

In Our Prayers This Week

Alternative Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect for St Matthew

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist: Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**



Section of mosaic alter panel at St Mary Abbots

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	June Scully	John Cantlie
Gina Hrela	David Strong	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	Edward	Leo Koymans
Anna Messim	Michael	Fr David Michaels
	Stephanie	Annie Redmile
	Yves	Fr. Patrick Tuft
		James Worsley

and for all who have died recently

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

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

James Dawnay, 15 th Sept	Seymour Dallas (Priest), 20 th September
Jean Carr-Gomm, 21 st September	Isobel Fletcher, 22 nd Sept
Wolfgang Janetski, 24 th Sept	Paul Sale, 24 th September

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th 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 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
5.30 pm	Taize Eucharist

It is no longer necessary to book in advance for our services.

MONDAY 20th September – John Coleridge Patteson,

	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 21st September – **Matthew, Apostle**

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

WEDNESDAY 22nd September

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm	Meditation Group
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

THURSDAY 23rd September

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am	School Eucharist – All Welcome
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

FRIDAY 24th September

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm	Royal College of Music lunchtime concert
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 25th September – Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop

12 noon	Middy Prayer and Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 26th September - 17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Holy Eucharist with Children on Sundays
11.15 am	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Sung Evensong

Message from Mother Emma

It was so wonderful to see so many of you at the various services last Sunday for our Patronal Festival and at the picnic in between. We are so very grateful to people of all ages who took part, reading, singing, leading intercessions, welcoming, setting up and clearing away the picnic, bringing wonderful contributions of food, serving drinks and generally helping us to celebrate our dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We loved being with you all in the church and in the garden.



At the same time, we are so very appreciative of those who have stepped up to welcome the Afghan refugees in this area with generous donations of clothing and essential items and many hours spent sorting and transporting donations and offering practical help and assistance. Fr Christopher has been deeply touched by the overwhelming number of people who have offered help, from the whole St Mary Abbots community, across both church and school. He has asked me to say that as the statutory authorities take on various areas of organization and activity, the urgent need to welcome the refugees is lessening for the time being, but he would like to hold on to the names of all volunteers so as to call on you in due course if he may, particularly once we have established provision for the children in collaboration with other churches. Please do also support the Glass Door sleepout for the homeless on October 1st – either sleeping out or sponsoring one of our intrepid team!

It has been a joy to welcome people back to our midweek services, with the return of Sunday on Monday and the Healing Eucharist this week – please remember that all our weekday Eucharists are now at **12 noon** with the exception of Thursdays, when you are warmly invited to join the School Eucharist at 9.30 am. This Sunday sees the return of the Taizé Eucharist in addition to our regular services on Sunday morning – again, please note change of time to **5.30 pm** - and we hope to see you there!

Last, but absolutely not least, I am delighted to announce a new (but at the same time familiar!) face on our staff team. Most of you will know Martina, who has been a parishioner and volunteer at SMA for many years, and has been working a few hours a week as our Children's Work Administrator for the past year. We are thrilled that she has now taken on a full-time role combining the role of Children's Worker with that of Assistant Virger, working alongside Simon. She has already leapt into action and will bring her particular gifts of practical energy, warmth and faith to our community in a new way!



In the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth, O God of all the nations; with all your people, may we make known your grace and walk in the ways of peace; for your name's sake. Amen. [Response to Psalm 67, Common Worship Daily Prayer]

With my love and prayers
Mother Emma

Royal College of Music Concerts are back! Friday 24th September – 26th November 2021

We are very pleased to let you know that from this Friday the Royal College of Music students will be performing their free lunchtime concerts in the church. We hope that you will come and hear these promising musicians – it will be a joy to have them back.



Mini Abbots

A play group for local parents
with their babies and toddlers



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

Churchyard maintenance update

We would like to thank the volunteers who have been working in the churchyard creating very pretty borders to the flowerbeds, weeding, giving TLC to the existing plants and generally making it look cared for and looked after. Thank you very much for all your hard work and please keep up the good work. Anyone wanting to help with this project please contact Simon the virger.

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 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.

REV SEYMOUR DALLAS

This week we remember the Reverend Seymour Dallas, Curate of St Mary Abbots and our Missionary to Alberta in the early 1900's killed whilst serving as a Chaplain on the Western Front on September 20th 1917. During his young lifetime the Rev Dallas, who was funded by St Mary Abbots as a Missionary in the early 1900's, singly oversaw the building of a number of churches and schools in rural Alberta including the only other St Mary Abbots church in the world in Bearshead, Alberta. His name can be found inscribed in the panels of our Remembrance Chapel.

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.dalgarnotrust.org.uk