

## In Our Prayers This Week

### Prayer for All Saints

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Prayer for All Souls

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth, but have also promised us a share of life eternal. According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of Christ come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom, where there will be neither sorrow nor pain, but life ever-lasting. Amen



Synaxis of all saints, Greece. Wikimedia

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

<i>Those in acute need</i>	Fr David Michaels	Stephanie
Hillary Bardsley	Maggie Rees-Oliviere	Yves
Lily Cameron	Mary Reeve	<i>Those in long-term need</i>
James Clark	June Scully	Vincenzo Blandini
George El Khoury	David Strong	Theo Bulkai
Geraldine Henry	Jill Traynor	John Cantlie
Gina Hrela	Raymond von Drehle	Joan Davies
Joan Jackson	Edward	Annie Redmile
Fiona McWatters	Michael	James Worsley
Anna Messim	Sebastian	Conor

*and for all who have died recently*

Ann Bradley    Leo Koymans    Roy Lennon    Laurent

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

David Grieve, 1<sup>st</sup> November.    Olivia Band

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# ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

*The church is open daily from 8.30am to 6pm  
and from 10am - 6pm on Saturday*

We would encourage you to continue with social distancing practices, such as wearing a mask, maintaining 2m distance, using the Track & Trace forms on the table by the door or NHS App and using hand sanitiser when entering the church, in order to protect and reassure those at greater risk.

Please respect the area at the front South of the church (under the lectern by the Holland Chapel), which has been set aside for those who prefer to remain masked and retain social distancing practices.

### SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October – All Saints' Day

8.00 am	<b>Holy Eucharist (BCP)</b>
9.30 am	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
11.15 am	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	<b>The Commemoration of All Souls'</b> <i>with movements from Faure's Requiem</i>

### MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> November

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

### TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

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

### WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Richard Hooker, priest

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist,</b> <i>The Rev'd Sam McNally Cross</i>
1.05 pm	Meditation Group
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

### THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> November

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30 am	<b>School Eucharist</b> – all are welcome
2.30 pm	<b>Rainbow Poetry Group</b>
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

### FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> November

8 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
9.30am	Mini Abbots at St Mary Abbots Centre
12 noon	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
1.05 pm	Royal College of Music lunchtime concert
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church
6 pm	Bonfire Night – sold out

### SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November – Leonard, Hermit

12 noon	Middy Prayer followed by <b>Holy Eucharist</b>
5.30 pm	Evening Prayer in Church

### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent

8.00 am	<b>Holy Eucharist (BCP)</b>
9.30 am	<b>Family Eucharist</b>
11.15 am	Choral Matins
5.30 pm	<b>Sung Evensong</b>

## Message from Mother Emma

My heartfelt thanks to those who attended the Mission Action Planning meeting last night and shared so openly and helpfully in our reflections together. It was wonderful to talk with people representing all ages, groups and congregations from across the church. We are very grateful to you, and also to all those who have attended some of the shorter sessions following services over the summer, and we feel that some very important priorities for the church's development under God are becoming clear in the different areas people have raised. We look forward to sharing with you these priorities for the next few years drawn from the prayers, reflections and views of everyone who has taken part. If you have not yet been able to contribute to the discussions, we have another session **this coming Saturday at 9.30 am in the Parish Centre**, with coffee and croissants, before we start to put our strategy together, and we would love to hear your voice. Please do make every effort to join us on Saturday morning if you possibly can. As mentioned before if you have been unable to join any of the discussions so far there may be one final opportunity over the next couple of weeks, but please do let us know as soon as possible if you would like us to offer this.

A final reminder that this Sunday at 5.30 pm is our Eucharist for All Souls, at which we remember the departed while our choir sings movements from Faure's Requiem. We do hope to welcome you to this beautiful and moving service.

Bonfire Night is now fast approaching, (November 5<sup>th</sup>) and Leonora and the Events team would be very keen to hear from anyone able to help, whether with advance preparations or on the night: [pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk). A date has also been put in for a Christmas Fair in the church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November and the Events Team also very much want to hear from anyone who would be able to contribute time, talents or treasure to the running of this event.

Those of you on half-term are very much in our prayers this week. We hope you will come back refreshed and encouraged. As we approach the beginning of COP26, the Climate Change Conference, we remember the intricate and mystical balance of God's Creation and our desire to be just stewards of his gifts, as we hold in our prayers all those taking part and the vital discussions and decisions which lie ahead.

*We bless you, master of the heavens, for the wonderful order which enfolds the world; grant that your whole creation may find fulfilment in the Son of Man, Jesus Christ our Saviour, Amen* [Response to Psalm 8, Common Worship Daily Prayer]

With my love and prayers, Mother Emma

## Volunteers needed for Council Exercise

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm**

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea will be conducting an Emergency response exercise at the St Mary Abbots Centre to practice responding to emergencies. The Centre is one of their emergency locations where a number of people could be accommodated following an evacuation from their properties. They are asking for 10 volunteers to act as evacuees as part of the exercise.

The aim of the exercise is to practice how they would operate an emergency centre in response to a fictitious incident which has caused properties to be evacuated. The exercise will start at 1.30pm with a briefing to participants, which will include the reason you have been evacuated, expectations during the exercise and a safety briefing. The live part of the exercise will finish at 4.30pm and this will be followed by a debrief so they can learn from your experience how to improve their responses. The exercise will finish no later than 5pm.



If you would be interested in practicing your acting skills and helping your local response team please contact Adam, the centre manager on [centremanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:centremanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk)

## St Mary Abbots Christmas Fair - Save the date!

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the church**

The events committee are planning the Christmas Fair which will take place in the church on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. If you are able to help make cakes, or set up or look after one of the stalls please get in touch with Leonora [pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk) Tickets will be available on the website – please watch this space for more details.

## Statements from the 2020/21 tax year:

Over the last year there have been many updates to the running of the Parish Office, especially to its software. We wanted to let you know that for this year only we will not automatically be sending out annual statements to our donors. Should you wish us to send you a statement of your donations to the church for the 2020/21 tax year please contact Petter on [parishmanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:parishmanager@stmaryabbots.org.uk) and he will be very happy to send the statement to you.



These beautiful autumnal flowers were arranged by Ana, one of the team of flower arrangers who have been decorating the church throughout the year. If you would be interested in joining the team or perhaps learning a new skill or please email [pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk](mailto:pa@stmaryabbots.org.uk) to find out more!

## Silent Auction – Friends of St Mary Abbots Church

Prizes for the Friend's silent auction, which starts at the beginning of November, include vouchers for a luxury hotel break on the Suffolk Coast, Cream Tea at the Milestone Hotel, Hornets, the Men's Style Outfitters, a Case of Champagne, Works of Art and many other splendid prizes. If you would also like to donate a prize toward the auction, which is raising money to provide much needed toilet facilities and improved access for disabled people coming into the church, please email Steve Atack, Founding Patron of the Friends at [steveatack@aol.com](mailto:steveatack@aol.com)

## PARISH & OTHER NEWS

### The Nicene Creed

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 'Orthodoxy & Heresy – why do we need creeds' and takes place in St George's, Campden Hill. [Bishop's Teaching Evening: The Nicene Creed – A Generous Orthodoxy Tickets, Wed 10 Nov 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)