

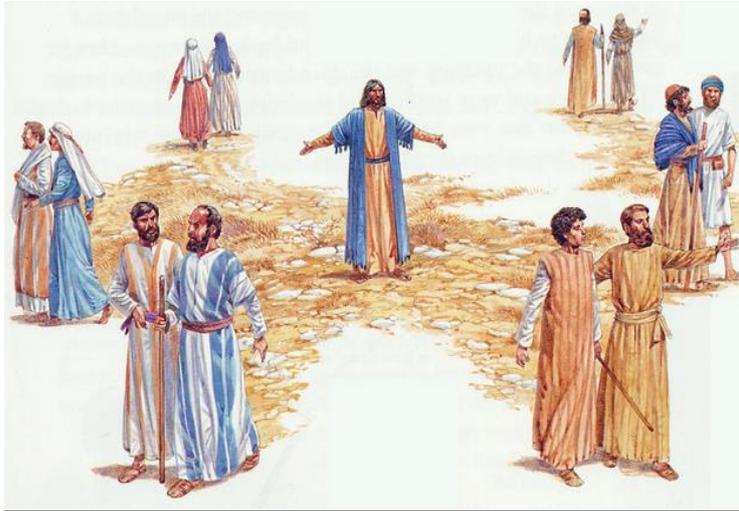
## In Our Prayers This Week

### Alternative Collect for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### A prayer for protection

May the cross of the Son of God, which is mightier than all the hosts of Satan and more glorious than all the hosts of heaven, abide with you in your going out and in your coming in. By day and by night, at morning and at evening, at all times and in all places may it protect and defend you. From the wrath of evildoers, from the assaults of evil spirits, from foes visible and invisible, from the snares of the devil, from all passions that beguile the soul and body: may it guard, protect and deliver you. **Amen.** (Christaraksha Indian prayer)



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*Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers*

<i>Those in acute need</i>		<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Lily Cameron	Suze Murray	Vincenzo Blandini
James Clark	Mary Reeve	Theo Bulkai
Isabella Cory	June Scully	John Cantlie
George El Khoury	David Strong	Joan Davies
Gina Hrela	Edward	Leo Koymans
Joan Jackson	Michael	Fr David Michaels
Anna Messim	Stephanie	Annie Redmile
	Yves	James Worsley

*and for all who have died recently*

Frieda Bilger    Nora Collins    David Gibson  
Joan Porter    Derek Sayer    Michael Alexander Schultz

*and for all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time*

Ethne Rudd, 6<sup>th</sup> July

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> July 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 4<sup>th</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30 am Choral Eucharist

*We welcome Father Christopher to the Parish*

11.15 am Choral 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](http://www.smaw8.org/services).**

### MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> July

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

### TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> July – Thomas More, scholar & John Fisher

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

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

### WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

### THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> July

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by **Holy Eucharist**

### FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 – 11am Mini Abbots baby and toddler group

[www.smaw8.org/children-and-groups](http://www.smaw8.org/children-and-groups)

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

### SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July

10 am - 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

### SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Baptism

11.15 am Matins

5.30 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

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## Message from Mother Emma

What an absolute blessing it was to be able to share with so many people in the wonderful Summer Events in the Vicarage garden last Saturday! My huge thanks to all our generous donors and sponsors, to Leonora and the team of kind people who worked so hard to create a joyous day. I am delighted to announce that we made over £1,700 after expenses, to be used for the work of the church, but also that many people have written to tell us of the hope and relief which seeing other human beings in person had brought. Thank you all – it is a privilege to serve such a supportive and active community.



This Sunday we celebrate again – this time with Fr Christopher as he presides and preaches at the 9.30 am Eucharist; and we welcome Ramón and Fr Christopher's family and friends to share in our community thanksgiving for the start of his ministry among us. I am delighted to hear that many of you have already spoken or met with Fr Christopher and he looks forward to getting to know more of you as the weeks go by. We shall be following this up with a Choral Evensong on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July, to which we are also inviting the members of Fr Christopher's previous parish in Catford. Please note that the time of this service will be at **5.30 pm**, to allow for their travel. I do hope that those of you have expressed your special desire for Evensong opportunities and all those who find our choral services especially enhance their worship will be able to join us and share in welcoming our visitors.

On this note, I can also report that the PCC agreed at our meeting last week, that regular Evensong should re-start (the Covid situation permitting) from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September, our Patronal Festival.

Next Monday (5<sup>th</sup> July) is the anniversary of the founding of the NHS in 1948. At this time when we owe so much to all in healthcare, I share with you this anniversary prayer from the Church of England:

*Everlasting God, at this time we lift to you those from all nations who work on the front line in healthcare. Give them skill and wisdom in their work. Be their strength and their shield as they give of themselves in the care of others. Amen.*

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma



## Welcome to Father Christopher

Fr Christopher was ordained priest two years ago, while serving his curacy in Catford, south east London. He trained at Westcott House, Cambridge, and before that was a barrister, specialising in commercial finance. He loves opera and ballet (the latter both watching and dancing), and is a trustee of USPG, the Anglican mission agency. His partner Ramón is from The Bahamas, and recently started working as director of liturgy and the arts at St George-in-the-East in Shadwell. Fr Christopher and Ramón have a miniature dachshund called Cuthbert. Father Christopher says *'I have very much enjoyed getting to know a few of you over the last fortnight, and am looking forward to meeting more of you one to one, so please don't be shy about calling or emailing me if you would like to meet for coffee. I am also enjoying praying in church here and*

*spending time with the many people who pop in midweek or who sleep in the churchyard. I am keen to extend our outreach, so that as well as being known for our welcome on Sunday we can better meet the needs of those in our midst, but on the margins of our community.'*



Action Amanda at the 2.30 Summer Party entertaining some of the children



A very large thank you to Ran, Dania, Jamie, Maggie, Margareta, Petter, Adam, Katie, Marie, Sarah, Krystyna for their help setting up and running the tents and children's areas, to Guy, Tina, Sarah, Zalfa, Justine, Caroline, Janice, Hannah, Cain, Lydia, Selma, Ramond, Martina, Maggie and Diana for providing a VAST quantity of drinks and frankly delicious cakes and other goodies on the day and to everyone who handed out leftover picnics and cakes to the homeless and essential service workers on their way home. An excellent effort by all!

## PARISH & OTHER NEWS



### Food Bank

The food bank has been in touch to say thank you for the contributions so far and to please keep up the good work! If you have any items please leave them with Simon on Sunday or at the start of the week as they will be picked up by volunteers on Thursday morning. A full list of items for donation can be found on our food bank page [www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html](http://www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html) but please remember not to donate any fresh food or ready meals. 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](http://www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk)