

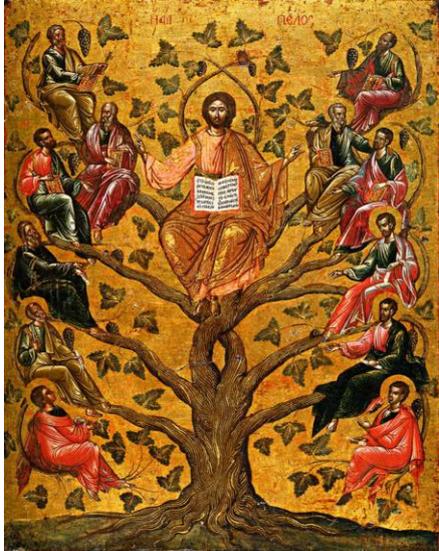
In Our Prayers This Week

Alternative Collect for Sunday after Ascension

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Prayer for Peace

God, teach us what it means to have faith in silence. When we face trials that are beyond our understanding, help us to find peace. Help me be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. You set all things in accordance with your time. Remind us to wait patiently, and find peace in your plan. *Prayer by Dick Woodward, Christianity.com*



Christ the true vine. 16 C Icon. Byzantine & Christian museum, Athens
Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

| <i>Those in acute need</i> | | <i>Those in long-term need</i> |
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| Frieda Bilger | Suze Murray | Vincenzo Blandini |
| Lily Cameron | Mary Reeve | Theo Bulkai |
| James Clark | June Scully | 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

Hugh Thomas, 17th May Violet Sale, 17th May
Ian Tamblyn, 19th May Didier Lenart, 20th May Nemo Tin, 23rd May
Tommy Nevell, 23rd May Catherine Green

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The Parish and Vicarage offices are open from 10am – 5pm

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

16th 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 16th – 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

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 17th 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 18th May

9 am

Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm

Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon

Midday Prayer followed by **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)

WEDNESDAY 19th May – Dunstan, Archbishop

9 am

Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm

Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon

Midday Prayer in the nave

THURSDAY 20th May – Alcuin, Abbot

9 am

Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm

Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon

Midday Prayer followed by **Holy Eucharist**

FRIDAY 21st May – Helena, Protector of Holy Places

9 am

Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm

Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon

Midday Prayer in the nave

SATURDAY 22nd May

10 am - 2pm

Church open for Private Prayer

10am – 12

Pre-loved Children's Sale

Free Entrance: www.smaw8.org/what-is-on

12 noon

Midday Prayer in the nave

SUNDAY 23rd May – Pentecost

8.00 am

Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30 am

Holy Eucharist

Welcome back to our bellringers

11.15 am

Matins

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

5.30 pm

Evening Prayer on Zoom

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Message from Mother Emma

We at St Mary Abbots, together with everyone else across the country, eagerly await the newest relaxation of the Covid restrictions from Monday 17th May! It may take a little time for the Church of England to release all their relevant guidelines, once they have seen the full details, but one or two hopeful steps are already known. I am, for example, delighted to announce that from Sunday 23rd, our bellringers are permitted to return (though in the first instance ringing only six, rather than all ten bells) and we shall once again be "summoned by bells" to our worship. We shall let you know as soon as we possibly can about each and every stage of the unlocking, but we are so pleased to welcome many of you back week by week to the church. It was lovely to baptize Jemiah and Oliver during the Eucharist last Sunday, and we are looking forward to our first wedding in the church since the start of Covid, towards the end of June.

In response to many hopeful enquiries, I am very pleased and thankful to be able to share with you the news that Simon Fitter, our Head Virger, will be returning to work at St Mary Abbots four days a week from the middle of June. This will also more or less coincide with the arrival of Fr Christopher as our new Associate Vicar on 10th June, so with this renewed capacity in our staff team, together with the possible unlocking of restrictions from 21st June, we hope to be able to resume at least a few more of our traditional services. Whilst we can't promise to do everything at once, please do let me know if there is a particular service you have been missing.

As Christ was raised by your glory, O Father, so may we be raised to new life and rejoice to be called your children, now and forever. Amen [Common Worship, response to Psalm 47]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



Saturday mornings, and the flowers will be on show all week. If you are interested in joining please email Leonora on pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk

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 at curate@stmaryabbots.org.uk

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Christian Aid Week

Sunday 9th May – Sunday 16th May 2021

Christian Aid have been fundraising for communities in impoverished counties such as Kenya and Nicaragua who are battling both Coronavirus and the devastating results of climate change. Christian Aid week is raising money to help them provide a reliable water sources, such as building dams or wells. Much of their funding comes from church congregations around the world. If you would like to donate please go to <https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate>

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://Thy Kingdom Come: join us in prayer from 13 to 23 May | Diocese of London (anglican.org)) or find out more: www.thykingdomcome.global

Food Bank

Thank you for all your donations and please do keep them coming! A full list of items 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. 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



PRE-LOVED CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, TOYS AND BOOK SALE

Saturday 22nd May 2021

10am – 12 noon

Numbers are limited so please book an entrance slot on
Eventbrite www.smaw8.org/what-is-on

Location: The Vicarage Garden, Vicarage Gate, Kensington,
London, W8 4HN

Please bring your tickets with you!

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

If you would like to pick up some good children's clothes, toys or books we still have tickets available for our Pre-loved sale on Saturday morning. Entrance to the sale is free, but we are asking people to book on Eventbrite for Track & 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 help on the day please email Mother Alice on curate@stmaryabbots.org.uk

Flower Arranging Group

If you are looking to join a local group or take up a new and relaxing activity why not join our wonderful flower arranging group, currently reconvening as lockdown eases. Whether you are just starting out or are an experienced arranger we would be happy to welcome you onto the team. Oaisis and stands are provided, and a set amount of expenses, but otherwise it is down to your creativity and we can arrange for a more experienced member to show you the ropes. Arrangers usually come to the church on Friday afternoons or on