily Prayer, response to Psalm 67]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

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

Pre-Loved children's clothes, toys and books are currently being dropped off at the centre for the sale on the 22nd May. We are asking for good quality items rather than ones at the end of their life, so we hope you will be able to pick up a bargain! Entrance to the sale is free, but we are asking people to book on Eventbrite for track and trace purposes. Details can be found on our events page www.smaw8.org/what-is-on. If you have items to donate or would be willing to volunteer to sort donations next week or to help on the day please email Mother Alice on curate@stmaryabbots.org.uk

"A Time to Pray" Books in the Church

Since lockdown eased we have been providing books in the church for the midday prayers and while we would like you to take a copy home and bring it back for the next midday prayer I would ask you **NOT to throw the booklets** in the bin at the end of the service! Please could you leave them on the side table by the door so that we can put them aside until they are safe to use again. Should you prefer to download the app to your phone: <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>

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

The Friday morning summer drop-in Baby and Toddler group continues each week for parents with children under 3 - all are very welcome. Places can be booked on our website www.smaw8.org/what-is-on or contact Mother Alice for more details.



PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Thy Kingdom Come

Thursday 13th May – Sunday 23rd May 2021

Between Ascension and Pentecost join others all over the world who are praying together for others to find their faith. You can either take part in our Service of Morning Prayer or sign up for an hours slot on the timetable in the church of England's virtual prayer room, where they will be praying for 24 hours for 10 consecutive days. To sign up [Thy Kingdom Come: join us in prayer from 13 to 23 May | Diocese of London \(anglican.org\)](http://ThyKingdomCome:joinusinprayerfrom13to23May|DioceseofLondon(anglican.org)) or find out more: www.thykingdomcome.global

Pyjamarama Festival 2021

Friday 14th May 2021

The Book Trust is keen to get children excited about reading and books and to help you source new bedtime stories. A box of activities and books can be picked up from Kensington Library from the 10th May in order to spend the day reading, sharing and listening to stories. For more details: www.booktrust.org.uk/pyjamarama-festival/

Art Competition

Closing date Thursday 15th July 2021

Residents of Kensington are invited to submit paintings, drawings, poems, audio clips, statements, or digital works on the topics of 2020-2021 of 'Lockdown, Resistance & Hope, Community and Black Lives Matter' to the Creative Collective. These will be shown in a virtual Gallery over the summer and the most popular pieces will be shown at Chelsea Gallery on the Kings Road. After this they will be archived in the town hall as a record of the past year. The Creative Collective is in association with RBKC, The Chelsea Gallery and 'City Lions' a group focused on teaching and promoting art and the creative industries. The link with more details and how to enter can be found here: <https://citylions.org/students/creative-collective-rbkc/>

Food Bank

Every week more and more food is being left in the vestry and we would like to thank you very much for all the kind donations! This makes a huge difference to the people who badly need the food and supplies you give. A full list of items for donation can be found on our food bank page www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html however please remember **not to bring ready meals or fresh food as we have no way to store it**. Should you prefer 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 42 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/
- **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.
- **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