

In Our Prayers This Week

Alternative Collect for 14th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for refugees

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love. We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives. Help us now to open our arms in welcome, and reach out our hands in support. That the desperate may find new hope, and lives torn apart be restored. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who fled persecution at His birth and at His last triumphed over death. Amen. (church of England)



Christ preaching in the Temple, by Guercino from Getty Museum

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
George El Khoury	Saeed Rezvani	John Cantlie
Gina Hrela	June Scully	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	David Strong	Leo Koymans
Rev'd Adrian May	Edward	Fr David Michaels
Anna Messim	Michael	Annie Redmile
	Stephanie	Fr. Patrick Tuft
	Yves	James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Peter Carrick Laura Cleave John Middleton
Raymond Mitchell Ian Leonard Robson (Priest) Pio Teeq

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

Ella Duffy, 9th September Marcus Ames-Lewis, 10th September
Susan Maxwell, 11th September Michael Gabitass

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 5th September 2021

We would encourage you to continue with social distancing practices, such as wearing a mask, maintaining a 2m distance, filling in a Track and Trace form and using hand sanitiser when entering the church, in order to protect and reassure those at greater risk.

There is an area at the front of the church (under the lectern by the Holland Chapel), which has been set aside for those who prefer to remain masked and retain social distancing practices.

SUNDAY 5th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30 am **Holy Eucharist**
11.15 am Matins with cantor
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 6th September – Allen Gardiner, Missionary

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

TUESDAY 7th September

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

WEDNESDAY 8th September - Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

THURSDAY 9th September – Charles Fuge Lowder, priest

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am School Eucharist – All Welcome
10 am- 2pm Church open for Private Prayer
12 noon Midday Prayer followed by **Holy Eucharist**

FRIDAY 10th September

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

SATURDAY 11th September

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

SUNDAY 12th September - Patronal Festival

8.00 am **Holy Eucharist** (BCP)
9.30 am **Family Eucharist**
11.15 am Festal Eucharist
Followed by picnic in the vicarage Garden.
5.30 pm Choral Evensong

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Message from Mother Emma

Those who were in church last week will have heard Fr Christopher's sermons (or you can catch up on the sermon page of the website!), reminding us of the central Christian teaching to give of our abundance to those in need. He announced then that we would be making a collection of essential items for Afghan refugees arriving in this area, and hoping to fill St Paul's Chapel with appropriate donations.



The full list of required items is as follows, and all gifts will be gratefully received and passed on to local organisers. Items in order of importance: Children's shoes, Children's clothes, Colouring in books/pens/pencils/paper, Children's soft toys, Nappies, Baby milk (halal), Baby bottles, Baby food, Nappy cream, Baby clothes, Adult shoes, Adult clothes, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Women's sanitary products. Please leave them in the St Paul's Chapel when the church is open (currently between 10 am and 2 pm).

Our thoughts and prayers are also with all those who have been affected by recent natural disasters – hurricanes, earthquakes, floods and wildfires – as well as by the many conflicts across the world. We have given links to charities supporting all these people in our newsletter, as we are aware that many of you, like us, wish to help and support others at this time.

Finally, we are looking for volunteers prepared to sleep out for a night as part of a St Mary Abbots team raising funds for the homeless through Glass Door on 1st October. We shall be sharing more details with you over the next few weeks, but if you are interested in either sleeping out or being a sponsor, please contact Fr Christopher on assocvicar@stmaryabbots.org.uk.

A reminder that we shall be celebrating our Patronal Festival on Sunday 12th September – please make sure that you have put this in your diary, as we hope to see you at one of the many services that day, as well as at the parish picnic in the garden.

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Prayer for refugees from the Liturgical Commission]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Patronal Festival 12th September 2021



To celebrate our Patronal Festival, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we shall be offering:

- 8 am BCP Eucharist,
- 9.30 Family Eucharist
- 11.15 Festal Eucharist *with Choir and a celebratory parish picnic in the Vicarage garden.*
- 5.30 Choral Evensong

We would be very grateful if you would bring a contribution of cheese, bread, fruit, cold meats, quiches, sandwiches, salads etc. for everyone to share. Please could you email Leonora (pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk) with what you might be willing to contribute, so that she can make sure we do not end up with all of the same thing! We will set up picnic rugs, tables and

chairs, and provide a play area for the children and all are welcome to attend.

Sleep out to support Glass Door

Glass Door is a charity run to cover the area West and South West London. It offers three main services: single rooms with hostel like accommodation, providing meals and 24 hour supervision, hot meals given out to homeless people 7 days a week, and lastly caseworkers providing advice and practical help. Since 2005 the number of people sleeping rough has tripled. People become homeless through a myriad of reasons: loss of job, domestic violence, mental illness, relationship breakdown or death, eviction, cuts to benefits and lack council housing. It could happen to any of us. Glass Door provides people with a chance to eat meals, find clothes, take a shower and wash laundry – things we take for granted.

Every year we take part in a sleep out to raise money for Glass Door. Spending one night sleeping out in the street gives a small insight into a homeless person's life, however you will be sleeping in a group, in a busy area, with help at hand should you need it – and in the morning you can go home. If you would like to join us for this sometimes life changing experience, and to raise money for this excellent cause, please contact Father Christopher.

St Mary Abbots Friend's News

Patron & guest speaker banned for life from China

Patron of the Friends of St Mary Abbots, Lord David Alton, has been sanctioned by the Chinese Communist Authorities and banned from entering China for life in punishment for his human rights campaigning. Lord Alton of Liverpool is a Leading Independent Crossbench Peer, Member of the House of Lords International Relations and Defence Committees and established, along with humanitarian lobbying groups and charities, the Foundation for Citizenship and the Roscoe Lectures. Lord Alton is due to speak at a FOSMA event in November on the theme "China and the West: Two Worlds trying to inhabit one Planet". Bearing in mind this recent development, and in light of the ongoing erosion of civil rights in Hong Kong and growing dominance of China, the talk will be worth hearing. Further details from Steve Atack, Founding Patron of the Friends on steveattack@aol.com

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Food Bank

A full list of items for donation can be found on our food bank page www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html or outside the church, 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

Helping people in crisis

Several established charities offer help on the ground, should you be moved to help them their websites can be found here:

[Afghanistan Crisis Appeal](http://www.afghanistancrisisappeal.org) | [British Red Cross](http://www.britishredcross.org)
www.christianaid.org.uk/our-work/where-we-work/ethiopia
www.unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-and-help-protect-children-in-haiti/

Covid Vaccinations and Testing

Covid Vaccinations: These are now available in local Chemists Medicine Chest, Bramley Chemist, Golborne Pharmacy and Bayswater Chemist or why not go to the walk in clinic at the Science Museum which is open 9am – 7pm. To book a test: www.gov.uk/government/publications/testing-for-coronavirus-at-home