

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Alternative Collect for 18<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**

### Prayer for Harvest Festival

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life: for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers and distributors; as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other, enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before our own. **Amen.**



St Francis of Assisi, Holy Cross Monastery,, West Park, New York.  
Pinterest, Randy Greve

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

<i>Those in acute need</i>		<i>Those in long-term need</i>
Anna Messim		Vincenzo Blandini
Hillary Bardsley	Suze Murray	Theo Bulkai
Lily Cameron	Mary Reeve	John Cantlie
James Clark	June Scully	Joan Davies
George El Khoury	David Strong	Leo Koymans
Geraldine Henry	Edward	Fr David Michaels
Gina Hrela	Michael	Annie Redmile
Joan Jackson	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	Saeed Rezvani
Diana Schofield	Louisa Service	Pio Teeq

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

Joyce North, 5<sup>th</sup> October Alexandra Horsley, 6<sup>th</sup> October

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## ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

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

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

8.00 am	<b>Holy Eucharist (BCP)</b>
9.30 am	<b>Family Eucharist</b>
11.15 am	Choral Matins
	Preacher: The Rev'd Mary Spredbury, Kensington Episcopal Area Finance Adviser
5.30 pm	Choral Evensong



### MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October – Francis of Assisi

	Founder of the Lazarists.
8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
8.30 am	Bible Study (online)
12 noon	<b>Informal Eucharist - Sunday on Monday</b>
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

### TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October

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

### WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> October – William Tyndale, translator

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

### THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> October

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am	<b>School Eucharist</b> – All Welcome
2.30 pm	Rainbow Poetry Circle, children's chapel.
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

### FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October

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

### SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> October – Denys, Bishop

12 noon	Middy Prayer <b>but No Holy Eucharist</b>
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	<b>Holy Eucharist (BCP)</b>
9.30 am	<b>Baptism Eucharist</b>
11.15 am	Choral Matins
	Preacher: Canon Professor Peter Galloway, Deputy Priest in Ordinary to HM The Queen
5.30 pm	Sung Evensong

## Message from Mother Emma

Welcome to our Harvest Thanksgiving, as we give thanks for all God's good gifts to us, and reflect on how we may rightly share these with others. At 9.30 am we have our Family Eucharist, at which our children will be reading, praying, welcoming and serving, and at which we shall be blessing everyone's offerings, ready to be sent to the Upper Room charity on Monday. At 11.15 am, we are delighted to have a guest preacher, the Revd Mary Spredbury, who is the Kensington Episcopal Area Finance Adviser and will be speaking to us about giving and good stewardship of the resources God gives us.



Some people have asked recently about the possibility of leaving a legacy to St Mary Abbots, and this week the Stewardship Group has prepared a leaflet about how to do this and will be on hand to answer any questions. Legacies, alongside regular giving, make a wonderful contribution to the mission and ministry of St Mary Abbots, especially at a time of return and re-creation, and if you decide to leave a gift to the church in your will, this would be very gratefully received and we will ensure that every penny is carefully used to the glory of God and for the care of his people.

The parish's generosity in donating to our collection for our new Afghan neighbours has been wonderful, and we now ask that you don't bring any more items until we have been able to pass on the ones we have! Thank you all so much, from Fr Christopher and myself, for your donations and kind offers of help. Fr Christopher is continuing to make contact with those who have volunteered help as and when the need arises (which is understandably often at rather short notice!). However, it has been mentioned to us that any spare laptops which could be used for the refugees to book medical appointments/fill in forms etc would be gratefully received.

Our Glass Door Sleepout team were thrilled to discover, as they prepare to sleep out on Friday night, that they have passed the £3,000 mark in their fundraising efforts which will help and support local homeless people. Any further donations would also be very much appreciated <https://glassdoor.enthuse.com/pf/st-mary-abbots>. I am hoping to be able to invite a representative of Glass Door to speak at a future service, to explain how the money raised by the Sleepout has been used.

Alongside our pastoral and practical outreach, we are delighted to be seeing congregations return to all our newly re-established services – Evensong at 5.30 pm; Sunday on Monday at 12 noon on Mondays; the School Eucharist at 9.30 am on Thursdays; and weekday Eucharists on all other days at 12 noon. We continue with Morning Prayer online at 8 am, and Evening Prayer, back in the church, at 5.30 pm every day. It is a great joy to see those who worship with us, but we also hope that everyone can take comfort and inspiration from the knowledge that all our parishioners are held in our prayers before God three times each day.

*From the rising of the sun to its setting, we praise your name, O Lord; may your promise to raise the poor from the dust and turn the fortunes of the needy upside down be fulfilled in our time also, as it was in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen* (Response to Psalm 113, Common Worship Daily Prayer)

With my love and prayers

Mother Emma

## All Souls Service 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021, 5.30pm

This year we shall be commemorating the departed at our **All Souls Service at 5.30pm**, where we shall once more be reading out the Roll of the Departed and lighting candles in their memory. If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the list, please contact Leonora on [pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk) or 020 3479 4731 as early as possible.

**Friends of St Mary Abbots Christmas Silent Auction**  
It's hard to believe but Christmas is fast approaching and following the success of last year's Christmas Silent Auction, the Friends are repeating the event, commencing in early November. They are looking for gifts to use as auction prizes: vouchers, works of art (!) antiques and other items of value will be gratefully received. Please contact Steve Atack, Founding Patron at [steveatack@aol.com](mailto:steveatack@aol.com) or drop your prize with Simon or Martina in the Vestry.

## 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.

## Harvest Festival Collections – The Upper Room

The food that you bring to the harvest festival will be going to the Upper room, a charity that 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. <https://theupperroom.org.uk>

## PARISH & OTHER NEWS

### Children's Book Project

The Children's Book Project takes the books that people's children have grown out of, cleans them and passes them on to other children who have little to no access to books. If you would like to join in please note that the condition of books donated is very important. They cannot accept old or tatty books since these are not suitable to gift onwards to another child. If you would like to find out more or find your nearest drop off point see: [www.childrensbookproject.co.uk](http://www.childrensbookproject.co.uk)

### Black History Month

Events are taking place all over London to celebrate Black History Month. Featuring photography exhibitions, jazz afternoons, comedians, plays to make you dance, and to make you think, street theatre, music, river cruises, films and discussions on culture and heritage. For more information on events and booking tickets <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/listings/region/greater-london/>