

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Alternative Collect for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Collect for St Michael and All Angels

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Archangel Michael, St Michael and all Angels, Kingsland

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

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

*and for all who have died recently*

Evghenia Burlac	Peter Carrick	Adrian May (Priest)
John Middleton	Raymond Mitchell	Saeed Rezvani
Diana Schofield	Louisa Service	Pio Teeg

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

Henry Robertson, 1<sup>st</sup> October. Cicely Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> October

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>) 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 26<sup>th</sup> September - 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September – Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Lazarists.

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 28<sup>th</sup> September

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

### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> September – Michael and All Angels

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

### THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> September – Jerome, translator

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

### FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> October - Remigius Bishop

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 2<sup>nd</sup> October

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

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Harvest Festival

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9.30 am	Family Eucharist
11.15 am	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	Choral Evensong

## Message from Mother Emma

First of all, some very joyful news for our church community, as Mother Alice and her husband, Cain, are delighted to announce the arrival of baby Theodore Michael Ormondroyd, born on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, at 1.07am, weighing 7lbs 5oz. Our love and prayers are with Mother Alice and her family at this time!



The Ormondroyds are very thankful for all your good wishes over recent weeks and have felt very supported by the SMA family. Theo was born with bilateral talipes (club foot) and will soon be beginning treatment at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital to realign his feet.

Mother Alice and Cain would be so grateful if Theo could remain in your prayers over the next few months.

Following Theo's arrival, they are spending some quiet family time together, but any messages etc will be safely passed on via the Parish Office, and we look forward very much to meeting Theo in due course.

Next, huge thanks once again to all those who have donated or volunteered to help our newly arrived Afghan neighbours. As decisions are being taken by all those involved about the most practical ways in which we can help, Fr Christopher asked me to pass on his thanks to everyone who has contacted him, but to say he will be in touch as soon as the most urgent priorities have been established.

Meanwhile, the Glass Door sleepout is now on almost upon us – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October! Our wonderful team of four have already raised over £2,000 in sponsorship, thanks to the generosity of friends, family and members of the parish, and they now have £2,500 in their sights! Every penny goes towards the running of the local winter night shelters and support for the homeless in this area, so if you are wondering about sponsoring them, please help them reach (or exceed!) their new target! Details on how to donate can be found below.

And finally – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October will be our Harvest Thanksgiving, as we give thanks to God for all the many ways in which he has blessed us and think about ways we may consider sharing those gifts with others. Our Harvest offerings will once again be donated this year to the Upper Room, who prepare cooked meals for those in need. A full list of items required can be found below in our newsletter or up on posters in church. Please do join us if you possibly can, to join together in thanksgiving and generosity.

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

### Sleep Out to support Glass Door 1<sup>st</sup> October – all night

This week our team will be taking part in the Glass Door sleepout. Glass Door is a homeless 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. If you would like to sponsor our team and improve our group fundraising efforts then the sponsorship page is still open: <https://glassdoor.enthuse.com/pf/st-mary-abbots>. Thank you very much to those who have already donated and we hope there will be good weather for those taking part.

## Items to bring to Harvest Festival for The Upper Room

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 9.30 am

The Upper Room has expanded from a small soup kitchen supporting the local homeless community into a dynamic charity offering a range of services to address the immediate and longer term needs of their beneficiaries. They have four interlinked strands: Meals, jobs, driving and counselling. Not only do they provide hot meals, clothing and toiletries, but also offer practical support and advice, professional counselling and help into employment. Here is a list of items that they would love you to bring for Harvest Festival: Jarred sauces, olive oil, cooking oil, vinegar, canned fish, meat, soup and veg, stock cubes, pepper, tomato puree, biscuits, instant coffee and long-life milk. **Please do not bring pulses, spaghetti, baked beans, pickles or chutney!** They are also looking for bleach, disinfectant, washing up liquid, black bin bags, rubber gloves, sponges, kitchen roll, loo roll, clingfilm, tin foil, disposable razors, shaving foam & gel, soap bars, deodorants, nail-clippers, disposable cutlery, takeaway containers with lids.

### “Making God’s will your Will”

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October the Stewardship Group will be encouraging parishioners to consider a legacy in their will to support the work of St Mary Abbots. This money will help to maintain our beautiful worship and long-standing choral tradition, preserve and enhance the unique architectural heritage of our church building, provide for church-centred activities for children and community projects, continue to help local charities care for vulnerable people and support our overseas missions in the developing world. If you would like to learn more or help please email the Stewardship Officers on [stewardship@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:stewardship@stmaryabbots.org.uk)

### Rainbow Poetry Circle

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 2.30pm

Rainbow Poetry, founded by Hugh Helicar, is a multi-centre organisation devoted to the promotion and enjoyment of poetry in an inclusive atmosphere. Members enjoy reading and sharing poetry and they count a couple of published poets among their members. During lockdown the group has been meeting on Zoom but this will be the first face to face meeting. Normally this takes place in the Holland Chapel but this is full of the Afghan Appeal items, so the meeting will be in the Children's chapel at the back of the church. The group is always on the lookout for potential new members to share their passion, so this week all you need to do is to bring along a few poems which appeal to you. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell and, if possible, take a lateral flow test. They are look forward to seeing everyone again, plus any guests who would consider attending to swell the numbers. The group meet on the first Thursday of every month, other than August.

### Our Afghan Appeal

We have been overwhelmed by the vast amount of donations that everyone has very kindly bought to the church! We, and they, cannot thank you enough for your generosity. We are currently giving the items in the church to the families we are looking after, but should we run low on anything Father Christopher will be in touch again – please watch this space. For the moment, should you wish to continue with your support, the council has set up a wish list for the refugees on amazon: [www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/Q36N496Q5JPC](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/Q36N496Q5JPC)

### Royal College of Music Concerts are back!

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

The Royal College of Music students are performing their free lunchtime concerts on Friday afternoons at 1.05pm. We hope that you will come and hear these promising musicians – it is a joy to have them back at the church.