

In Our Prayers This Week

Alternative Collect for 7th Sunday after Trinity

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard-seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing of Mary Magdalene

May Christ, who makes saints of sinners, who has transformed those we remember today, raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen** (from CoE service)



Mary Magdalene by Andrea Solari, Walters Museum of Art. Wikimedia

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

Stella Egert, 18 th July	David Griffiths, 20 th July
Elsie Wilson, 25 th July	Dorothy Coleman, 25 th July

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th 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 18th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Eucharist

11.15 am Matins

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

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 19th July – Gregory, Bishop

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

TUESDAY 20th July – Margaret of Antioch, Martyr

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist (BCP)

WEDNESDAY 21st July

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

THURSDAY 22nd July – Mary Magdalene

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY 23rd July – Bridget, Abbess

9 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 – 11am Mini Abbots baby and toddler group

www.smaw8.org/children-and-groups

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

SATURDAY 24th July

10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer

12 noon Midday Prayer in the nave

SUNDAY 25th July – St James the Apostle

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30 am Choral Eucharist

11.15 am Choral Matins

5.30 pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

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Dear All,

I am writing this message to you as Mother Emma and Jeremy are on what I'm sure you will agree is a very well-deserved break. It therefore seems fitting that in this week's gospel we hear of Jesus taking his disciples away for a rest. They come to him telling him all that they had done and taught, and how they didn't even have time to eat. Jesus tells them to come away to a deserted place and rest. The one flaw in this plan is that all the people immediately follow.

Mother Emma may be relieved that we have not all followed her on holiday, but as we prepare for school holidays to begin, and for restrictions to lift next week, I think it is important that we think about the importance of rest more generally. We need rest from things, from the many stresses of our lives, but also rest for other things: rest to spend time with those closest to us, rest to expand our minds through reading and travel, and rest to be with God in silence and stillness. It is quite hard to know what to make of our gospel, as it seems that the disciples may not have found the rest that Jesus had in store for them, but after the ravages of the last 18 months, I hope you find time for total rest at some point this summer, without Zooms, calls and all the other things that have crowded out the silence, and that you find space for recovery and for God in their place.

On the subject of restrictions, we are still awaiting the Church of England and the diocese's guidance, but hope to be able to update you soon on what the lifting of restrictions will mean for our worship.

This Sunday we have our first Choral Evensong in a while, at 5.30 p.m. This is a one off for the time being, and we extend a particular welcome to a coachload of people from my old parish in Catford who are coming to see where we've moved to, so please do join us for that (and reserve a place via Eventbrite if you are able to).

If you have not yet returned to church and would value a conversation about coming back, or if you would like a lift to church, please get in touch with one of us.

With my love and prayers, and hoping to see you on Sunday,

Fr Christopher

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

The Windrush Generation Exhibition

24th August – 31st September 2021

There will be an exhibition on the lives of the Windrush Generation and their challenges and experiences in post war London, aiming tell their story and to teach other generations. They are looking for tickets, partner books, newspaper cuttings, suitcases, clothing to display. If you would like to contribute towards this or find out more: www.rbkc.gov.uk/newsroom/celebrate-windrush-day-2021.

Opportunity for under 30's to showcase their talent **16th – 18th July & 6-8th August**

Calling all authors, artists, fashion designers, jewellery makers, crafts people, baristas and bakers. Residents of RBKC who are under 30 are being offered a chance to showcase their work by taking a stall for the weekend at either Portobello or Golborne Road Markets as part of the New Youthquake movement. There are 18 stalls available starting at £10. To find out more please email street.markets@rbkc.gov.uk and ask for a registration form.

Additionally on Saturday 7th August in conjunction with New Youthquake, FerArts and The Kensington and Chelsea Festival there will be a pop up outdoor stage for musicians, comedians and spoken word artists who will have a chance to showcase their talent: <https://visitportobello.com/newyouthquake> for more details.

For all ages London Wonderland, a family friendly event taking place between 15th July to 26th September, is looking for food suppliers to trade on site. To find out more and apply for a stand: [Trader_Info.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](http://Trader_Info.pdf(mcusercontent.com)). The event, which will take place in the Old Earls Court Exhibition grounds, will have live shows, circuses, comedy, live music, family entertainment, 'Best of Edinburgh Fringe' and live entertainment. Something to look into should you be looking for activities on your staycation. www.londonwonderground.co.uk

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 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

Covid Vaccinations and Testing

Book a Covid vaccination: If you are 18 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: You can pick up a rapid community home testing kits 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.