

In Our Prayers This Week

Alternative Collect for 15th Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for new mothers

We praise you for the gift of children and the joy and happiness of bringing a new little life into the world. We ask Lord that you would pour out your special blessing on all new mothers today and grant them wisdom and grace, patience and godly love as they begin the process of nurturing and teaching their precious child. (knowing Jesus.com)



Birth of the Virgin Mary, 13th Century mosaic, Sta Maria in Trastevere Rome. Lawrence OP Flickr .

For those who are getting married at St Mary Abbots this week

Charles Shelley-Smith and Alia Navavi
Reef Hogg and Thorhilda Abbott-Watt

Please remember before God those who have asked for our prayers

Those in acute need		Those in long-term need
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
Anna Messim	Edward	Fr David Michaels
	Michael	Annie Redmile
	Stephanie	Fr. Patrick Tuft
	Yves	James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

Evghenia Burlac Peter Carrick Adrian May (Priest)
John Middleton Raymond Mitchell
Ian Leonard Robson (Priest) Pio Teeq

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

Janet Polley, 15th September James Dawnay, 15th September
Rosalind

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12th September 2021

The church will be open from 8.30am to 6pm daily

We are delighted to announce the return of our informal 'Sunday or Monday' Eucharist, Meditation Groups on Wednesdays, School Eucharists on Thursday, Royal College of Music concerts on Friday (from the 24th) and a monthly Healing Eucharist and Taize. Please check the newsletter each week or the website for dates and times.

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

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

To avoid having to fill in track and trace forms at the door please reserve a seat on our website: www.smaw8.org/services. We hope this will be the final time you need to book in advance.

MONDAY 13th September – John Chrysostom, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

8.30 am Bible Study (online)

12 noon Informal Eucharist - Sunday on Monday

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

TUESDAY 14th September – Holy Cross Day

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Eucharist (BCP)

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

WEDNESDAY 15th September - Cyprian, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Healing Eucharist

1.05 pm Meditation Group

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

THURSDAY 16th September – Ninian, Bishop

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

9.30 am School Eucharist – All Welcome

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 17th September – Hildegard, Abbess & Visionary

8 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

12 noon Holy Eucharist

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 18th September

12 noon Midday Prayer and Holy Eucharist

5.30 pm Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 19th September - 16th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

9.30 am Holy Eucharist with Children on Sundays

11.15 am Choral Matins

12 noon FOSMAS Summer fair.

5.30 pm Taize Eucharist

Message from Mother Emma

TODAY (12th September) IS OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL! After much preparation and anticipation, we are looking forward so much to seeing you at one (or more!) of our services that day, and also would love to welcome you to our celebratory picnic at lunchtime in the Vicarage garden. Those attending the Family Eucharist at 9.30 am are invited to come straight up to the Vicarage for drinks, snacks and a play area, and they will then (we hope) be joined by those from the 11.15 am Festal Eucharist in time for a picnic lunch. Many thanks to all those who have offered to contribute food or to help on the day. We now have a wonderful supply of bread, cheese and quiches, but if anyone would like to bring cold meat, crudites, fruit or puddings that would be wonderful. There is no need to let us know at this stage – just bring things along if you would like, although you will be just as welcome if you just bring yourselves! Wine and soft drinks have already been kindly donated. As we remember the birth of the Virgin Mary, to whom our church is dedicated, we give thanks for the support of our community over the past difficult eighteen months, remember those no longer with us and look ahead with hope to the future.



This hope is reflected in the return to a fuller service pattern in the Church. From Monday 13th September, we shall be saying **Morning Prayer online at 8 am**, Monday to Friday, and will then celebrate **the Eucharist together in church at 12 noon every day except Thursday** when you are warmly invited to join the School Eucharist at 9.30 am. We shall also be re-starting a service of **Evening Prayer at 5.30 pm in the church every evening**. We look forward to welcoming you back to these services once again – please do check all the details of the different Eucharists in the newsletter, on the website or on the church railings.

Going forward, we shall be re-starting our **children's groups at the 9.30 am from Sunday 19th** (this Sunday all are welcome to take part in a very family-friendly service), and our toddler group, **Mini Abbots**, will be taking place in the Long Room at St Mary Abbots Centre **from this Friday from 9.30 am – 11 am**.

We continue to collect practical items for refugees arriving from Afghanistan, and Fr Christopher would be very pleased to hear from anyone who might be able to offer their time or talents as a volunteer as the particular needs of those refugees arriving in our area become clear. We also continue to gather donations for the Foodbank and Fr Christopher is very keen to hear from anyone who would like to sleep out with him (and many others!) in Duke of York Square, Chelsea on 1st October to raise funds for Glass Door as they support the homeless in our area.

We are grateful for your prayers as our community seeks to serve God in worship and in practical, compassionate action. Please do get in touch if you would like to be more involved in any of our services or activities.

King of the universe, you show the bright glory of your reign in acts of mercy and enduring love; raise the spirits of the downcast and restore those who have fallen away, that we may sing for ever of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. [Response to Psalm 145, Common Worship Daily Prayer]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

Mini Abbots Baby and Toddler Group returns Every Friday from 9.30am to 11am

Mini Abbots Baby and Toddler group returns after the summer to the Long Room in St Mary Abbots Centre, W8. With soft play area, toys and activities this is a chance for babies,

toddlers to have some fun and their parents to catch up. To book a spot or find out more please check our website: www.smaw8.org/mini-abbots-baby-group



FOSMAS Summer Fair Sunday 19th September 2021 12 noon to 4pm

The Friends of St Mary Abbots School delayed Summer fair will take place next weekend in the vicarage garden.

There will be lots to eat, drink and plenty of things to do for all the family, including stalls, a raffle and a bouncy castle. We hope to see you at this popular annual event.

Sleep Out to support Glass Door 1st October – all night

Our team is assembling to take part in the Glass Door sleep out on the 1st October. If you would like to join them for this extraordinary and often lifechanging experience please email Farther Christopher. If you would like to sponsor them and improve our fundraising efforts then their sponsorship page is now open: [Glass Door Homeless Charity: Glass Door Sleep Out 2021 \(enthuse.com\)](http://Glass Door Homeless Charity: Glass Door Sleep Out 2021 (enthuse.com)) Thank you very much to those who have already donated.

For those who do not know what they do, 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 though 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.

Afghan Refugee Appeal

Thank you all for donating items for the refugees who are being housed in our parish. Please keep up the good work – you can leave your items in St Paul's Chapel during the week. 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.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out where the refugees are staying, either helping with the children or giving assistance to the adults as they try and establish themselves in the country. Other churches are also sending volunteers so there will be a rota. If you have some time spare and would like to help please contact Father Christopher.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Food Bank still collecting

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.dalgarnotruster.org.uk