

In Our Prayers This Week

Alternative Collect for 19th Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for hope

The candles we have lit remind us of Jesus Christ, Your Son, who is the light of the world and the light in our darkness. Give us, we pray, comfort in our anxiety and fear, courage and strength in our suffering, patience and compassion in our caring, consolation in our grieving. But above all, give us hope now and always, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

www.pauseforhope.org.uk



Edward the Confessor, enthroned, opening scene of the Bayeux Tapestry, Wikimedia

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

For those being baptised this Sunday

Benjamin William Moore

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

For those being interned this week

Mary Wendy Bourne

and for all who have died recently

Evghenia Burlac	Roy Lennon	Adrian May (Priest)
Raymond Mitchell	Saeed Rezvani	Elizabeth Roskill
Diana Schofield	Louisa Service	Laurent

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ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th 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 10th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

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

MONDAY 11th October – Ethelburga, Abbess

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 12th October – Wilfrid, Bishop

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

WEDNESDAY 13th October, Edward the Confessor, King

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

THURSDAY 14th October

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

FRIDAY 15th October – Teresa of Avila, Teacher

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30am	Mini Abbots in the SMA centre
12 noon	Holy Eucharist
1.05 pm	Royal College of Music lunchtime concert
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

SATURDAY 16th October – Nicholas Ridley & Hugh

	Latimer, Bishops & Martyrs
12 noon	Midday Prayer followed by Holy Eucharist
3pm	Bellringers ring a Full Peel of Bells
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

SUNDAY 17th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

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

Message from Father Christopher

As all of our services start to feel increasingly normal again, and more of you return after the trials of the last year and a half, we are continuing to plan our strategy for the next few years (known in the Church of England as our 'Mission Action Plan', or MAP). I realise that some of you might wonder why we need such a thing here – why can we not just carry on doing what we have been doing well for 150 years? Well, we are unlikely to change what is at the core of St Mary Abbots, but, as with any organisation, it is important to reflect from time to time on what we are doing well, what we should be doing better, and to think about things we perhaps should be doing but aren't.



It is critically important to Mother Emma, Guy and Ed as churchwardens, and to me, that this process includes as many voices as possible, and that we do our thinking together as a community. We would therefore be hugely grateful if you would take part in one of our remaining two sessions, particularly if you haven't been involved in any of the conversations that have been held so far. They are each two hours long, one on the evening of Wednesday 27th October, at 7 p.m., and the other at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday 30th October. Both will be in the Long Room at the Parish Centre, and there will be wine and nibbles at the evening session, and breakfast at the Saturday morning one.

We look forward to listening to each other and sharing our views, and very much hope you will join us as we seek to build up St Mary Abbots as the church God would have us be here in Kensington.

God bless you, and I hope to see you on Sunday,
Fr Christopher



Harvest Festival

This year we had a very impressive amount of food given by the children and parents of St Mary Abbots at their school service on Thursday morning and from the congregation at the Sunday Harvest Festival services. The Upper Room, the homeless charity we donate our Harvest Thanksgiving items to, would like to thank everyone for their contribution to their soup kitchen and food bank – it makes a huge difference to their work and to the people they support.

All Souls Service

Sunday 31st 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 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 Attack, Founding Patron at steveattack@aol.com or drop your prize with Simon or Martina in the Vestry.



GlassDoor Sleep-Out

A huge well done to our team who took part in the sleep out on Friday 1st October in aid of Glass Door. They managed to raise over £4,300 and would like to thank everyone for their contributions and support! The donation page is still open: <https://glassdoor.enthuse.com/pf/st-mary-abbots>. More photographs can be found on our website www.smaw8.org/previous-events

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Action Amanda – Birthday party Saturday 16th October, 3.30-5.30pm

Action Amanda is turning 30 and she is inviting your family to celebrate at The Copthorne Tara Hotel, W8. For the children singers, cake makers, face painters, balloon modelers and a party bag - for adults a traditional afternoon tea. All proceeds to the Chelsea Community Hospital School. Spaces are limited but can be booked here:

<https://amandasactionclub.co.uk/classes>

The Nicene Creed

Wednesday 10th November, 7pm-10pm (7.30 zoom start)

Bishop Graham's three teaching evenings explore the background of The Nicene Creed, which was written in AD 325 and is used and recognised by Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant churches. It is a *map for the journey of life, telling us what matters about the God who made us, the world we live in, who we are, and how we are relate to each other*. The first talk covers is on 'Orthodoxy & Heresy – why do we need creeds' and takes place in St George's, Campden Hill. To book a ticket: [Bishop's Teaching Evening: The Nicene Creed – A Generous Orthodoxy Tickets, Wed 10 Nov 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bishop-grahams-teaching-evening-the-nicene-creed-a-generous-orthodoxy-tickets-wed-10-nov-2021-at-19-00)

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:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/listings/region/greater-london/>

Food Bank

We are looking for volunteer drivers to take the weekly donations to the food bank each Thursday – if you are willing to help please contact Father Christopher. A wish list of items can be found on our food bank page www.smaw8.org/food-bank-support.html. Please remember **not to bring ready meals or fresh food as we have no way to store it**. Should you prefer 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